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Announcement

Soon there will be a new group in town. Voices of Wildlife in NH is being formed to focus on wildlife issues. It will be incorporated as a non-profit 501(c)4 as soon as all of the paperwork is approved. This new group is forming after seeing the need, during the bobcat campaign, and before that, the anti-trapping campaign. Voices of Wildlife in NH will be separate from NHARL. It has stemmed from our work but will be an autonomous group. Because we care about these issues also, we will support its work and hope you will too.

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Saving the Bobcat in NH

At the NH Fish and Game Commission meeting on October 14, the Commissioners voted 7-3 to move forward with the proposal to hound, bait, and trap NH bobcats. We have overwhelmingly shown our opposition to this proposal. We have one more chance to stop it from happening. It will now go to rulemaking. There will be at least one rulemaking hearing, and there will be a public comment period. Please keep watching at the *Save the Bobcat in NH* Facebook page to keep updated. Also continue signing and sharing the petition <http://www.thepetitionsite.com/709/965/625/save-the-bobcat-in-new-hampshire-from-cruel-traps-for-nh-residents-only/> and contact your Commissioner. Commissioners Ryan, Clews, and McGonagle are the three who voted to continue protection for the bobcat, and they deserve our thanks. The Commissioner's addresses and phone numbers are on the last page of this newsletter.

If you need to call us to ask any questions or to get updates because you are not online, please use this number to speak with Linda: **603-895-2440**.

Thanks everyone and keep up the good work. If we hadn't been paying attention, NHFG would have slid this through and NH's bobcats would be hunted and trapped at this moment. We slowed down the process with all of our calls and letters. Let's continue exerting pressure and stop it altogether!

Mourning Doves

In 1988 something amazing happened in NH and it inspires us to this day. The Fish and Game Department had arranged to have legislation introduced in the state Legislature to allow the hunting of mourning doves. At the time, since mourning doves were the most widely-hunted bird in the United States, hunters must have thought they had a winner with this legislation. But not so. Thousands of everyday people did not want to see mourning doves put on any hunting lists. They loved to see them in their yards poking around for seeds or perched on power lines, and to hear these life-long mates call to each other with soft, lamenting coos. So they called their legislators, wrote to them, and attended hearings to voice their opposition to the hunt. The public outcry was so great that the legislators changed the bill so that it became just the reverse of what the Fish and Game Dept. intended--it added mourning doves to the list of protected birds that cannot be hunted in New Hampshire. They remain on that list today. What everyday people accomplished almost thirty years ago can still be done today. If enough people care enough to do enough, we can protect bobcats from being hunted, too.



NHARL Governance Board Election

The election ballot for Board members for the NHARL 2016-2017 term is enclosed in this Newsletter or is attached if you get this in electronic form. Mail or email your completed election ballot to Suzanne whose contact information is below.

Completed ballots must be received prior to the date of the annual meeting, November 14, 2015, or may be hand delivered to the meeting by yourself or by your proxy.

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NHARL's Gentle Thanksgiving and Annual Meeting

Gentle Thanksgiving is the annual campaign of the Farm Animal Rights Movement (www.farmusa.org) to encourage folks to enjoy a day of celebration with delicious plant based food rather than the usual fare. This year we are doing something different. Vegans Joel and Amanda are going to cook a feast for us. We are asking for a minimum donation of \$10 per person that can be paid at the door. Children are free. RSVP required. To RSVP join the New Hampshire Vegan/Animal Rights Meetup Group at <http://www.meetup.com/vegan-204/> and sign up there. If you prefer you can let us know by phone, (603)377-0225 or email nhanimalrightsleague@gmail.com

Immediately following the dinner, from 3:30-4:30 pm, NHARL will hold its annual member meeting. This is an election year. The newly elected board members will be announced. (If you haven't sent in your ballot you can bring it with you.) This meeting is your opportunity to share with us any of your thoughts. We will give an update on what we have been doing. If there is anything you would like to see us do or do better this is your chance to let us know. Non-members are more than welcome to stay for the meeting.

What: Gentle Thanksgiving & Annual NHARL Member Meeting

Where: The Marion Gerrish Community Center, 39 West Broadway, Derry, NH

When: November 14, 2015 at 1:00 pm

Menu:

Appetizers and Entrees _____

Vegan lobster mushroom bisque or french onion soup

garden salad (gluten free)

turkey harvest pot pie (made with seitan)

chicken harvest pot pie (gluten free)

Mashed potatoes and gravy (gluten free)

green bean casserole

maple glazed carrots and parsnips(gluten free) homemade cranberry sauce (gluten free)

Desserts _____

Ultra fudge brownies chocolate creme pie (gluten free) pumpkin pie

Beverages _____

winter sangria mulled cider(non alcoholic) homemade No egg nog

Ringling Circus Protests

Our protests of Ringling Bros. Circus continue. We protested again in October when the Ringling Bros. circus came to the Verizon Wireless Arena in Manchester, NH. We had a great turnout of activists, old and new, and protested almost every show. For the Saturday and Sunday shows we got there early to catch circus goers coming out of the circus so that we could give out the PETA coloring books. Circus goers are much more likely to take our literature, etc. when they are leaving the circus rather than when they are going in. PETA sent us 480 books and we gave them all out, thanks to the dedication of activists arriving early.



As many of you know, in March of this year, Ringling announced that they will be retiring their elephants in 2018. This is great news and a sign of the times. People are getting it and realizing that animals aren't here for our entertainment. Officials with Ringling said there is a "mood shift" among its consumers and that they aren't comfortable watching the elephants. The ordinances passed by activists, banning bullhooks, etc. in various communities was also proving to be too much of an obstruction when traveling with elephants. Activists have every right to celebrate this victory.

But that doesn't mean we are going away and forgetting about the tigers and other animals made to perform in the circus.

It doesn't mean that activists are happy about the time frame of the retirement or that we aren't going to urge them to do it sooner.

It doesn't mean we won't be watching to make sure the elephants are really retired, and will push for them to go to a sanctuary.

No. It doesn't mean any of that. Our work is far from over and no one thinks otherwise. However, elephants are being retired from the largest circus there is, a circus whose icon is the elephant, a circus that has been using and abusing them for over 145 years. That is a very big deal! Celebrate tonight, you deserve it, and tomorrow we get back to work.

Free Lolita Campaign in NH

Did you know that by going to *Story Land* and *Water Country* right here in New Hampshire you are supporting keeping orcas in captivity? Both of these parks were previously family owned businesses until recent years when they were bought by Palace Entertainment. Palace owns many amusement parks, water parks, and family entertainment centers throughout the United States. This includes the Miami Seaquarium which holds **Lolita**, an orca whale. Since Palace is the parent company of this park all ticket sales and profits from Water Country and Story Land help support the captivity of **Lolita**. Please join the *Shut Down Palace* campaign to protest the Miami Seaquarium and their parent company, Palace Entertainment. This is a nationwide campaign with events taking place at ten Palace owned parks nationwide. The purpose of the Shut Down Palace campaign is to urge the retirement of **Lolita**. Orcas are highly intelligent, social animals that are not suitable for captivity. By boycotting, protesting, and raising awareness we hope one day that **Lolita** will see her home waters again.



Events begin again in May 2016 and will continue monthly until September. For more information, or to help, check out www.shutdownpalace.net or www.facebook.com/shutdownpalace

The captain of the NH campaign against Palace Entertainment is James P. Glover and he can be found on Facebook or email him at glover31188@yahoo.com

NH Fish and Game Commissioners

Please write or call and let them know you want continued protection for the bobcat in NH.

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195 Gunn Road
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100 Landing Rd.
Hampton, NH 03842
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Grafton County

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36 Chickenboro Rd.
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726-3446

Hillsborough County

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103 Preston Road
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194 Old Mountain Rd.
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*supports continued protection for bobcats

Manchester Rally for Cecil

On July 1, 2015, after suffering for approximately 40 hours from an embedded crossbow bolt, shot into his body by American dentist Walter Palmer, Cecil the lion was then tracked and gunned down by Palmer. This travesty raised awareness about the brutal, selfish, and ego-driven activity known as "trophy hunting." A Worldwide Rally for Cecil will take place on February 6, 2016, and will coincide with the annual conference of Safari Club International, scheduled for February 3-6 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Rallies will take place all over the world on this date including here in Manchester, New Hampshire in the downtown area of Elm St. from 11 AM to 1PM. Hot drinks and hand warmers will be provided. Please join us to help shine a light on the sadistic and brutal practice of trophy hunting, and to encourage the adoption of state and federal laws to ban the importation of hunted "trophies". For more information go to www.cwint.org or search for the event page on *Facebook: Manchester Rally for Cecil*. James P. Glover is the local coordinator of this event; he can also be found on *Facebook*.

Fur-Free Friday

In 1986 activists from Trans Species Unlimited began Fur-Free Friday. It was held the day after Thanksgiving, as a way to coordinate fur protests and actions nation-wide against department stores selling fur. By the early 1990s, Fur-Free Friday had become one of the most widely attended events in the animal rights movement against animal suffering.

In New Hampshire NHARL has held demonstrations at various malls around the state. Sometimes NHARL organizes these protests and at other times another group or even an individual will coordinate the event. A couple of years ago Helen Tam-Semmens organized the Fur-Free Friday protest. She is doing so again this year and has scheduled it for November 27 from 12-2pm at the intersection of Hazen Dr. and Loudon Rd. in Concord, NH. This busy road, leading to the Steeplegate Mall, will give activists good visibility to holiday shoppers. Also, the corner of Hazen Dr. is in close proximity to the NH Fish and Game Department which will give activists a good opportunity to protest that agency's liberal and inhumane trapping policy and its decision to move forward on the bobcat proposal. Please attend if at all possible.

NH Fur Trapping

NH Fish and Game sold 673 trapping licenses in 2013-2014. A little over 6,000 NH furbearers - beaver, coyote, fisher, gray and red fox, mink, muskrat, otter and raccoon - were trapped with pelts selling at a value of \$99,174. This is an average of approximately \$17.00 for each animal life inhumanely killed.

Using a 2-1 ratio, approximately 12,000 non targeted animals were also trapped.

(Coyotes are also hunted and not reported as to the numbers killed by hunting. There are no limits on the number of coyote who can be killed, being the most wrongfully hated and persecuted wildlife species.)

NH Fur Farming

The Gauthier Fur Farm, 845 Center Road in Lyndeborough, NH is the only fur farm we have in NH. This fur farm is listed, on reliable online business directories, as having fur-bearing animals and rabbits, and employs a staff of approximately 6 employees. The phone number is (603)654-2904.