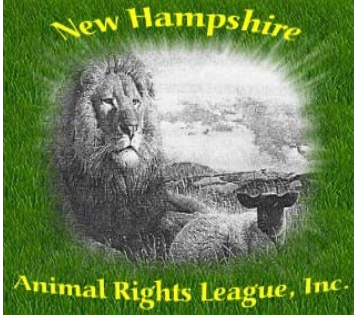


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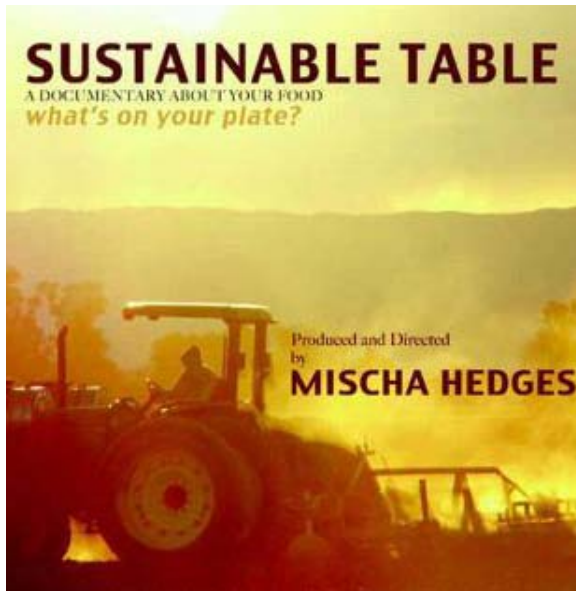
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NHARL Member Meeting

In May a ballot was mailed to all members asking them to vote "yes " or "no" on changing Article X of the bylaws which states that the " logo of the corporation shall include visual representations of a lion and a lamb." On June 28 we held a member meeting at the Marion Gerrish Community Center in Derry to count the votes and discuss this and other NHARL business. The vote was unanimously in favor of changing the bylaws ,which will allow us to create a new logo.

The lion and lamb logo has served us well since 1977. One member, who knew NHARL founder Winona Richardson, stated that Winona was always ahead of her time and would approve of a new logo. Because of the high regard we hold for Ms. Richardson that was important information to have in our consideration of changing the logo. We will also create a new brochure to go with the new logo, so there is much work ahead. Thanks to everyone who participated in this process.

As a final note we have also been working on putting our members and supporters into a new database. Because of this there have been some address errors. If you have an error to your address, or if you are a member and didn't receive the ballot in May, please let Linda D. know by emailing lindld@comcast.net, calling 603-895-2440 or writing to her at our address. Thanks.



Sustainable Table

Sustainable Table is a documentary about modern-day agriculture and the damage it causes. From pesticide use to modern day slaughterhouses, all is covered. Much of the film focuses on the environment but it also shows disturbing scenes of animal agriculture. It briefly covers the subject of humane animal products. Of course, vegans believe that there is no such thing as humane meat, that killing animals to eat them is , inherently, inhumane, and that there is cruelty involved in free range eggs or dairy as well. But the film, more often than not, promotes the vegetarian and vegan diet. A vegan body builder is shown prominently in the film, as an example of a healthy vegan lifestyle.

Our first screening of the film went well, but we had a small audience. One of our members went to the local Sierra Club screening of a film about oil production at the Concord Library and the room was packed. Why can't we get a crowd like that? What are we doing

wrong? Let us know what you think. If anyone has any ideas about how to get this film seen by more people please let us know. If you belong to Sierra Club or any of the other environmental groups please ask them to screen and promote this film.

Earth Day Celebration

In April, at the Durham Community Church, we held a vegan potluck with food competition, coordinated by Louisa Dell'Amico. After, Louisa gave a presentation titled *An Inconvenient Food* which is her Power Point creation about animal agriculture and its connection to global warming. If you would like further information about the presentation please contact Louisa at message@ncia.net.

Jean's Corner



Dear NHARL Friends,

New Hampshire's 2008 Legislative session ended with several significant victories for animals including better protections for "backyard" dogs, for racing horses and greyhounds, and for animals used in illegal fighting operations.

HB 1143, sponsored by Rep. Carla Skinder of Cornish, amends New Hampshire's animal cruelty statute to provide additional requirements for shelter for dogs that live outside. Signed by the Governor on June 24, and effective Jan 1, 2009, HB 1143 requires a shelter that is structurally sound, that has adequate air circulation and protection from sunlight, and is sufficient to keep the dog clean, dry and warm.

HB 1143 is not as strong as we would have hoped, but it is much better than what the law describes now. We hope to go back to the Legislature in 2010 for even better shelter standards, including provisions on tethering/chaining.

HB 1430, sponsored by Rep. Vaillancourt, signed by the Governor on June 27, allows humane enforcement officers to investigate animal cruelty complaints at horse and dog racetracks, when asked to do so by the Director of the Pari-mutuel Commission. Previously horses and dogs engaged in racing were exempt from protection of the animal cruelty statute.

SB 513 FN, sponsored by Senator Kenney, signed by the Governor on July 2, allows the state to confiscate any animals used in illegal fighting exhibitions, and prohibits people convicted of illegal animal fighting from owning animals again.

There were two important bills which, unfortunately, did not pass through the Legislature successfully :

HB 1522, sponsored by Representative Vaillancourt, restricted the use of inhumane methods of raising farm animals, typically used by massive agribusinesses. Opponents of this bill were not supporters of these inhumane methods, they contended that the methods are not used here in NH so the bill was unnecessary.

SB 504 FN, sponsored by Senator Roberge, would have restricted the number of litters and puppies sold by commercial breeders in NH to 20 litters/100 puppies per year. In NH a "commercial breeder" is defined as one that produces more than 10 litters/50 puppies per year. I believe we have more of a problem with smaller scale "backyard breeders". We've had many seizures of large numbers of animals, both cats and dogs, from these breeders, often in horrendous condition. This puts an enormous burden on the state's animal shelters, already overburdened by a poor economy and other conditions. I believe the Legislature needs to address this issue in 2010.

For more information on these bills, please contact me directly at: jeans1155@hotmail.com, or visit my website at: www.Give-Us-Shelter.com.



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Petstore Demonstrations

In our last newsletter we wrote that we wanted to begin protesting pet stores in NH. Well, our wildest dreams have been imagined and it is because we met Sherry Bezanson. Sherry saw the Oprah Winfrey program about puppy mills, was horrified, and is now on a mission to do all that she can to end this nightmare for puppy mill dogs everywhere. Lucky for us Sherry lives in NH. As of this writing Sherry has coordinated a total of seven pet store protests in Manchester and more will come. Sherry is leading this effort fantastically, sending out alerts far and wide, making the best banners ever, purchasing signs and leaflets, and garnering, so far, 3 newspaper articles to get media attention!



Sherry and her rescued kids in Londonderry Times

Never Buy While Millions Die

New Hampshire has many pet stores. A great number of pet store puppies come from commercial breeders. They have substandard breeding practices and house dogs in filthy living conditions.

Rather than support these cruel business practices, people should adopt pets from shelters or reputable rescue organizations.

If you want to help contact Sherry or us. Sherry's email is sherry.bezanson@verani.com To learn more about the horrors of the puppy mill go to this website stoppupmills.com Thanks!

National Primate Liberation Week

Because of this being an election year Michael Budkie of **Stop Animal Exploitation Now (SAEN)** is asking activists to observe **National Primate Liberation Week** a little early. Usually it is held at the end of October and he would like to move it up to the beginning of October. That will probably be fine with most activists but it is too far out to know for sure.

Whenever it is held NHARL is on board with giving this issue some much needed attention. We are planning on putting up displays at NH libraries to show how primates suffer in laboratories. We will be reaching out to college students to see if we can get some displays at college campus libraries. If anyone would like to put up a display at their library or to help in any way, please let us know.

We Need Your Help

Seldom do we ask for financial help. This is one of those times. Money is needed for signs and literature, for tabling fees and venue fees. The very effective anti-fur radio ad we ran last year cost \$280 and we would love to run more ads. This is an all-volunteer group and all of your money goes to work for animals.

We work to be as frugal as possible with your money. This newsletter is a little different because we are using a laser printer and toner is less expensive than ink cartridges. But it will not take the booklet size paper. Also the printing of this newsletter is courtesy of one of our board members because of the toner that came with the new printer. The newsletters for the past few years have been done with our personal at home printers to save money and we will continue doing that.

Occasionally we purchase vegan food to serve at events. We have cut back on this enormously, and the last time we had a screening the board members chipped in to provide the vegan food. It is important to show meat eaters that life can go on without animal products, especially at events where we screen movies such as *Peaceable Kingdom* and *Sustainable Table*. Food is also a good way to attract people to come out and watch a movie they wouldn't otherwise see.

If you are getting this newsletter please consider an NHARL membership or a donation. Small donations are as welcome as large donations. Every dime funds our projects, not salaries.

If any of our members or supporters have any concerns about our finances please share them with us. We have changed and improved from past comments and we will continue to do so. We greatly welcome any comments or criticism. Thank you very much.

Vixen



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



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.

