

NH ANIMAL RIGHTS LEAGUE

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Foie Gras

Foie gras is manufactured by force feeding ducks and geese to increase their liver to 10 to 12 times its normal size. They are slaughtered after weeks of this cruel practice. <http://gourmetcruelty.com/about.php>

These NH restaurants listed below serve foie gras. Use the link above 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 ~ nate@foundrynh.com

Pine Restaurant
2 Wheelock St.
Hanover, NH 03755
Contact form at the website: <http://www.pineathanoverinn.com>
603-646-8000

Ristorante Massimo
59 Penhallow Street
Portsmouth, NH 03801
(603) 436-4000
<http://www.ristorantemassimo.com/index.html>

There are cruelty-free alternatives to all animal-based foods. One such alternative is Faux Gras, a commercially available product. <http://www.regalvegan.com/site/products/faux-gras>

Vegan foie gras recipes are also easily accessible. <http://www.fullofplants.com/the-best-vegan-foie-gras>

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Volunteers Needed

Want to help us table? We hope to do a lot of tabling throughout the warmer months and could do more if we had more volunteers. Write us an email if you can help.

NHARL Board Election

The members of the NHARL Board serve for two years. It is time to nominate and elect members to the board for the 2018-2019 term. Attached/Enclosed is the nominating ballot. The election ballot will be in the next newsletter. The newly elected board will be announced at our annual meeting in November. As a dues paying NHARL member, you can nominate other NHARL members to serve and you may nominate yourself. If you aren't sure if your membership is up-to-date please contact Linda Rauter, 603-788-5776 or llr@tds.net.



In April, the NHARL fox and friends held a protest against trapping at the entrance of the NH Fish and Game annual event, Discover Wild NH Day.

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To become a member or make a donation use the membership/donation form and paypal at the website or send a check, made out to NHARL, to our P.O. Box. Yearly membership is \$20 and Students, Juniors, or Seniors are only \$10. Lifetime membership is \$200 for you and spouse.

Thank You!

Ringling is Done!

Ringling gave its last performance in NH at the beginning of May and in NY on May 21 gave its last performance ever. Nearly 150 years of animal exploitation for entertainment by this organization has finally ended. Ringling credits their decision for closing to low ticket sales. Animal rights can take partial credit for the low tickets sales by educating the public about the cruelty. Most people don't want to see animals cruelly treated for the sole purpose of doing silly tricks for their entertainment.

The NH Animal Rights League protested Ringling since it first began coming here in the early 2000s, after the arena in Manchester was built. It has been a long road and we are glad it is over. We will keep fighting for the Ringling animals and maybe in the end they will be given some semblance of a decent life. While some of them may be better off now they still are kept captive by their abusers. Until they are in accredited sanctuaries our fight for them is not over.

Most importantly though is the fact that fewer and fewer animals will be stolen from the wild or born into captivity to perform for human entertainment. That is good cause for celebration.

Upcoming Events

June 22-24: Kristina and Victor will be doing an NHARL booth at the three-day event of Concord Market Days. They will be doing a VEGAN booth, promoting all good things vegan. Please stop in. www.tinyurl.com/CMDFest

June 24: James and Derek are tabling at the Portsmouth Pride event. <http://tinyurl.com/Ports-Pride> They will focus on marine mammals in captivity. Cetaceans (orcas, dolphins, belugas, etc) are highly intelligent and do not thrive in captivity. No pool can ever replace the ocean!

July 5: Kelly Miller Circus Protest in Bristol, NH at 6:00 PM until 7:30 PM. Kelly Miller will have elephants with them. They will be in Bristol for two days and then will go to Hillsboro. If you would like to organize a protest for the other days they are here let us know if you need signs or literature. <http://tinyurl.com/KMBristol>

July 15: Lolita in Lights rally at North Church in Portsmouth, NH at 8:30 PM until 10:00 PM. For more info https://www.facebook.com/events/2131189963774947/?active_tab=about Miami Seaquarium, where Lolita is held captive, has the same owners, Palace Entertainment, as NH's Story Land <https://www.storylandnh.com/hours-and-directions/contact-us> and as Water Country <https://www.watercountry.com/hours-and-directions/contact-us> in NH. We ask that you boycott and let them know why using these links. Also contact Palace Entertainment <https://www.palaceentertainment.com/contact-us>

August 5: March for Lolita and NHARL Summer Outing. At 10:30 AM we will meet at North Church in Portsmouth for the March. At 1:00 PM we will meet at Four Tree Island for the summer vegan potluck outing. You are welcome to attend one or both. Veggie burgers will be served. Please bring a vegan side dish or dessert to share. Join us for one or both of these events. For more info on the march: <http://tinyurl.com/LolitaNHMarch> For more info about the outing: www.meetup.com/vegan-204/

In Honor Of

In May we had a celebration in honor of Barbara Bonsignore and Peter Marsh at a restaurant in Concord, NH. Barbara is moving away and Peter is winding down his law practice. Both have been invaluable to the mission of NHARL for many years.

Barbara was the first NHARL Secretary in the late seventies and eighties and held the office of President for many years until the early 2000s. Barbara did it all; she wrote newsletters, testified at legislative hearings for animals, wrote hundreds of letters to the editor, organized and attended protests, authored a vegan cookbook, ran the NH Spaying and Altering program, and much more—AND all the while holding down a full-time job.

Peter has been with NHARL pretty much from the beginning as well. He was and still is the NHARL legal advisor and served on the Board and was treasurer for a time. Peter is best known for his work in spaying and neutering companion animals. Read about his success here: www.blogs.bestfriends.org/index.php/2011/04/01/new-hampshire-a-leading-light-for-no-kill/

Thank you to Linda R., Mary A., Ginny S., Michelle C., Cindy G., Linda D., Donna M., and Joanne B. who attended the celebration and/or gave a total donation of \$450 to NHARL in honor of Barbara and Peter. Most of all Thank You to Barbara and Peter who accomplished so much for animals during their careers. Not to worry anyone, this is not the end of their good work for animals, just a new stage in life for them.

Dear NHARL Friends,

Following is a list of New Hampshire animal-related legislation from the 2017 session, along with the prime sponsor and the status:

HB 623, Chirichiello, pertaining to animals abandoned in foreclosure proceedings, **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

HB 594, Cote, establishing a registry for individuals convicted of animal cruelty, **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

HB 467, Eaton, relative to the duties of the Fish and Game Commission, **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

HB 289, Schmidt, allowing humane societies to display road-side advertising for businesses, **INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE**

SB 10, Bradley, relative to relief for dairy farmers, **SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR**

SB 48, Bradley, establishing a Commission to study the duties and effectiveness of the Fish and Game Department, **SENATE: PASSED; HOUSE: RETAINED IN FISH, GAME, MARINE RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

HB 381, Rogers, including non-captive wildlife in the animal's cruelty statute, **LAID ON TABLE** ("dead" for this year)

LSR 288, Matthews, protecting beaver impoundments, **WITHDRAWN**

In addition, two provisions affecting animals were included in the budget proposal that was rejected by the House several weeks ago:

1. eliminating the requirement for yearly inspections of Dept. Agriculture licensed facilities which include animal shelters, pet shops, commercial kennels and some rescue groups. The proposal from the state veterinarian states that inspections " may " be done on a yearly basis, and when a complaint is received.
2. allowing for the adoption of FLV and Feline AIDS cats from shelters

The budget is currently in a Senate/House Committee of Conference and it is unknown whether these two provisions will be included in the final product.

When the 2017 Legislative session is over at the end of this month, I will be tracking votes on animal related legislation and will be sending "Thank You" cards to all legislators who sponsored pro-animal legislation and voted in favor of the animals on related bills. Summer is a great time for all of us to connect with our legislators... it's not too early to begin talking to friendly legislators about possible bills for 2018.

Shalom and Best Wishes,

Jean (jeans1155@hotmail.com)

A Fed Bear is a Dead Bear

A home in Hanover was broken into in May. The culprits were two yearling bears belonging to a family of a mother and three yearlings. Habituated to human food, they were hungry. The fault is on us. We think they are cute, so we feed them. Or we feed them inadvertently by not taking in our bird feeders or not securing our garbage as NH Fish and Game (NHFG) suggests. <http://archive.mailermailer.com/view/96919553a-ae5b8b72%2a1240134p-12e8b47b>

NHFG's plan was to trap the four bears and euthanize them. The public was outraged and did what the public does so very well when they become upset over animals. They started calling and writing and they began petitions. Someone of power took notice. Our newly elected Governor, Chris Sununu, stepped in and told us not to worry, that the bears would not be euthanized. He stuck to his word and stopped the plans of NHFG. The three yearlings were trapped on May 30 and relocated. The mother wasn't with them, perhaps because it is breeding season and as bear expert Ben Kilham predicted she would soon be leaving the yearlings.

We can thank the Governor here: www.governor.nh.gov/contact/index.htm

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