



Newsletter for

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Fighting the Fur Trade in NH

Because NH Fish and Game promotes fur trapping and sets trapping policy, the NHARL's future fur protests, until further notice, will be held near the Fish and Game headquarters in Concord, NH.

These protests will focus on trapping although we hope to reach everyone with the message that all fur should be rejected. It really doesn't matter who the supplier is, whether it is a fur farm, such as the Gauthier Mink Farm, in Lyndeborough, NH, or trappers who routinely drown, bludgeon and strangle trapped animals, it all comes from a tortured animal who needs his fur, and we don't!

Our first fur protest of 2012 was held on January 28 and was very successful with close to 20 protesters participating and newspaper coverage in the Foster's Daily Democrat and the Concord Monitor. The photo and caption shown here were published in the Concord Monitor. Our next Rally for the Furbearers is April 21 on Hazen Drive at 11am until 2 pm. Let us know if you wish to attend or just drop by and show some support for the unfortunate animals who are cruelly trapped in NH.



Liam MacDermott, 12, at right protests the trapping of animals for their fur during a rally with the New Hampshire Animal Rights League at the intersection of Loudon Road and Hazen Drive in Concord on Saturday, January 28, 2012. About 15 people attended the rally, which MacDermott heard about through Facebook. (Greg Lindstrom/Monitor Staff)

Upcoming Events

April 21 - the NHARL will have a rally on the sidewalk of Hazen Drive in Concord, NH. This is the Fish and Game Department's Discover Wild New Hampshire Day event. We will be protesting their promotion of recreational fur trapping.

April 28 - we will be in Hanover, NH protesting the use of animals in Dartmouth College research. We always need more folks to help out so if you're available please join us. Please call 603-377-0225 if you would like to carpool.

June 14 - the Stratham SPCA Paws Walk fundraiser. We always table at shelter dog walks and this will be the first of many. (Let us know of any similar tabling opportunities that we can participate in.)

These are just a few of our upcoming events. Please keep checking in with us to learn of more.

Occupy Vegan Food

For four straight days, January 7-10, NHARL provided and served vegan potluck food to the participants of Occupy the NH Primary. It was held in the large basement cafeteria at Manchester's St. Augustine's Church. Alongside our vegan table was a non-vegan table. Our table had much better food, a biased opinion perhaps, that was enjoyed by vegans and non-vegans alike. Vegans in the house were especially excited over the cupcakes and Café Indigo carrot cake. Dessert is one of the areas where vegans feel especially neglected, but not so at Occupy Vegan Food! This project was a lot of work but was needed to help spread the good and compassionate vegan message. Thanks to all of the following for donating food, time, and money:

Franklin Veterinary Clinic of Franklin, NH

Lucky Dog Thrift Shop of Nashua, NH

Cafe Indigo of Concord, NH

Divine Burgers of Exeter, NH

Primal Food Vegan Jerky Strips of Moundsville, WV

Mimic Creme of Albany, NY

Sweet Relief Vegan Cupcakes by Jessi Hull

Cindy Glenn

Denise and Vinnie

Diane and Keane

Doc, Kim, and Wil

Linda Rauter

Melissa Pease

Sarah Simmons

Sylvia Delozier

Linda Dionne

Ban Exotic Animals in Manchester

Packets of information were received by the City of Manchester Aldermen and Mayor Gatsas asking them to initiate an ordinance to prohibit the exhibition of exotic animals for entertainment within the City. The information sent to the Aldermen included photographs taken by elephant trainer Samuel Haddock at Ringling's Elephant Conservation Center in Polk City Florida, Mr. Haddock's written, notarized statement (shared with PETA before his death in 2009), copies of the USDA News release on the unprecedented fine against Ringling last November (\$270,000), and copies of exotic animal prohibition ordinances from Pasadena, CA, Boulder CO and Stamford CT.

I've already had a call from one Alderman who said the photos made him sick! Exactly the response I was hoping for...

I've also sent packets of information to the Co-Presidents of the Friends of the Manchester Animal Shelter, one of whom is the Mayor's wife!

We've known for years that Ringling mistreats animal performers; the USDA fine from November 2011 confirms it. It's time for the City of Manchester to say NO to circus cruelty.

Arguments in favor of Ringling will most likely be financial. I'm trying to find out if revenue figures from Verizon Wireless Arena are public information. So far I have not been able to obtain this information, however I'm sure it is available to Aldermen, so if we can find one who is interested in this cause, we should be able to get these figures. The circus performs at the Arena 3 days per year; that leaves 362 days per year for other performances and sporting events... it seems unlikely that prohibiting the circus would plunge the City into financial chaos, doesn't it ???!

On April 9th we passed the first hurdle when the Aldermen's Safety & Traffic Committee voted unanimously to send the issue to the whole Board of Aldermen. As we move forward with this project we will need the support of activists from all over the state, but particularly those who live in Manchester.

Please contact me for more information.

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Mary Albenzi, Linda Dionne, Cindy Glenn, Colleen Levy, Emily Murphy, Linda Rauter, Barry Taylor, DVM

Harvard's Animal Research Abysmal Animal Welfare Record

On January 21, 2012 Sarah Simmons, one of our newest and youngest supporters, and Linda Dionne attended a protest against Harvard University's animal research program organized by Jamie Kordack of MA. This protest was held near the New England Primate Research Center (NEPRC) in Southborough, MA.

Harvard's NEPRC has an extremely poor record of taking care of its close to 2400 primate inhabitants and recently received a USDA violation. (This was the seventh citation for the center since June 2010.) Monkey deaths have risen to 5 just in the last 19 months, neglect being the biggest factor in their deaths. One of the most recent primate deaths was due to dehydration. USDA cited the facility for failure to provide a water bottle in the primate's cage. As one activist said, "who knows how many animals suffered but didn't die," through such poor care.

This latest death caused the Dean of the medical school to indefinitely halt new experiments at the center. He said that the animal deaths were "absolutely unacceptable, deeply regrettable, and personally disturbing to me."

The NHARL will be writing the USDA and asking for the maximum fine for Harvard's Research Center's violations. Please do the same and write to or call **Dr. Elizabeth Goldentyer, USDA/APHIS/AC, 920 Main Campus Drive, Suite 2000, Raleigh, NC 27606, (919) 855-7100, Betty.J.Goldentyer@usda.gov**. Please tell Dr. Goldentyer that you want Harvard to receive the highest fine possible for causing the deaths of primates. Let her know that this is the fifth primate death caused by negligence at Harvard and that you consider the USDA partially responsible for the continuing negligence by its inaction. Presently Harvard has only received official warnings and no fines. For more information: [USDA Cites Harvard Center for Violating Federal Law](#)

"The death toll at Harvard's Primate Research Center just continues to climb," said Michael A. Budkie, A.H.T., Executive Director, SAEN. "We have to wonder if situations like this are actually commonplace and the truth is just now coming out."

Note: If anyone would like to donate to an organization that works solely for animals in research we recommend Stop Animal Exploitation Now, 1081-B St. Rt. 28 #280, Milford, OH 45150. Any amount, no matter how small, will help Michael expose the cruelty of animal research. [Please make a donation to SAEN!](#)

NHARL Members Creatively Helping Animals

Jennifer Wolf-Love is one of our newest members. We met Jennifer just a year ago when she created the Facebook page, [Boycott Cole Bros Circus in Hudson NH](#) Jennifer was working hard to stop this cruel circus from performing in our community. If you want to learn more about this issue visit her Facebook page. The circus did come to Hudson, but we have heard that they will not be returning this year. However, keeping circuses out of NH is an ongoing campaign and we must stay informed about this issue. Jennifer is also an artist. Her paintings are on recycled glass. Our favorite painting here at NHARL is a series Jennifer is doing of Amelia, a rescued pig who now lives at the Catskill Animal Sanctuary (CAS). For every painting of Amelia sold, half of the proceeds go to CAS. You can view Jennifer's paintings at www.wolflove.net

Jessi Hull is a longtime NHARL member. We first met Jessi when she helped us with the screening of Peaceable Kingdom at UNH back in the early 2000's. Jessi worked at Farm Sanctuary and can be seen in the first edition of Peaceable Kingdom feeding the rescued pigs. Jessi moved to NH to attend nursing school. She has since become an RN and resides in NH with her husband and many animal companions. Jessi recently started a vegan cupcake business called Sweet Relief. Sweet for the cupcakes and Relief for the animal related causes she donates 25% of the profit to. Jessi will be selling her cupcakes at the New Boston Farmer's Market this year. Jessi is also willing to make cupcakes for any animal-related fundraiser. Upon reading a last minute request from the NHARL discussion group, Jessi made some cupcakes for us. Please check out Jessi's cupcake creations, such as lemon and blueberry filled cupcakes, at the [Sweet Relief-vegan cupcakes](#) facebook page.

Your membership and financial help is much needed and appreciated.

___ \$20.00 Regular member, age 15 or over.

___ \$5.00 Student member, Senior member, Junior member, (age 14 and under).

___ \$200.00 Life member, for self and spouse.

\$ _____ Sponsor/Donor who wants to support NHARL, without being a member.

\$ _____ Additional Donation.

\$ _____ Total.

THANK YOU!

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Giving to NHARL through your will is one of the most important ways you can help animals for years to come. Making a bequest is easily executed with your attorney and can save your estate money in tax payments if the estate is subject to federal estate tax.

Circuses

It's only April and already a circus, that uses animals, has reared its ugly head in NH. The Piccadilly Circus performed at the Everett Arena in Concord, NH on March 28th. Activists protested the event and verified that Piccadilly Circus had all of the proper permits to perform in NH by checking with Fish and Game.

Among the animals used by this circus was a 43 year old elephant who was taken from the wild in Thailand, a tiger and even some monkeys. The owner of the monkeys received a USDA violation approximately one month prior to the event for failure to provide environmental enrichment for the unfortunate monkeys.

We learned about this event through word of mouth which is typical for all of the smaller circuses and traveling animal acts that we hear about. **We need you** to inform us whenever you find out information related to these events that will take place in NH. We need them to feel our presence and hear our message so that they reconsider performing here in NH.

Please contact us by sending an email message or calling us by phone at: info@nhanimalrights.org or 603-377-0225. Even if you think we may already know, to be safe, let us know again.

NH Fish and Game Rule Changing Hearings

The New Hampshire Fish and Game Department reviews the state's hunting and trapping season regulations **every two years** to ensure that they are in line with wildlife management objectives. Proposed rule changes are put forth at this time and once passed are effective through the year 2014. Public hearings about the proposed rule changes are open to the public. Some activists attended the hearings to give input and all activists were encouraged to send in comments to Fish and Game before the deadline of April 12, 2012. Much of this work was done using email. (Reminder: give us your email if you'd like to be more involved.)

Highlights: **Presently loopholes** in the regulations allow for any number of frogs and turtles to be killed. Proposed rules allow for possessing or killing per year of up to 5 frogs, toads, salamanders and newts of each species, 2 turtles of some species* and snakes of each species but one*, with restrictions on sizes for snapping turtles. [*Spotted turtles, Blanding's turtle, wood turtles, the Eastern box turtles, and black racer snakes have complete protection from removal from the wild.] We are happy for the good changes to protect these animals even though we would prefer **no taking of wildlife**.

The moratorium continues for the protection of the bobcat. For this we are grateful and we do think that our 1,000+ New Hampshire names on the Save the Bobcat petition had some effect on this decision. At the rulemaking hearings, however, the chief biologist basically promised the trappers that the moratorium will end and bobcat will be trapped again in a couple of years. They are in the 3rd year of a 4 year study of the bobcat population and trappers were told to "be patient" about any change in this protection.

This gives us more time to work toward a permanent protection for the bobcat. The petition we have is just as important now as ever and we desperately need many more NH signors. Please, if anyone can help us get more signatures let us know. We can send anyone hard copies of the petition. And make sure to tell everyone you know about the petition. Visit our Save the Bobcat Facebook page that has a link to the petition and Share it on your Facebook pages. Here is the link to the petition: <http://tinyurl.com/SavetheBobcatinNH>