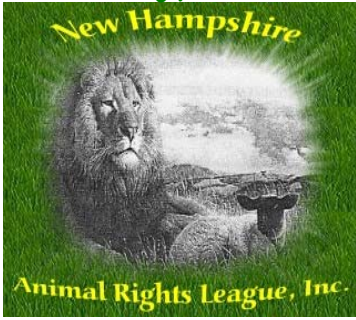


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NEWSLETTER OF THE

New Hampshire Animal Rights League Inc.

Gentle Thanksgiving Vegan Potluck

Where: Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry, NH

Date: November 22, 2008 @1:30 – 4 PM

An open invitation to all
Bring a vegan* dish for everyone to enjoy.

*no animal products – no meat, dairy, eggs, cheese or honey.

Please respond and tell us the dish you will be bringing.



We are making this a traditional Thanksgiving dinner minus the animal products. So far we have tofurky, mashed potatoes, candied yams, vegan stuffing, corn bread and pumpkin pie. Go to our website to see the list as it progresses.

Gentle Thanksgiving is a program of Farm Animal Rights Movement to encourage Americans to replace the dead bird on their holiday dinner table with a rich selection of delicious plant-based foods.

After the potluck we will open the floor for the NHARL annual meeting. Everyone, including non-members, is welcome to join in on the discussion.

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Manchester Area Vegan/Animal Rights Meetup

Meetup groups are formed on the Internet and are a great way of meeting people with similar interests. Meetup members meet once a month, often at a different place each time. The Manchester Area Vegan meetup group was on the verge of closing because it needed a new organizer. Rather than see the group close, Linda Dionne signed up to be the organizer for six months. Her first decision as organizer was to add to the name Animal Rights. Though a couple of meetup members discontinued their membership, many new members have joined. In fact, membership has risen from 62 to 80 since the name change and the monthly meetups have been very successful, with a total of 10 members attending the November meetup at the Vietnam Noodle House in Nashua.

If you would like to join this meetup go to <http://vegan.meetup.com/204/> and sign up!

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National Primate Liberation Week (October 11 –19, 2008)

...is an annual program of Stop Animal Exploitation Now (SAEN) to bring attention to the plight of primates used in research. In October NHARL members Kat Ranalletti, Sherry Bezanson and Linda Dionne held a protest at Dartmouth College to protest their use of rhesus macaque monkeys in cruel and unnecessary experiments. They were joined by some activists from Vermont. The Valley News printed a front page story of the protest and there was also an article in the Concord Monitor. You can read the newspaper article at the SAEN website at all-creatures.org/saen/.

The Great Ape Protection Act (GAPA) is legislation which will end invasive research on chimpanzees and release the chimps remaining in federal laboratories to sanctuary. GAPA is currently in committee in the U.S. House of Representatives and will be reintroduced early in the 2009 session when Congress returns.

***Please write to your legislators asking them to sign on as a cosponsor. Info and instructions are enclosed. NH Representative Carol Shea Porter can be reached at 1508 Longworth HOB Washington, DC 20215 and Paul Hodes at 506 Cannon HOB, Washington, DC 20215

Thank You
To all of our mem-
bers and supporters.

Greyhounds Win Landslide Victory!

We are proud to announce that Massachusetts voters have overwhelmingly passed Question 3, the Greyhound Protect Act, by a margin of 56% to 44%!!! This is the first time in history that dog tracks have been closed down by citizens vote.

November 4th, the greyhounds won in 12 of 14 counties. From Boston to the Berkshires and Nantucket to North Adams, voters in nearly 290 towns said "yes" to ending 75 years of cruelty.

This is a fantastic win for dogs in Massachusetts and it marks the demise of an industry that exploits dogs for entertainment and profit.

Moving forward, GREY2K USA will work to place any and all available greyhounds from Wonderland and Raynham Parks. Stay tuned to learn how you can support this effort as the tracks begin winding down their operations.

As you know, dog racing still exists in 10 other states and we are committed to ending dog racing nationwide. We are grateful for your support of our work.

For the dogs,
Carey Theil & Christine Dorchak
GREY2K USA
866-247-3925

P.S. There are still a small number of commemorative Bark the Vote t-shirts available. For a donation of \$50 or more, we can send you one today!

Vixen Part I

Fiery orange tail
Flashes & swirls

A trotting banner peeks through the evergreen forest
Bristly scented pine needles brush her dazzling coat

Fiery orange tail

Flashes & swirls

With belly growls and upright ears

Her kits rise to the flag

Fiery orange tail

Flashes & swirls

Little streamers frolic beside a vernal pool

Woods howl with joy

Fiery orange tail

Flashes & swirls

Wraps of orange comforters unite

A ruby sunset kisses goodnight

Vixen Part II

Deep red dawn trickles toward the fuzzy pack

Orange fire burns along their downy backs

Whimpering cries, moan the mourning chorus
as steel jaws shred the queen of the forest

A piercing scream escapes the tarnished trap

A once beautiful coat now a filthy wrap

Proposition 2

Voters in California approved this ballot initiative to halt the inhumane confinement of animals on factory farms.

Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO of The Humane Society of the United States, said, "California voters have taken a stand for decency and compassion and said that the systemic mistreatment of animals on factory farms cannot continue. All animals deserve humane treatment, including animals raised for food."

Proposition 2 ends the practice of confining certain animals raised for food in crates and cages so small the animals can barely move. Prop 2 requires that factory farms provide enough space for animals to stand up, turn around and extend their limbs. It applies to breeding pigs, egg laying hens and veal calves.

Prop 2 goes into effect in January of 2015, giving factory farms six years to shift to different housing systems.

*info from www.hsus.org

World Farm Animal Day (WFAD)

...is a day dedicated to exposing, mourning, and memorializing the needless suffering and slaughter of the more than 55 billion cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens and other sentient land animals in the world's factory farms and slaughterhouses. This is another of the annual projects of Farm Animal Rights Movement (FARM). NHARL members Laura Slitt, Tricia Orr and Linda Dionne served free vegan food on October 6 in front of the Statehouse in Concord, NH. Vegetarian starter kits, courtesy of Mercy for Animals, were distributed. FARM posted this event on their website and supplied us with literature as well.

Fur Free Friday (November 28)

Last year we held many protests at Dino International Furs in North Hampton and received strong coverage of our protests by various newspapers. We also ran a radio ad on the local radio station. This year we plan to do Fur Free Friday at Dino's. In addition, we would like to do other protests in December and January around the state depending on where our volunteers would like to go. If you would like to plan a demonstration or tabling event in your community please let us know and we will help in every possible way.

***Legislation in 2009

At the request of NHARL, Representative Carla Skinder of Cornish has graciously agreed to introduce legislation to ban pheasant stocking/hunting in NH. Legislators have until November 26 to file a legislative service request (lsr) and we are certain Ms. Skinder will do this next week.

Regarding the NH Fish and Game Pheasant Stocking Program, every year NH Fish and Game purchases some **13,500** farm-raised, non-native, ring-necked pheasants to be released around the state, essentially creating a canned hunt for pheasant hunters. These basically tame birds are sometimes shot minutes after their release, as they are taking their first flights of freedom. The pheasants that are not shot usually die anyway because they are unable to survive New Hampshire winters. Sadly, next year Fish and Game plans to buy even more pheasants for this "put and take" operation.

We will need your help in order for this legislation to pass. As you already know, Fish and Game will be adamantly opposed. Although there is no good argument to keep this program alive, we know Fish and Game will try to put forth some illogical argument couched in jargon to try to convince legislators otherwise. As soon as we know the lsr has been submitted, we will begin working to build support for it. This is where you come in. We will need you to contact your legislators to ask them to support this legislation. Your help will be vital for this to succeed. Keep in touch with us so that we can give you updates. You can either call or write an email to Linda D. to be put on a list to receive updates at lindld@comcast.net or 603-895-2440. Please leave a message on her machine. Just give her your phone number and she will call you as soon as action should begin.

Another important aspect of showing our support is to be present when the bill is heard by the Fish and Game committee. The more people we can get in the room, the better chance it will pass out of committee with an "Ought to Pass" recommendation. At the hearing, there will be sign-up sheets to show support (or to show opposition). We are usually outnumbered by the opposition because hunters come out of the woodwork when a bill such as this one is introduced. We will try our best to give plenty of notice as to the day of the hearing.

Thanks and we hope to hear from you!

Kids 4 Animals Website

There is a website called Kids 4 Research which is funded by pharmaceutical companies with the purpose of teaching children that the career of animal researcher is a "compassionate" one. This message is being disseminated in the public schools by printable handouts provided on the Kids 4 Research website. To combat this blatant misinformation, Tricia Orr is creating a website called Kids 4 Animals. She is in the process of developing kid-friendly content that teaches children the truth about the plight of animals used in research, as well as the alternatives to animal research that exist. If you would like to learn more about this project, or if you have any ideas regarding content for

*A bird in flight
her shadow against the dry brown
grass,
wings blooming and closing like black
flowers,
can make a person
feel so small, and
this
is as it should be*



Café Indigo

Located at 128H Hall St. in Concord, NH this vegan bakery has a delightful café where customers can enjoy vegan sandwiches and more. If you haven't eaten in the café yet we highly recommend the bean burger and the Reuben sandwich which are made with their delicious homemade bread!

Hours: Monday-Friday from 8:30-5:00 pm and Sunday brunch from 10 am-2 pm.

*NHARL thanks Café Indigo for donating two large sheet carrot cakes for our World Farm Animal Day event.

Puppy Mills = Pet Stores and Internet Breeders

Sherry Bezanson continues to do great work for the puppy mill campaign. Along with continuing to protest local pet stores she has tirelessly been raising money for an anti-puppy mill billboard which will be erected any day now on Elm St. in Manchester, NH. If you're interested in seeing it, it will be on the same side of the road near the Dunkin Donuts at 216 Elm St. This is a huge, huge accomplishment and we thank Sherry for all of her hard work and to everyone who donated money and time with this effort.

Fundraising for the puppy mill campaign billboard:

- Lia Sophia jewelry party - All proceeds were donated to the campaign by Connie Hall, the party hostess.
- Doggie pool party at The Barking Dog in Hooksett - dogs got to jump in and swim for \$10.
- Rescue Site Bracelets - Sold by Sherry for \$10. Let us know if you'd like one. Sherry is looking for more places, vet offices, salons, etc. to sell the bracelets. Contact Sherry if you have or know of a place where they can be sold.

Sherry worked for months collecting money for the billboard by fundraising and asking everyone she knows. She raised enough to put the billboard up but needs more to keep it up for three months or more. If you would like to contribute, please go to her website (puppymilldogsvoice.org) where you can donate by using paypal or write out a check to NHARL and mail it to us, noting on the check that it is for the puppy mill campaign.

Your membership and financial help is much needed and appreciated. THANK YOU!

\$15.00 Regular member, age 15 or over.

\$5.00 Junior member, age 14 and under.

\$5.00 Senior member, age 65 and over

\$5.00 Student member

\$100.00 Life member, for self and spouse.

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

\$_____ Additional Donation

\$_____ Total

Name _____

Address _____

Email address _____

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.

Wrapping for Animals in 2008

As a fundraiser, we will be gift-wrapping again this year at Border's in Concord, NH. Two dates we have are December 2 from 9 am - 3 pm and December 4 from 3 pm - 10 pm. If you can help out, even if just for a 1 hour slot, please let us know by calling Linda Rauter at 798-5776. There are other dates available if we can get enough volunteers. Let Linda know if you're available for other days.

Cindy and Kat will gift wrap at Barnes and Noble in Nashua for some much needed funds for NHARL.

Ringling Bros Protests

We protested the circus at the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester from Oct 2-5. NHARL held peaceful protests for almost every performance. Many activists from around the state joined us in these protests including Manchester High School students, UNH students, and PETA activists.