

October 2019 Newsletter



NHARL Board Election Year

Attached/Enclosed is the election ballot for the NHARL Board. The newly elected board will be announced at our annual meeting and Gentle Thanksgiving celebration on November 23rd. Your ballot should be returned to our election assistant, Ruth Tanner Isaks, before November 23rd Ruth_Tanner@uml.edu or by postal mail at:

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Salem, NH 03079

If you aren't sure if your membership is up-to-date to be eligible to vote please contact Linda Rauter at llr@tds.net

Living Shores Aquarium

Palace Entertainment, owners of the Miami Aquarium, Story Land and Water Country, is opening a new aquarium in Glen, New Hampshire. This facility, like many Palace Entertainment owned locations, will exploit animals for profit. One of its main attractions will be the display of Asian small-clawed river otters. These animals are highly social and intelligent. In the wild they live in family groups of up to 15 members. The six otters that will be on display come from a facility in California called *Nurtured by Nature*.

In recent years there has been an increase in the public interest in having these otters as pets due to their cute and playful nature. Many conservationists believe most are stolen from the wild for the pet trade. A National Geographic article states it is difficult to breed them in captivity. They need a highly specialized diet and to prevent disease, such as distemper, they need to be immunized.

In addition to these exotic otters there will be other displays of animals and fish exploited for entertainment. All of the animals at this aquarium deserve to be free and living a wild natural life. We hope you agree and will not visit. Please join us to protest (pg 3). You can also go here to fill out a comment: <https://www.livingshores.com/hours-and-directions/contact-us>

OTTERS BELONG IN THE WILD

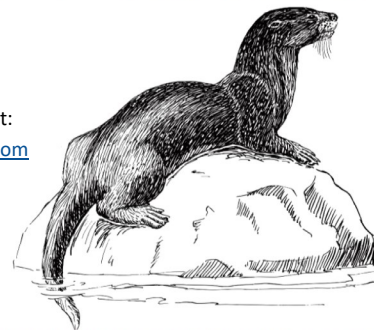


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NEW HAMPSHIRE ANIMAL RIGHTS LEAGUE

Powder Mill Fish Hatchery Pollution...and Cruelty

Factory Farming Fish in NH

A long time ago there was a natural balance in New Hampshire, with plenty of fish for sportsmen. Then more people came, with their developing, building, paving—and overfishing. At a crossroads, humans chose to solve the fish shortage by establishing hatcheries, turning their backs on creative ideas more respectful of nature. There would not be issued an impactful collective self-restraint, no setting of uncomfortably tightened limits on fishing numbers—no “take care, go slow, integrate respectfully, coexist” strategy.

Today, if you visit New Hampshire Fish and Game’s (NHFG) website, you’ll read: “Without hatcheries, it is estimated trout and salmon populations in New Hampshire waters would be depleted in approximately 3-5 years, due primarily to fishing pressure.” Fish hatcheries are touted as necessary “to support the desired levels of fishing.”

The whole hatchery concept sounds like artificial life-support. It feels cheap and fake, like a canned hunt. It brings to mind an image of a child’s round plastic inflatable swimming pool filled with water in the backyard surrounded completely by anglers of all ages who hail Mom when she comes out the door off the deck with a bucket filled with fish, dumping them into the pool. This is how nowadays we often experience the joys of fishing!

And now we read that the Powder Mill Fish Hatchery in New Durham discharges wastewater containing pollutants into the Merrymeeting River, causing medical and other problems to humans and animals. Conservation Law Foundation is suing NHFG for allegedly violating the Clean Water Act. NHFG has taken some remedial steps but is awaiting further guidance from the EPA in the form of a permit.

There are lingering questions concerning some of the remedial steps. Why were the salmon (bigger fish, bigger waste) moved to a different hatchery? How did they fare during the transfer? And what does that hatchery do that Powder Mill could not? Did Powder Mill years ago routinely collect the phosphorus waste and distribute it to farmers to use for fertilizer? Was this practice discontinued after it was deemed too expensive? Why don’t other fish hatcheries have the same problems? Or do they? And it has been said that the phosphorus and other chemicals eventually settle into the sediment—do we need to dredge up all the dirt at the bottom of the affected waterways?

The anglers encircling that child’s swimming pool—the people who benefit from the stocking—are not charged enough money for admission to Mom’s party to pay for cleanup and other operations at the hatchery. To sustain their festive atmosphere, it has been discussed that additional funds would have to be obtained from the rest of the taxpaying population.

But I can’t stop thinking about the fish and cramped living conditions and chemicals inside mother’s house, and then the sudden release of gentle heartbeats into a foreign environment—a great disrespect bestowed upon so many fellow breathing creatures all so that a relative handful of practitioners can bend down and grab up as many captive prizes as they can in this great high-adventure wilderness experience. I think when you try to photoshop the real world with illusion, after the ink dries it eventually fades and the rest of us get to see the true picture. -William Trently

Call to Action: <http://www.winnepesaukee.org/2019/08/16/call-to-action-powder-mill-fish-hatchery-discharge-permit/> As of this writing, October 25, NHFG does not have the permit.

If fishing licenses can’t support fishing and all it entails, then NHFG should consider either raising the fishing fee or shutting down the hatcheries!

Killing Canada Geese

Every year thousands of Canada geese are killed because they are considered a nuisance. Canada geese are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; however, the US Fish and Wildlife Services (USFWS) issues hundreds of permits each year for land owners, businesses and local governments to slaughter large numbers of these birds. Right here in New Hampshire this happens more often than people may think. Once they get a permit the slaughter is kept out of the public eye due to backlash. In July, 2019 Barnstead residents were able to postpone a plan to kill geese at Locke Lake after residents complained.

For humane alternatives to killing, check out GeesePeace <http://www.geesepeace.com/> [in-fo@geesepeace.com](mailto:info@geesepeace.com) Or Contact HSUS www.humanesociety.org/animals/geese

Upcoming Events

Annual Gentle Thanksgiving Vegan Potluck is November 23

This event celebrates the lives of turkeys and all animals by leaving them off our plates. The event is free and we just ask you to bring a VEGAN dish to share with the group. The NH Animal Rights League (NHARL) will provide vegan roasts for everyone. Make sure your dish is already cooked as we will only be able to heat dishes. Traditional dishes and desserts are always needed and welcome.

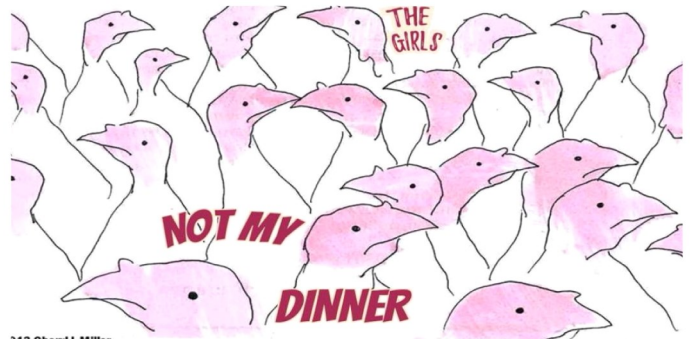
This year our guest speaker will be Pattrice Jones. Pattrice is co-founder of VINE Sanctuary located in Vermont. VINE (Veganism Is the Next Evolution, Inc.) is a 501(c)3 non-profit animal sanctuary offering care for more than 500 nonhuman animals.

The NHARL will have its annual meeting during the event for members and non-members to listen in. We will be sharing what NHARL has been doing to fight for animals this year and announce the newly elected board members. We will have some raffles as a bit of fundraising for NHARL. Thanks Everyone!

We need to limit the guest list to 60 so please make sure you sign up at the meet-up link here <https://www.meetup.com/vegan-204/events/265614742/> or contact us to reserve your spot. If your plans change, please remove your name so someone else may take your place.



To learn more about VINE Sanctuary visit
<https://www.facebook.com/VINESanctuary/>
<http://vinesanctuary.org>



Living Shores Aquarium Protest

Saturday, November 9th, 2019 12pm to 2pm
Outside Living Shores Aquarium
850 NH Route 16, Glen, NH

Living Shores Aquarium operated by Palace Entertainment will open November 5th, 2019. We need your help to take a stand against this new facility and its cruel practice of keeping animals in captivity.

[Event Details](#)

Puppy Mill Protest

Saturday, November 16th, 2019 11am to 1pm
Outside Little Shop of Pets
2909 Lafayette Rd, Portsmouth, NH

This location uses puppies from puppy mills to make a profit. Many times selling sick animals to the unknowing public. There will be legislation in 2020 to end the retail sale of dogs. Lets stand together to end puppy mills.

[Event Details](#)

Fur Free Friday

Friday, November 29th, 2019 12pm to 2pm
Outside Miss NH offices
20 E Broadway, Derry, NH

Three NH based animal rights/advocacy groups will join together to host this year's Fur Free Friday event in NH. The demonstration will combine anti-trapping with exposing Miss NH's acceptance of a fur coat by NH trappers every year.

[Event Details](#)

Volunteers

Did you know that NHARL is totally run by volunteers? We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit governed by the board of directors. Most of the work we do is done by the board of directors. We need your help fighting for animals everywhere. We are looking for passionate, caring and motivated individuals. There are many ways to volunteer. Please email our volunteer coordinator James at Glover31188@yahoo.com to learn how you can help make a difference for animals.

Mission Statement

The mission of the New Hampshire Animal Rights League is to work for fair treatment of all animals in New Hampshire and beyond.

What We Do

We are an all-volunteer organization working on behalf of animals since 1977. We inform people of animal rights issues by distributing literature, writing letters to the editor, publishing a newsletter, tabling, holding public protests, giving formal presentations, using social media, and guiding citizens through legislative initiatives. We investigate issues brought to our attention, promote a vegan cruelty-free lifestyle, grant funds to help pay for nonlethal beaver management, and distribute free No Hunting signs to landowners. We support like-minded organizations.

NHARL Board

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

2020 Legislation to Watch

For wildlife there will be bills to end wildlife killing contests, to add wild animals to the cruelty statute, and legislation to reform the NH Fish and Game Commission.

There is a wide range of legislation protecting domestic/companion animals, including bills to prohibit declawing, tail and ear docking; a bill to prohibit sale of cats and dogs in retail stores; a bill to require food, water and shelter for outdoor dogs; strengthening the animal cruelty law when cruelty results in death; reporting of motor vehicle collisions with cats; a bill to establish a registry of convicted animal abusers; a bill to prohibit discrimination against pet owners in rental housing; a bill to establish a system of volunteer advocates for animal victims in Court proceedings and much more.

The final day for sponsors to sign off on bills in the House is Nov 1, so we should have bill numbers available within the next two weeks.

Please stay in touch through Facebook or write us an email for information when the 2020 legislative session begins in January. Also, any info you may need or want about NH legislation can be found at the NH Gov website.

Contact Us/Become a Member

To become a member or make a donation use the membership form at our website or send a check made out to NHARL to our PO Box. Yearly membership is \$20.00 and Students, Juniors, or Seniors are only \$10.00. Lifetime membership is \$200.00 for you and your spouse. Thank You!

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Fin and Fur Justice Because of You

Walmart decided it will no longer sell live fish. This decision was made at the beginning of 2019 so maybe you have seen that your local Walmart took out its fish tanks. Walmart is the world's largest retail store and accounts for about thirty percent of tropical fish sales in the market. The pet industry often mistreats fish. Last May, PETA released an [exposé](#) of more than one-hundred Petco stores revealing betta fish living in contaminated water, many dying before even reaching the pet store. If you ever see anything wrong at your local pet store, write them. Many of us have been writing Walmart for years about the fish, and it surely helps.

California became the first state to prohibit the sale and manufacture of fur products when its governor signed a bill in early October. The law goes into effect in January of 2023. Hawaii and New York have introduced similar bills.

Macy's and its subsidiary, Bloomingdale's, announced it will stop selling fur in February 2021. It will also close its fur vaults and salons, which offer storage, repair, and alteration of furs.

Other luxury brands—including Chanel, Versace, Armani, and Gucci—have been slowly phasing out fur from their product lines, moving instead toward faux fur and vegan leather.

If you've ever taken a stance against any atrocities committed against animals then you are a part of the progress. Two women from New Hampshire who have worked together for years on animal rights issues recently reminisced about how the first time they ever met was at a Macy's fur protest in Bedford, New Hampshire. "We protested there a lot at the time, so many years ago," one of them fondly recalled. These actions that are taken on behalf of animals often frustrate us as they seem to yield no immediate or obvious success, but that slow-moving train carrying Justice keeps on traveling and eventually arrives at its destination.

**New Hampshire Animal Rights League
Election of Board of Directors for the 2 year term of 2019-2021**

INSTRUCTIONS for VOTING:

After confirming that you are a current member of NHARL, vote for the candidates of your choice by placing a checkmark in the box by that person's name.

_____ I am a member of New Hampshire Animal Rights League.

[Note: only current dues-paying members may vote; do not include your name.]

Board member James Glover of Raymond, NH _____

Board member Joan O Brien of Amherst, NH _____

Board member Linda Dionne of Raymond, NH _____

Board member Cindy Glenn of Merrimack, NH _____

Board member Emily Murphy of Dover, NH _____

CASTING YOUR VOTE:

Mail your ballot, to be received before November 20, 2019 to NHARL's election assistant at:

Ruth Tanner Isaks, Election Assistant
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Salem, NH 03079

OR Email Ruth at
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The NHARL bylaws state there may be as many as 9 board members, therefore you may vote for all of the above nominees.

*** If you need to check your current NHARL membership status, please contact Linda Rauter at llr@tds.net