# **January 2019 Newsletter**



## **Welcoming a New Year**

Take a moment to reflect and be thankful for all the little things done by you and so many other individuals who follow NHARL, read or comment on our posts, and have a genuine concern for the issues we all care about. You do amazing things! When you awaken each morning and go out into the world to meet the daily challenges, the tenacity and energy that are a part of you are transferred into everything you do, adding up to slow but sure progress on the animal rights front. And starting right now, why not think seriously about stretching your abilities, talents, and interests even further as you communicate what you know is right to more and more people around you! Shower the newspapers and the media and your legislators with words so that animal rights gets elevated to attain its rightful place EVERY DAY on the daily news. It's about time that happened! Yes, this is a call to arms! Get the word out! Continue to set examples by your actions! The curve of history is definitely on our side, even amidst all the setbacks.

# **Coyotes Need Our Voices**

The Voices of Wildlife in NH (VOW) has sponsored 2019 legislation for coyote pup protection—HB 442. Coyotes are now hunted yearround. They are hounded and baited, and there is no limit as to how many are killed. They are also trapped for 5 months of the year and again with no kill limit. It can safely be said that coyotes are the most persecuted of all wild animals. HB 442 proposes to close the hunting season for five months, from April 1 through August 31. Pups are born in the spring and this will give coyotes the opportunity to raise their young. Coyotes mate for life and both parents are involved in the upbringing. When the adults are killed, the pups could starve. And if they survive, they are deprived of much-needed adult training. HB 442 will be heard by the House Fish and Game and Marine Resources Committee (FGMR). Please be a Voice for the Coyotes. In this order: 1, Contact the Members of FGMR beginning now. 2, Attend the Hearing of FGMR on January 29 at 2pm in Rm 307 of the LOB. 3, Contact your Representatives (after the hearing). If it passes through the House the same process will be repeated in the Senate. Stay in touch by watching the Vow Facebook page and website or write an email with any questions to voicesofwildlifeinnh@gmail.com To find out who is on the FGMR Committee and who represents you legislatively, go to Who's My Legislator. http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/ members/default.aspx Go to the VOW website for more info. www.voicesofwildlifeinnh.org



#### 2018 Year Review

In 2018, the New Hampshire Animal Rights League was busy. From January to July, we wrote about and closely watched NH Fish and Game biennial wildlife seasons rulemaking for snowshoe hares, foxes, and coyotes. In February the Worldwide Rally Against Trophy Hunting was held in downtown Manchester. NHARL tabled at A Vegan Valentine Popup held at the Manchester Community College.

In March, Linda assisted a concerned individual in getting improved living conditions for a snapping turtle kept in a tank in Tilton. At the University of New Hampshire, James screened the short film, "The Whale Bowl," and gave a presentation about the history of orcas in captivity. NHARL participated in the Northeast Organic Farming Association's Winter Conference, where we had a vegan table and Emily gave her presentation about the benefits of a plant-based diet.

In April we tabled at the UNH Pet Fair sponsored by the UNH Animal Welfare Alliance. Kristina Snyder organized a fur protest, sponsored by NH Citizens Against Recreational Trapping and NHARL, outside New Hampshire Fish and Game (NHFG) at the annual Discover Wild New Hampshire Day, attracting media attention. NHARL was involved in organizing the biggest VegFest so far, held at the Manchester Community College, where Emily gave her plant-based diet presentation and James his captive orcas presentation which included the story of the Lummi Nation and Lolita. We were in charge of the kid's section and gave prizes to the children after they completed some of the games.

In June we tabled at Paws Walk at the Stratham Hill Park. In June, in response to a message NHARL received from a concerned person regarding ill treatment of the horses in the University of New Hampshire's Equine Studies Program, NHARL launched an investigation and communicated its concerns to the program's director. In June, several people associated with NHARL communicated their concerns about animal dissection and issues regarding confinement of animals in aquariums and touchtanks to the Seacoast Science Center. The Stand Up For Lolita Worldwide rally was held in Portsmouth outside Water Country. Concurrent rallies were held throughout the world. Our brand new comprehensive flyer was created, telling Lolita's heartbreaking story and informing people what they can do to help her! And finally in June, NHARL associates participated in a webinar strategizing what to do about the plight of the Atlantic Herring.

In July, with the Save Movement, we participated in a vigil at Lemay and Sons Beef in Goffstown, "bearing witness to the animals who suffer and die at this slaughterhouse." In July and August we hosted two vegan summer outings: the first at White Park in Concord, the second at Four-Tree Island in Portsmouth. In September, we tabled at the 8th Annual Mutt Strut. Kristina Snyder was the featured guest on the Into the Wilderness radio show, where she discussed pig scrambles and trapping.

In October, Emily gave her presentation to students at the University of New Hampshire. NHARL assisted someone who contacted us about her condo association's plans to trap and kill beavers. NHARL members began working with Voices of Wildlife on coyote protection legislation. Also in October, we attended another vigil at the slaughterhouse in Goffstown.

In November our annual Gentle Thanksgiving was held, this year at the Kimball-Jenkins Estate in Concord. A fur protest on Black Friday in Concord near NHFG allowed us to use our brand-new signs. A concerned citizen of Raymond reached out to us for help in addressing ongoing hunting in that town where it is not supposed to be allowed. We contacted their Town Manager and Selectmen about this issue.

In December we hosted a Fur protest outside of Dino International Fur in North Hampton, New Hampshire. Also Anonymous for the Voiceless held their first Cube of Truth event in Concord NH on Dec 15, 2018. This is an event that lasts between 2-3 hours on the street, doing outreach about what is done to animals in the meat and dairy industries. Individuals in the cube hold video devices showing footage of the cruel nature of those industries. If you would like to participate please let us know.

The year 2018 saw activity in beaver protection. As you know, NHARL gives a \$500 matching grant to anyone who wants to install pipes and fences rather than trap and kill beavers. We have given out five grants so far since we began this program a few years ago. We also gave out many No Hunting signs this year. Since we began this program we have distributed hundreds of signs to more than fifty New Hampshire property owners.

### **Take Action Against Fur**

Fur is widely available in New Hampshire and throughout the world. Please take a moment to reach out to the following companies and ask them to stop selling

Joan Baez, "The antidote to despair is action."

<u>Dino International Furs</u>

135 Lafayette Rd

North Hampton, N.H.03862 https://www.dinofurs.com

Fur Coats and Storage

Macy's Customer Service

PO Box 8113

Mason, Ohio 45040 www.macvs.com

Full Length Fur coats & Fur Trim

Expressions PO Box 3331

Chelmsford. MA 01824-0931

www.expressionscatalog.com

Fur Pom Pom Hat

Ski Haus

317 S Broadway Salem, NH 03079

https://www.skihaus.com

Canada Goose Jackets

Masseys

1251 1st Avenue

Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

www.masseys.com

Ugg and Fur Boots

Schweitzer Linen 457 Columbus Ave.

NY 10024

https://schweitzerlinen.com/

Fox Fur Trim



# **Upcoming Events**

# 7th Annual NH VegFest April 20th, 2019 9am to 3pm

Come celebrate all things vegan at the 7th annual NH VegFest. Be part of this growing community in the state. There will be lectures, demonstrations, vegan food, food trucks, and other vegan vendors. NHARL and <a href="CompassionWorks International">CompassionWorks International</a> are the first two sponsors for the event.

FREE admission! Plenty of FREE parking! Kid activities!

Volunteer opportunities available. Email: Glover31188@yahoo.com

Facebook event: https://www.facebook.com/events/194078621517719/

Become a vendor: https://nhanimalrights.org/wp-content/uploads/Vegfest-APPLICATION-FORM.pdf

Become a sponsor: https://nhanimalrights.org/wp-content/uploads/NHVegFest-2019-Sponsorhip-

Opportunities.pdf Levels start at 50 dollars!

# Trapping and Fur Protest April 20th, 2019

Outside Fish & Game's Discover WILD New Hampshire Day annual event. During this event, recreational trapping for fur and fun is promoted by the department and the NH Trapper's Association All signs provided.

### UNH Pet Fair April 27th, 2019

The UNH student group the Animal Welfare Alliance is hosting a Pet Fair at UNH in Durham. Come see NHARL at our table and help a great cause. Last year the students raised over two thousand dollars for a local animal shelter.

#### Karen Davis's comment on NPR

It is very encouraging that the animal-free diet is gaining support and popularity. One thing I want to say regarding the characterization of many vegans as "pushy" and the like, particularly regarding the animals at the core of an animal-based diet is this: throughout history, the small groups of people who have fought for social justice for disfavored, badly treated human beings have ALWAYS been characterized by the mainstream as pushy, self-righteous and similar complaints.

Many people today take their "freedoms" and "rights" for granted without knowing the extent to which the freedoms and rights they take for granted were fought for by "radicals" who were considered 'pushy" and "self-righteous" by mainstream society. When you are fighting for a group of individuals of any species who are conventionally considered worthless or inferior or fit only for subjugation and denigration, there will be conventional opposition. What chickens and cows and pigs and fish and turkeys and other animals are being put through so that humans can consume them is unspeakable and it is necessary to take a strong position on their behalf, just as social justice leaders have done on behalf of women, African Americans, Native Americans and other conventionally scorned and abused groups. By Karen Davis, PhD, United Poultry Concerns. To read the full comment visit http:// upc-online.org/

alerts/190107 my comment on todays 1a show planting a seed.h tml

# **Victories for the Dogs**

In Florida, banning greyhound racing was put on the November 2018 ballot and it passed overwhelmingly with 69% of the vote. The tracks have until January 2021 to close completely but some are already closing or getting ready to close. There will be an influx of dogs to adopt and there are many greyhound adoption groups and people who will adopt them. The dogs will be taken care of. Fast Friends Greyhound Adoption in West Swanzey is our local source to adopt a greyhound. http://www.helpinggreyhounds.org/ Live racing ended in MA in 2008, in NH in 2009, and many states followed, thanks mostly to the great leadership work of Grey2kUSA. Visit the Grey2kUSA website to learn more: https://www.grev2kusa.org/index.php

The history of dog racing in NH and the fight to end it can be found here: https://www.grey2kusa.org/pdf/historyNH.pdf

In California on January 1 it became unlawful for pet stores to sell dogs, cats, and rabbits unless they come from shelters and rescue groups. This is legislation that was signed into law in 2017 and just went into effect. It is a first-in-the-nation law and hopefully more will follow. As you know most animals now sold in pet stores come from breeding farms (puppy mills) where the animals are overbred and cruelly treated. Thank you, California for leading the way.

#### Mary Oliver, beloved American poet, passed away on January 17, 2019

"And we are caught by the old affinity, a joyfulness - his great and seemly pleasure in the physical world. Because of the dog's joyfulness, our own is increased. It is no small gift. It is not the least reason why we should honor as well as love the dog of our own life, and the dog down the street, and all the dogs not yet born. What would the world be like without music or rivers or the green and tender grass? What would the world be like without dogs? " - Mary Oliver (from The Summer Beach in Dog Songs)

## **California Foie Gras Ban Stands!**

After a series of legal challenges, the U.S. Supreme Court voted to deny a petition for review and so the 2012 California ban has been upheld: it is now prohibited to serve or sell foie gras in California! Foie gras is produced by inserting pipes down the throats of ducks and geese to force-feed them 2-3 times a day in order to induce their livers to grow to ten times the normal size. The birds are slaughtered after weeks of this cruel practice.

These NH restaurants listed below serve foie gras. Use this ink http://gourmetcrueltv.com/ about.php for information to use for writing/calling them or others you may know of that serve this cruel product.

#### The Foundry

50 Commercial St. Manchester, NH 03101 603-836-1925 iperetti@FoundryNH.com

Pine Restaurant

2 East Wheelock St. Hanover, NH 03755 <a href="http://">http://</a> www.pineathanoverinn.com 603-646-8000

**Revival Kitchen and Bar** 11 Depot Street Concord, NH 03301 (603) 715-5723 info@revivalkitchennh.com

#### **NHARL Board**

James Glover, President William Trently, Vice President Cindy Glenn, Treasurer Emily Murphy, Secretary Linda Dionne, Event Coordinator

#### Quote

"He who is cruel to animals becomes hard also in his dealings with men. We can judge the heart of a man by his treatment of animals."

**Emmanuel Kant**