

NH Animal Rights League Newsletter

May 2018



Recent Legislative Activity

NH SB48: The House committee passed this bill but redirected it into a commission that will study the efficiency and effectiveness of Fish and Game Department operations, with findings due January 1, 2019. Governor Sununu signed this bill into law in March.

NH HB1343: Interim Study. This bill would require the Department of Fish & Game to list non-lethal, humane and effective alternatives to trapping beavers and create a reporting structure to track beaver dam conflicts.

SB 569-FN: Passed Senate. This would address the financial burden on taxpayers and animal shelters to care for animals seized in cruelty investigations, strengthen commercial dog breeder regulations to help crack down on puppy mills and ensure felony penalties for purposeful cruelty resulting in the death of an animal.

NH SB451: Passed Senate. Prohibits wildlife trafficking in NH, such as the sale of rhino tusks.

NH HB1238: Passed House. Allows a law enforcement officer to seize an animal if the officer witnesses cruelty. This bill would allow liens on defendant's property to pay for costs incurred to care for animals seized in a cruelty investigation.

NH HB1289: Passed House. Adds fowl (such as chickens) to the law against livestock trespassing.

NH HB1309: Passed House. Exempts shelters from most of the legal requirements for animal transfers.

NH HB1342: Interim Study. Permits recognized dog or sporting clubs to trap and possess wild rabbits and hares. This legislation resulted in NH Fish and Game proposing, through department rulemaking, increases in the practice that allows beagle hunt clubs to live-trap and keep in captivity snowshoe hares to use as training tools. Currently, wildlife advocates are fighting this rulemaking proposal.

NH HB1385: Interim Study. Establishes a committee to study animal welfare in New Hampshire.

NH HB1394: Killed in the House. Allows a person to rescue a confined animal endangered by extreme temperatures if law enforcement has been contacted, a witness is present, and the individual reasonably believes that assistance will not arrive in time to prevent serious injury or death of the animal.

NH HB1723: Killed in the House. Allows a person to be charged with felony animal cruelty if he or she "recklessly"—not just "purposely"—beats an animal. This bill also allows a person to be charged with felony animal cruelty if abuse causes the death of an animal.

NH HB1324: Killed in the House. Requires driver education to include the dangers of leaving animals, babies, and elderly persons in vehicles in extreme temperatures.

NH HB1412: Tabled in the House. Makes it a class A misdemeanor to beat, cruelly whip, torture, or mutilate a wild animal not in captivity.

Voices Of Wildlife in NH petitioned the NH Fish and Game Department on August 10, 2017 to shorten the coyote hunting season from year-round to September-to-March. This will close the season for 5 months to give coyotes respite from hunting and allow them to raise their pups. Fish and Game Staff said yes, to a rulemaking proposal to close the season for 3 1/2 months, but the Fish and Game Commission said no and it was killed before all of the NH public could have a chance to comment.

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We need another, wiser, concept of animals. "We patronize them for their incompleteness, for their tragic fate for having taken form so far below ourselves. And therein do we err, and greatly err." These living beings are "caught with ourselves in the net of life and time, fellow prisoners of the splendour and travail of the earth."

Henry Beston

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Palace Entertainment (who owns the Miami Seaquarium, Water Country, and Story Land) has decided to convert the former Heritage-New Hampshire building next to Story Land into the Living Shores Aquarium, which will feature a year-round interactive aquarium exhibit with tropical as well as local fish.

Letter to the Editor to the Conway Daily Sun,

It must be hard to believe anyone would be opposed to an aquarium exhibit where kids could learn about conserving natural resources while being mesmerized by beautiful exotic fish swimming endlessly back and forth. But Story Land's genesis of the Living Shores Aquarium swims against the current of human history, for throughout the world over the last decades has been a trend to eliminate zoos and aquariums—as a form of growing respect and compassion toward other species and a rejection of capture and confinement.

The way to view wildlife is to stop destroying their habitats and patiently seek them out to watch them in their own homes, an invaluable advantage folks living in North Country New Hampshire have, with its abundance of creatures and undeveloped land! An aquarium or zoo represents a lazy man's way to selfishly "bring it all to me," a "canned" experience. It's like viewing some cheap, fake reality TV show.

Upcoming Events

Paw's Walk, Stratham Hill Park, Stratham, NH, Sunday, June 3 from 10:00-3:00. Sponsored by NH SPCA. NHARL will be there.

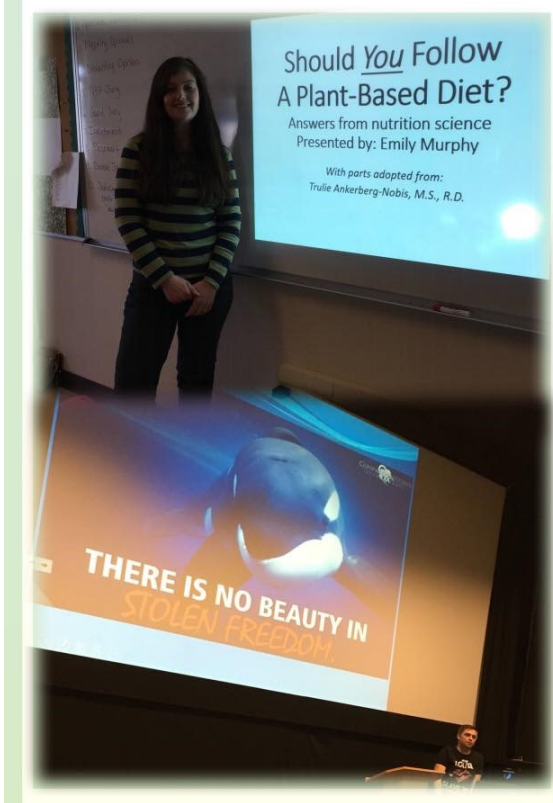
Stand Up for Lolita New Hampshire 2018 outside Water Country in Portsmouth, NH in conjunction with the World-wide Rally for Lolita, which includes simultaneous rallies throughout the world on June 16 to share Lolita's story.

Our summer Vegan Potluck Outing will be held again at Four Tree Island in Portsmouth, NH on August 5, 2018. The potluck will begin at 1pm but you are welcome to begin arriving early, 10-11am, if the weather is nice and you want to enjoy the location early. There is plenty of picnic table seating in the gazebo but please bring a chair or blanket if you want to sit on the grass.

NHARL's Gentle Thanksgiving vegan potluck is growing every year, thanks to all of you. This year we will celebrate at the Kimball Jenkins Carriage House in Concord, NH on November 18. We will post more about this event in our next newsletter in September.

For the summer outing and the Gentle Thanksgiving you can get updates by joining our NH vegan meetup group—<https://www.meetup.com/vegan-204/>

Emily's Presentation



James' Presentation

Vegfest

Sixth Annual NH VegFest was held on Saturday, April 14 from 9-3 at the Manchester Community College in Manchester, with plenty of free food samples, lectures, vegan food, merchandise vendors, live music, and a drum circle. Emily Murphy presented Benefits of a Plant-Based Diet and James Glover gave his presentation on Lolita and the Lummi Nation. NHARL held tables for general information and educational games for kids. Thank you to the volunteers: James Glover, Emily Murphy, Joe and Cindy Glenn, Julia Sinclair, and Bill and Bertha Trently. And of course, thank you to Linda Dionne for all her hard work on preparations for the event. There were twice as many vendors as last year and about ten times the amount of people. Many food vendors sold out by noon. We raised \$94 from donations, sticker sales, and one membership.

Recreational Fur Trapping Protest

A Trapping and Fur Protest was held from 11:00-1:00 on Saturday, April 21 at NH Fish and Game headquarters in Concord during their Discover WILD New Hampshire Day annual event. The protest was sponsored by NH Citizens Against Recreational Trapping and NHARL. During this Discover Day event, recreational trapping for fur and fun was promoted by the department as it does every year, and the NH Trapper's Association had a booth on location. As organizer Kristina Snyder said, "We will illuminate the truth and the reality behind unnecessary and cruel recreational fur trapping in NH. Torturing animals for recreation is not acceptable!" More than 40 people came out to hold signs. The Concord Monitor printed an article about the event, addressing both sides of the issue, and WMUR TV aired a 2-minute-plus segment which included an interview with Ms. Snyder.

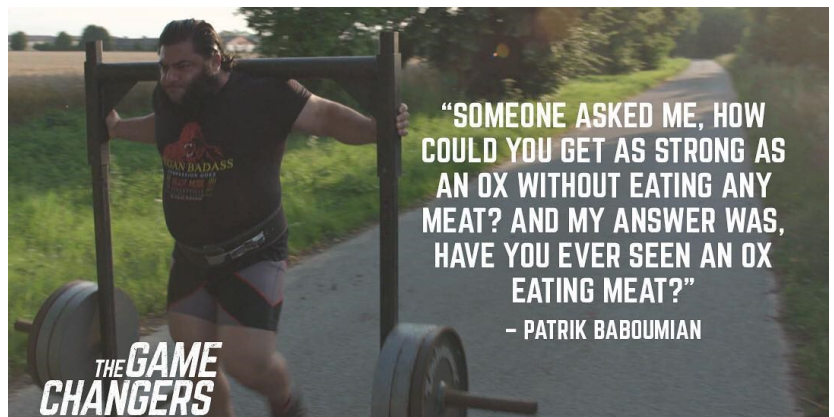
Other 2018 Events

Worldwide Rally Against Trophy Hunting was held in downtown Manchester, NH on February 3rd.

Emily Murphy gave a presentation on *The Many Benefits of a Plant-Based Diet* on March 18th at the NOFA-NH 16th Winter Conference and NHARL had a vegan table at this event, giving out free samples of Susty's delicious tofu focaccia sandwiches.

The Whale Bowl film was screened at UNH on March 29 and James Glover gave a presentation on the history of orcas in captivity as well as discussing the recent Lummi Nation effort to secure Lolita's release.

NHARL tabled at the UNH Animal Welfare Alliance Pet Fair on April 28 on the Great Lawn in Durham, NH. This was a fundraising event for the Stratham SPCA animal shelter.



New documentary explores the myth that meat is needed to build muscle from Oscar winners director Louie Psihoyos and executive producer David Cameron. <http://gamechangersmovie.com/>

NHARL put this ad in the December 13, 2017 issue of the Monadnock Shopper News after being alerted this publication was peddling fur on its front page by a family-owned business. An animal rights activist from the area also had a letter-to-the-editor about the horrors of fur published in the same issue.

***Leave Cruelty Off Your Holiday Shopping List,
Please Don't Buy Fur, Ever!***



THE CRUELTY OF FUR

FARMED: Filthy cages, constant pacing from extreme deprivation of anything natural. Death by poison or anal electrocution.

TRAPPED: Excruciating pain from the slam of the trap and the frantic pulling to escape, agonizing thirst, exposure to freezing cold. Death by bludgeoning or drowning, both considered inhumane by the American Veterinary Medical Assoc.

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NHARL Matching Grant for Beavers

NHARL gave a \$400 matching grant for beaver protection at Sherwood Glen Condominiums in Raymond, NH. Several years ago, Art Wolinsky and his condo installed flow pipes and fencing with their own money. They recently determined some upkeep was needed—namely, the installation of a culvert protection cage—on this successful project, and so applied for help via this grant, which was approved. NHARL supports and promotes humane and environmentally friendly solutions in beaver management as an alternative to the lethal methods of trapping and killing beavers, offering small matching grants up to \$500 towards the installation of these alternative methods (e.g. beaver pipe systems, fencing around trees).

The application to apply for a grant can be found here: <http://voicesofwildlifeinnh.org/wp-content/uploads/Beaver-matching-grant-application.pdf>

Watch the timelapse video of this installation: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FVHbjkp3rOk>

The Beavers of Sherwood Glen



Find out more about the Sherwood Glen beavers—<http://sherwoodbeavers.blogspot.com/>