

# Quaker Concern for Animals



**NEWSLETTER – SPRING 2009**

To say that we love God and at the same time  
exercise cruelty towards the least creature is a contradiction in itself

*John Woolman (1720 – 1772)*

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*All bloody principles and practices we do utterly deny, with outward wars, and strife, and fightings with outward weapons, for any end, or under any pretence whatsoever, and this is our testimony to the whole world.*

*~ Quaker founders, 1660*

### SERVICE FOR REMEMBRANCE

The service for **Remembrance Sunday**, 9th Nov 2008 was held at the *Animals' War Memorial* adjacent to Hyde Park.

"On a fine and dry day, thirty or more people attended, some with dogs. The service was led by the **Animal Padre, Rev. Pastor James Thompson**, and began with a short address by Cynthia O'Neil, who came alone on Remembrance Sunday two years ago. Last year, she was joined by one other person. So, deciding to do something about this, she contacted James Thompson.

The first hymn was very moving, written by Linda J. Bodicoat, of the *Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals*, in 2008 and sung to the tune of "I Vow to Thee, My Country". The words remembered the precious lives of animals lost through war. One very emotive line was: "In war, the hidden victims, in peace, contempt we show".

There followed a reading from Isaiah 2 : 2-4 and 11: 6-9 and then the hymn "Behold the Mountain of the Lord", followed by petitions of remembrance for animals, written by Linda Bodicoat, with responses from the congregation.

Just before 11 am, two minutes silence for the animals was observed and another hymn, written by James Thompson, was sung.

People then laid wreaths or flowers and some gave words of appreciation. I was proud to read out a message from QCA and lay the wreath of Animal Aid purple poppies. The actors Jenny Seagrove and Miranda Richardson also attended and the vet Marc Abraham, a patron of **Safe Haven for Donkeys in the Holy Land**.

The monument was inspired by Jilly Cooper's book *Animals in War* and was made possible by a fund, of which Jilly is co-trustee, and which was chaired by WSPA Director Peter Davies.

I noted on the memorial that, among others, sponsors were **PDSA, Blue Cross** and **RSPCA**. I wondered why they had not mentioned the memorial and suggested that their supporters visit on Remembrance Sunday, whether or not there was anything arranged.

There was, unfortunately, an absence of media. However, everyone who attended vowed to come again next year and in years to come.

Thank you for asking me to attend. It was a joy and a privilege to represent QCA."

~ Many thanks to **Vickie Nealis** for representing us, and for this report.

## FRIENDLY NEWS

### **HOW IMPORTANT ARE OTHER ANIMALS IN CHRISTIAN THINKING? A FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION 2009 – 2014**

Friends may remember that we were consulted, as Local and Area Meetings and as Linked Informal Groups – of which QCA is one – on future priorities in 2007. Last year, the document produced as a result of this consultation was sent out to meetings.

If you have not yet seen this booklet – which all meetings received - the priorities for Quakers in Britain are:

*Strengthening the spiritual roots in our meetings and in ourselves - Speaking out in the world – Peace – Sustainability - Strengthening local communities - Crime, community and justice - Using our resources well.*

Though we would contend that a concern for our fellow beings could well fit within several of these categories, it is no surprise that it is only under *Sustainability* that they do feature.

The last paragraph reads:

***“We ask all meetings and all members and attenders to work together, led by projects such as Living Witness, to live simpler lives that help to conserve our environment and enable all forms of life to flourish”.***

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The following news about a World Council of Churches initiative of December 08 will be of interest, especially the last paragraph:

#### **Peace declaration to be "mission statement" for the churches**

***Peace is a way of life, says Rev. Dr Geiko Müller-Fahrenholz, German theologian and coordinator of the group that produced the "Initial Statement Towards an Ecumenical Declaration on Just Peace" - and it is the mission of the churches to bring up new generations of Christians to live out God's peace in all aspects of their lives.***

*The Initial Statement Towards an Ecumenical Declaration on Just Peace* emphasizes that our starting point is God's peace, as manifested in the life and death of Jesus Christ. It is not "our peace". We do not have to invent it. God's peace speaks to all aspects of our life and work. Peace or just peace, therefore, is not just an issue of political ethics among many others. It is the frame which determines our approach to all ethical issues...

Finally, the statement offers a new framework for the peace issues by putting "peace with creation" at the centre. Hence it goes beyond the anthropocentric concepts of peace which have dominated the churches' agenda thus far. If humanity cannot make peace with the earth all other forms of peace are bound to fail. This is the biggest challenge that not only the churches need to live up to.

This declaration that affirms the churches' commitment to peace and non-violence and recommends good practices is expected to be the major outcome of the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation in May 2011, in Kingston, Jamaica, and will culminate the Decade to Overcome Violence of the World Council of Churches.

The decision to culminate the Decade to Overcome Violence with an ecumenical declaration on just peace was taken at the World Council of Churches' 9th assembly in 2006. Since then, expert consultations organized by the WCC, its member churches and partner organizations take place worldwide on eight thematic areas, including the traditions of Christian peace theology and Christianity's violent history, violence in family and gender relations, as well as ecological and economic aspects of just peace.

A first draft for the peace declaration was recently sent to WCC member churches. They now have one year to contribute their own reactions and suggestions for the working document that will be submitted to the peace convocation.

Note: The **World Council of Churches** is a fellowship of churches, now 349 in number, representing more than 560 million Christians in over 110 countries in all continents, from virtually all Christian traditions.

**Quakers are represented in this body.** [www.oikoumene.org](http://www.oikoumene.org)

### NEWS FROM FRIENDS' HOUSE

To the Editor of *The Friend*,

Quaker Concern for Animals (QCA) would like to congratulate Friends' House, which has been nominated for a **Good Egg Award** from **Compassion in World Farming**, to be presented in May 09.

This award, which several large companies, local councils and public bodies have won, recognises that Friends' House, in all their catering facilities, are committed to using only cage-free eggs; that is, barn and free-range for all whole eggs and products with egg ingredients. Find out more about the awards at [www.thegoodeggawards.com](http://www.thegoodeggawards.com)

Many thanks to Paul Grey, Head of Hospitality, and Adam Pannell of Hospitality, Services and Facilities, for responding so enthusiastically to QCA's suggestion that they might be eligible for this award.

Perhaps your Meetings are cage-free too? If you would like to pledge to become a Good Egg Meeting, please let QCA know via our web site [www.quaker-animals.org.uk](http://www.quaker-animals.org.uk) or to [mhussenbux@btinternet.com](mailto:mhussenbux@btinternet.com)

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### HOME NEWS

**The Sofa Club– Speaking Out For Animals – for ever!** – is based at **Thorpe House School in Norwich** and is led by their teacher **Sue Cole**, who writes:

“Our children have set up a petition to request the compulsory microchipping of dogs, which already has 6,000 signatures which were presented at Westminster to our MP for South Norfolk, Richard Bacon. The visit to Parliament, on 21st October for the cross party question and answer session with three MPs, was successful and four members of SOFA had the opportunity to ask the following questions:

- In Spain and France, microchipping is already law. In your opinion why is microchipping not *already* law in the UK when it is considered to be a ‘nation of animal lovers’?
- Do you think political parties that support responsible pet ownership can get away with not supporting the legalization of microchipping?

- In the past few months we have secured the support of many animal charities, as well as from Dog Wardens and Veterinary surgeons, one of whom, Marc Abraham is with us today, and in the past few weeks we have gained the support of the UK's major animal charity, the RSPCA, who is now promoting our campaign for microchipping to become law. In the light of all this backing of our campaign, would you consider presenting this as a bill in Parliament?
- We are a small group of young people trying to promote more responsible pet ownership, where do we go from here in our bid to ensure microchipping becomes law in the UK?

The MPs commented on the questions and commended the children for their actions to promote microchipping and persistence with their aims to make it law for dogs. Sadly, we didn't feel the questions were answered in the ways we would have liked but we have come away with some suggestions for further promoting our aims:

It was suggested that a Conference is held where all interested parties be invited, to discuss the pros and cons of microchipping.

Mr Richard Bacon said that we had to continue with the efforts and do our best to persuade as many influential people as possible.

The children are really enthusiastic and determined to do good things for animals and so they have my wholehearted support and encouragement.

We are extremely lucky in that we are gaining support all the time and many celebrities are offering their support too. **Jilly Cooper** is being exceptionally helpful and so is TV vet, **Marc Abraham MRCVS**, now our patron, who has added a piece about what we are doing on his website, as well as attending a very successful 'Microchipping Day' we held in September, thanks to Broadland District Council and Pet ID.



The RSPCA has now shown support for our campaign, by devoting a page to SOFA and we also have the support of many smaller animal charities that also recognize that there is a need, now especially, for compulsory microchipping. We are most grateful to **Angela Walder** (RSPCA trustee) for her continued support.”

~Sue Cole (teacher/leader of SOFA)

- The SOFA Club with Mr. Bobby, a Pets as Therapy - registered dog

<http://www.rspca.org.uk/servlet/Satellite?pagename=RSPCA/RSPCARedirect&pg=DogsPetCare&marker=1&articleId=1220375360873>

<http://www.marcthevet.com/sofa's-amazing-microchipping-campaign/>

**‘NEVER DOUBT THAT A SMALL GROUP OF THOUGHTFUL COMMITTED CITIZENS CAN CHANGE THE WORLD. INDEED, IT IS THE ONLY THING THAT EVER HAS’ - MARGARET MEAD**

### ***WITH THE TEARS WASHED AWAY – NEW FOREST ROAD CARNAGE IN 2007***

Our member **Antony Porter**, who comes from Hampshire and has had a lifelong concern about the vulnerability of animals in the **New Forest**, writes:

“Statistics supplied by the Verderers of the New Forest in Hampshire indicate that during the year 2007, drivers killed on the roads a sad total of 90 mammals. Of these, 65 were ponies, 15 cattle, five donkeys and five pigs.

A further 38 animals were reported as injured and another 11 classified as unharmed. Altogether, the Agisters had attended 167 road collisions within the New Forest, of which 128 had involved animals killed or injured.

Further analysis revealed that 108 road accidents had occurred during the hours of darkness, that local drivers had caused 97 of all the crashes and that some 33 of the total had gone unreported. The vehicles responsible included 132 cars and four motorcycles.

Comparison with previous years reveals that New Forest roads are getting more dangerous. The figure of 90 deaths in total is the highest since 2000. There has also been an increase in the numbers of cattle killed – 15 is the highest since 1996, when 20 perished. Donkey and pig deaths have also increased.

I believe that such statistics are “dead animals with the tears washed away”. Tears can be dried, but the reasons for them cannot easily be forgotten. Furthermore, such statistics tend to “intellectualise” death and to make it seem more abstract.”

*~ Readers may recall that in the Spring 2007 newsletter, we printed an article on this issue.*

If you wish to be in touch, Antony can be contacted at: P.O.Box 1580, London. W7 3ZP

### **THE FOX PROJECT**

In February, there was some disagreement when an injured fox with mange was destroyed by the RSPCA in the belief that this was the best course of action.

**Trevor Williams of *The Fox Project*** was asked to comment. He writes:

Whatever the rights or wrongs of the particular incident reported, you can absolutely take it from me that ‘prolonged treatment’ of foxes has no effect on their tame-ness or otherwise. They may become more philosophical about handling and treatment, but that’s because they are not generally an aggressive species. Not that you ever trust them not to bite if given the opportunity! They also quickly realise that the daily indignity of being scruffed and bundled onto an examination table does not result in anything worse than an antibiotic jab or a few minutes wound cleaning. Once they’re safely back in their cage, they don’t look at you with growing affection and gratitude for your efforts, but with a withering glare...

The animals most open to danger of taming up would be hand-raised cubs and, despite

holding many of them for up to four or five months, we got around 160 cubs - and 250 adult foxes - back to the wild in 2008, and do so every year. Many of these stay in the area for years and can be monitored, but very, very few allow close association with humans.

As for mange, even the most serious cases take no longer than a month to cure - minor cases go back home as little as ten days after capture. For us, prolonged treatment for a fox starts at 6 weeks. You can't tame a wild, adult fox up in that time. In fact, you can't tame a wild, adult fox up at all!



*Tealeaf, a fox rehabilitated by The Fox Project.*

Having said all that, I wouldn't want to comment on a casualty I didn't see, and the description given of the animal is such that we would possibly have taken the same course of action as was taken. We take issue only with the irrelevant 'length of treatment' aspect as being a factor in whether euthanasia is justified or not.

The nature of wildlife rescue means we lose, in many cases by euthanasia, one third of the animals we rescue each year - after all, we're not called to healthy foxes. And in some cases, foxes are brought to us, optimistically, by RSPCA officers who think the animals are borderline cases and deserve a chance.

~ The Fox Project. Visit [www.foxproject.org.uk](http://www.foxproject.org.uk)

## EUROPEAN NEWS

### France and the Low Countries

The « **Ferme des Animaux** » - **Animal Farm** – is at last reality.

“We have just acquired **La Ferme de la Hardonnerie**. Situated northwest of the Meuse, the property comprises a house, two big barns and 44 hectares of fields around it. It has all the qualities we were seeking to provide refuge to more than 300 abused, exhausted and/or sick animals.

Every horse, sheep, goat, cow, pig, rabbit, duck, chicken will be able to enjoy the pleasures of a life of which they've been cruelly deprived.

Our farm is also close by the Butte de Vauquois, a 1914-1918 Historic Monument site which receives 20, 000 school visitors a year. So we are in the happy position of being able to develop visits aimed at raising awareness among children and their parents about the cruelty of intensive farming.

France has many shelters for dogs and cats, but those in a position to rescue farmed animals are few. Therefore, when they are revealed as suffering from ill treatment, the authorities

usually send them to the slaughterhouse. PMAF wishes to offer these animals a peaceful and pain-free end to their lives. Our farm will also welcome animals who are victims of intensive agriculture, such as hens from batteries, discarded sows and those who have been victims of long distance transportation – each animal a testimony to the brutality of man.”

**PMAF- Protection Mondiale des Animaux de Ferme - the French *Compassion in World Farming*. [www.pmaf.org](http://www.pmaf.org)**

### **No more battery eggs at Carrefour.**

Carrefour supermarkets have replaced all their battery eggs with cage-free. The last eggs from caged hens were sold in July.

Yearly, Carrefour and other outlets in France sell more than 100 million eggs, produced by more than 370.000 hens.

Carrefour had first made the changeover on eggs sold under its own name, but after the arrival in Europe of the **Compassion in World Farming Good Egg Awards** last April, the supermarket agreed to go completely cage-free from July.

At the request of GAIA, no less than 12 companies have banned caged eggs: Makro, Colruyt, Delhaize, LIDL, Aldi, Sodexo, IKEA, McDonald's, Quick, Carestel, Panos and Carrefour. These outlets prefer not to wait until 2012, when the current battery system will be banned in the EU. It is gratifying that these companies are also saying no to “enriched” cages, which will come into force after 2012.

### **Castration of pigs: Aldi and Lidl put ethics into their Dutch branches.**

Aldi and Lidl are taking animal welfare seriously: the two “hard discount” distribution chains have decided to no longer sell the meat of castrated pigs in their Dutch outlets from the beginning of next January.

Generally practised without anaesthetic with a scalpel or pincers on pigs in almost all of Europe, castration is a big subject of public debate in the Netherlands. It has already led most Dutch supermarkets to join together to stop the sale of meat from pigs castrated without anaesthetic from March 2009. By deciding to anticipate this move and to refuse all the meat of castrated pigs – even with anaesthetics – the two German discounters are making news. They are also catching their competitors napping in a market which is changing vastly, in which the question of the conditions under which animals are raised interests and concerns more and more consumers. **PMAF** is collaborating with *Pigcas*, the European programme. This aims to provide information on the consequences for animal welfare of the surgical castration of pigs, notably by studying practices implemented in the EU, the attitude of those involved and the solutions envisaged to replace current surgical practice.

For more information : <http://www.rennes.inra.fr/pigcas/index.htm>

With thanks to **PMAF** for this news. [www.pmaf.org](http://www.pmaf.org)

***QCA Note: We understand that pigs bred for meat in Britain do not undergo castration.***

## SPANISH NEWS

### **Plataforma Prou and the Popular Legislative Initiative for the abolition of bullfighting in Catalunya.**

Plataforma Prou is organizing the collection of signatures in Catalunya - 50.000 signatures are needed to be able to carry forward the legal proposal which has been delivered and approved in the Catalunya parliament.

This proposal is no more and no less than the abolition of bullfighting in Catalunya. A Popular Legislative Initiative is a legal tool which allows a proposed bill to be voted upon if **50.000** signatures have been collected, although it is intended to double at least this number in the permitted time scale of **120 days**, during which the signatures will be validated, giving the legal weight sufficient for its passage. After so long, this is at last the final campaign. We have in our hands a tool which can change the history of the bullfight... 867 people will act as "*fedataris*" to collect signatures in favor of the proposal... Of all ILPs that Parliament has transacted, only one previous ILP campaign, asking for support for national Catalan sports teams which had 1,500 "*fedataris*", had more people willing to collect signatures for the cause.

These 867 people swore or promised between 3rd and 4th of December 2008 to be bona fide "*fedataris*" in several registry sessions that the commission of control organized in the Catalan Parliament. Thus they are under obligation to certify to the veracity of the signatures that they collect... The promoters have a hundred and twenty working days, extendable to sixty more, to gather the fifty thousand signatures necessary for the ILP to prosper.

If the proposal finally achieves the fifty thousand validated signatures that are necessary, the chamber is obliged to start the Parliamentary procedure. The groups can present amendments to the whole, and the House Business Committee can include the debate of the whole proposition in the agenda of a plenary session. In accordance with the regulations, this debate would start with the presentation of the ILP from a member of the promoting commission. If the proposition passes the debate session, it would then continue being transacted in commission and it would return to the Plenary for the final debate and the final vote.

The promoters of the ILP have presented a proposition for a modification of the law (article 6 of the revised text of the Law of the Protection of Animals, approved by legislative Decree 2/2008, of the 15th April). The proposition asks that "bullfights and events with bulls that involve the death of the animal and the application of the "suerte", the "pica", the "banderilles" and the "estoque" (swords and goads), as well as bullfighting events of any kind celebrated in the bullrings or outside of them" be prohibited. The celebrations with bulls where death is not inflicted on the animal ("correous") are not included in the prohibition, however, in towns where this tradition exists. The proposal also provides for Government financial compensation for the owners of bullrings.

**Castrillón is the first town in Asturias to declare itself anti-corrída.** In June 2008, the local council approved the motion to ban bullfights in its area. The opposition (Partido Popular – People's Party) abstained. Castrillón brings to 46 those Spanish councils which have rejected "the national fiesta".

“Though this town does not organise bullfights, we belong to a country in which they do and it’s our duty to take a position against its cruelty», stated Rosana Templado, councillor for the Environment in Castrillón.

The new legislation will prohibit the exploitation of live animals in shows, fights, fiestas and other events involving torture and death, such as the bullfight. Thus, dog and cock fighting are banned.

Circuses with animals will also be banned.

### **ANIMAL STALLS IN La Rambla, Barcelona.**

In November 08, the Barcelona town council approved a bill to resolve the illegal position of animal sellers in the Rambla – this will get rid of them, or drastically reduce their numbers. Within a year, this AnimaNaturalis four year campaign will come to fruition. All political parties except the right wing Partido Popular voted in favour. Over the past two years, there have been regular protests aimed at making known the illegality of the stalls and the ill treatment the animals suffer there. These protests will continue until all stalls have been shut down.

~ Thanks to AnimaNaturalis – [www.animanaturalis.org](http://www.animanaturalis.org) - for this news.

### **ANIMALS IN ART – A NEW VISION**

**Céline Clément** was born in Lorraine in 1984 and as a child, loved to observe and sketch the world around her, especially ponies and the flowers in the family garden. She began painting seriously at the age of 16 and received her diploma in 2008.



*The Trainer Trained – The Circus. Acrylic on wood.*

As an exam art project at the School of Fine Arts in Metz, Céline contacted **PMAF** (the French branch of **Compassion in World Farming**), to learn more about the conditions under which farmed animals are raised. Six months later, she produced a series of paintings entitled « *Our friends the humans* », a world in which the roles of people and animals are reversed. Both disturbing and amusing, the pictures reveal the unease often existing in relationships with other animals which lies at the heart of society: the hunt, the bullfight, the fur trade, hens in batteries, the circus...

Céline Clément says: « We've lost sight of the fact that animals are sentient beings. My pictures are supposed to be sweet and childlike, so as not to provoke rejection by the public, which often turns away from images which are too graphic. I wanted to create works which are more light-hearted, colourful, falsely naïve, so that people of all ages might see them, notice the details... and understand the message».

The series « *Nos amis les hommes* » can be viewed on Céline Clément's site, at [www.celineclement.com](http://www.celineclement.com)



*This Morning, a Rabbit - The Hunt. Acrylic on wood.*

## THE AMERICAS THE UNITED STATES

### **Historic Elephant Rescue**

In early October 2008, IDA's volunteer circus elephant specialist Deb Robinson was researching the animal acts that have traveled with UniverSoul Circus. She discovered some appalling photos on Flickr (an internet photo site) of the elephant Ned performing with his trainer Lance Ramos (aka Lance Kollman, or Sir Lancelot) for the Royal Hanneford Circus. The photos were taken and posted by a circus patron who was unaware of the elephant's terrible condition. Clearly emaciated, Ned looked like an ancient elephant, even though he is just 21 years old.

IDA immediately sent the photos to elephant experts and filed a complaint with the USDA. At least one of the experts who received the photos also contacted the USDA out of concern about the debilitated, suffering elephant.

Less than a month later, Ned was rescued, by the USDA, from his trainer's property in Florida and sent to The Elephant Sanctuary. Never before has IDA worked on a case that has had such a fast resolution.

***Ned is only the second elephant ever to be confiscated in the history of the Animal Welfare Act.***

Ned has begun his healing process at The Elephant Sanctuary, which estimates that he is about a ton underweight. He now eats a variety of foods - his favorites are watermelon and corn on the cob – and he has begun to explore the sanctuary's lovely outdoor environment after a very timid initial response.

Meanwhile, Ned's trainer, Lance Ramos, remains a USDA-licensed exhibitor while the case for revocation of his license is on appeal. He and his father, Manuel Ramos, have a history of violating the Animal Welfare Act since 1989. He has in his control other animals, including big cats, zebras and camels.

This case has strong parallels to the case of John Davenport, former proprietor of the King Royal Circus. The USDA has allowed Davenport to continue business as usual despite revocation of his license (due to the death of a baby elephant) and his failure to pay the \$200,000 fine levied against him.

We have thanked USDA for confiscating Ned, but expressed our outrage that Ramos, a repeated violator of the Animal Welfare Act, who has been implicated in the deaths of a lion and an elephant, continues to have a USDA exhibitors' license and animals in his charge and asked them to revoke the licence. See [www.idausa.org](http://www.idausa.org)

### **IDAHO STATE UNIVERSITY**

In November 08, just seven days after **Physicians' Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM)** launched its public effort to end the use of live dogs from a local animal shelter for Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) training at Idaho State University (ISU), the school announced it would end the practice.

An *Idaho State Journal* article stated that ISU "announced Friday it has suspended the use of live dogs . . ." In the future, the course will use "high-tech mannequins that simulate human functions." PCRM's campaign against ISU's use of dogs sparked other media coverage in

Pocatello, Boise, and elsewhere, raising awareness of this issue among people in Idaho and across the region.

Your swift work has helped end animal suffering and improve medical education in Idaho. Now we need your help to do the same thing in New York. While over 90 percent of U.S. and Canadian facilities no longer use animals for ATLS training, Albany Medical Center (AMC) continues to use live pigs for these courses, despite the availability of non-animal alternatives like the TraumaMan System from Simulab.

On Nov. 12, 2008, PCRMC will file an official complaint with the U.S. Department of Agriculture citing the unlawful use of live animals by AMC. The complaint cites an ongoing 2007-2008 survey by PCRMC, which has so far received responses from 193 U.S. facilities offering ATLS courses. The survey has found that 177 of those facilities (more than 90 percent) exclusively use non-animal models for instruction. In addition, the vast majority of those 177 facilities exclusively use the TraumaMan System. [info@pcrm.org](mailto:info@pcrm.org)

### **A MODEL FARM IN BRAZIL**

*Brazil has the world's largest cattle herd and is already the biggest beef exporter on the planet. The government is seeking to double exports from 30 to 60 per cent in the next decade. The Brazilian embassy in London said that Brazil did not believe that doubling cattle production would undermine its target to reduce deforestation. **It was hoped to use intensive farming techniques to produce more cattle in future from a smaller area of land.** (our stress)*

That's the bad news – so the following is very welcome:

*The WSPA Model Farm project could be the beginning of a movement to change the face of farming in Brazil...*

Finding the right people to manage this farm is crucial, as they will act as the 'voice' for the Model Farm and will ensure the welfare of every animal is protected. Murilo, the newly appointed Farm Director, has worked to alleviate farm animal suffering for most of his life and is thrilled to be part of the Model Farm team: "This year has been such an amazing opportunity. Becoming the Director of the farm in Brazil is a good way to make animal welfare questions more visible in Brazil and all of Latin America. I know this project will make a difference for everyone who is involved in animal production. Now we have the chance to show them how to do it in a better way for people and for animals. "We've also started training on humane farming methods for farm workers in Brazil. Once our farm is fully stocked and in production, we will be able to maintain our training for farm workers on-site, showing them real examples of profitable, humane farming methods in practice."

**WSPA** has just teamed up with one of Latin America's most prestigious farm animal welfare specialists, Professor Mateus Paranhos da Costa, and the research group he heads up at Sao Paulo University. Our exclusive partnership with the Professor and his group will mean the humane alternatives to cruel farming practices that we are pioneering on the farm will be backed by science. This will allow WSPA to use information gathered from our new farm to lobby governments and industry for permanent change.

~ Thanks to **Margaret West, Regional Director of WSPA (Australia & New Zealand)**

## **WSPA Undertakes Historic Work in Cuba**

**The World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA)** is the first animal welfare organization in history to conduct an animal welfare disaster relief operation in Cuba. The organization's extensive relief program, organized in response to Hurricanes Gustav, Ike and Fay, which all hit Cuba within weeks of each other in August and September, began, as yet another powerful hurricane (Paloma) hit the storm-weary island last weekend. Cuban economists estimate the effect of the hurricanes has put the country's development back eighteen years.

Due to decades of hardship, Cuba has sought to remove its dependence on fossil fuels and thus huge parts of the country are powered by working animals. This heavy dependence on draft animals for plowing and transportation mean that they are crucial for the recovery of the country. Thousands of animals are suffering as a result of the hurricanes and the harder they are worked, the weaker and more prone to disease and parasites they become.

WSPA's veterinary supplies and drugs will improve the health of the animals and help them get through the tough times to be ready for the workload as Cuba rebuilds. Vaccinations against disease and treatment against parasites will prevent animals weakening further. Working animals will also be treated for injuries sustained by flying debris and for foot rot caused by standing in floodwater for long periods of time. People's pets will receive similar treatment.

The Cuban government has welcomed this mission and offered the entire nation's veterinarians to work with WSPA in launching this unprecedented large-scale operation. The team will be led by animal welfare experts from WSPA's office in Costa Rica.

WSPA's work is currently focusing on the areas of Pinar Del Rio, Isla De La Juventud and Holguin, helping more than an estimated 42,000 animals. WSPA will be aiming to help 9,100 oxen, 7,000 horses, 1,350 donkeys and mules and over 24,000 cats and dogs.

Without help and support for these animals, Cuba will suffer serious food shortages and food security issues. There is a real risk that the large majority of agricultural production will be lost in the affected regions if the working animals cannot be relied upon. International economists are very concerned that such a threat to food production will lead to collapse of the economy with catastrophic results. The Cuban Civil Defense Service is an acknowledged world leader in disaster preparedness measures, and was able to evacuate and shelter millions of people and tens of thousands of animals before the hurricanes made landfall; however the destruction has taken a terrible toll on the nation.

For more than 25 years, **WSPA** has traveled to the farthest flung corners of the planet to end animal suffering and cruelty. In 2007, WSPA's Disaster Response Team was able to carry out relief operations in 19 disasters on four continents and provide assistance to over 100,000 animals.

November 11, 2008

## AFRICA

### Egypt - The Animal Rights Movement Awakes

*All creatures of God form the family of God and he is the best loved of God who loves best His creatures.*

*~ The Qur'an*

#### **Egypt hosts regional meeting on live animal transport**

In October 08, a conference in Cairo explored the relationship between Islam, animal welfare, and the long distance transport of animals for slaughter.

The two-day meeting, on ‘**The Islamic Principles on Animal Transport and Slaughter**’, was organized by the **Egyptian Society of Animal Friends** and supported by **WSPA** on behalf of *Handle with Care*.

It included presentations and workshops on slaughterhouses, the effects of transportation on animals, and international guidelines from the **World Organization for Animal Health (OIE)** -whose own conference in Egypt followed this and touched on some of the same issues.

#### **Transported animals take center stage**

The eminence of the speakers reflected how seriously the debate is being taken in the region.

They included three Sheikhs from the prestigious Al-Ahzar University, Prof. Dr. Nasser Farid Wasef, former Egypt Mufti (the country’s foremost scholarly office), the Jordanian Minister of Religious Affairs, and HRH Princess Alia Al Hussein.

The Jordanian princess said: “I am calling on Arab countries to implement legislation in line with the mercifulness of Islam. Islam advocates mercifulness to animals before and at the time of slaughter and condemns acts of cruelty.”

Her comments echoed the fatwa issued by Dr. Mohammed Sayed Tantawi, Grand Sheik of Al-Ahzar University, which stated that the cruelty of long distance transport and bad slaughter practices oppose the teachings of the Koran – this featured in our Autumn 08 newsletter.

At the end of the conference, delegates agreed that the teachings of the Koran and the internationally agreed OIE guidelines on transport and slaughter basically address the same issues. This is a solid foundation for the *Handle with Care* campaign to build on.

Participants also accepted the existence of alternatives to importing large numbers of animals. These options already serve the region: the Egyptian army, for example, prefer supplies of frozen meat due to its reliability.

**WSPA’s** Sofia Parente commented: “Many countries in the region already import frozen and chilled meat, for example from Australia, and we would like to see the transport of live animals progressively replaced with this trade.”

The suspension of the import of live animals from Syria due to animal disease was also cited as a reason why reliance on live animal imports was unwise. A final conference outcome came in the form of a recommendation from Al-Ahzar University, which - recognizing the widespread cruelty to animals in many countries in the Islamic world -

called for conditions for animals during transport, slaughter, and rearing to be brought in line with the original teachings of the Koran, which advocate compassion.

~ We are pleased to report that our associate member, **Waseem Shaukat**, **President of Vets' Care Organisation** in the **University of Lahore**, represented **Pakistan** at this important event.

### **IN BRIEF: MALAWI**

In May 2008, **RSPCA International** provided a grant to set up the first animal welfare organisation in Malawi.

The Lilongwe Society for the Protection and Care of Animals (LSPCA) set up a mobile veterinary clinic programme, visiting six of Lilongwe's poorest communities.

During the RSPCA's first day with the clinic, word-of-mouth resulted in more than 60 dogs arriving at the clinic in the space of just a few hours.

All the dogs were microchipped and registered, and the owners provided with a record of all treatments and vaccinations.

~ Thanks to the **RSPCA** for this information.

### **CHINA - ActAsia for Animals.**

**Pei-feng Su**, Executive Director, writes:

Our partner group **Changsha Small Animal Protection Society (CSAPS)** was suddenly forced this summer to move their shelter, with over hundred animals, to a rundown place. ACTAsia immediately helped to ensure that they had basic necessities like water, electricity, a septic tank and fencing. We also sent in a highly experienced shelter consultant from the UK to help design the lay out of the shelter. He has also advised them on procedures for good shelter management. This helps to make the shelter as animal friendly as possible, despite their extremely limited funds.

#### **Training animal protection pioneers**

For the third year in a row, we held our annual workshop in June 2008. Twenty two key members of animal groups in China gathered in Shenzhen to attend the interactive workshop. The main emphasis this time was on project management and companion animal issues. Gaining knowledge and sharing experiences, left the attendees energised.

#### **Promoting neutering of companion animals**

Neutering owned animals is key to the prevention of many unwanted animals ending up in the streets. To make neutering more acceptable amongst pet owners and the public, ACTAsia has developed leaflets on this issue. These leaflets are now being used by various Chinese animal welfare groups at their public awareness events.

In addition, we are working closely with **CSAPS** and **Shenzhen Cats** to enhance their neutering programme. Part of this programme is to establish a collaboration with vets in their areas.

#### **Promoting animal sentience and protection**

Chinese people are not born to be cruel to animals. Many of them are not taught or do not

realise that animals have feelings too. To educate people that animals are sentient beings that feel pain and fear, we have put great effort in that field:

- We have developed a leaflet on animal sentience and made it available to animal welfare groups.
- With **Xiamen Animal Protection Society (XAPS)**, we have created a humane education programme for university/college students from Xiamen University and Xiamen Art School.
- Being the first of its kind, ACTAsia co-organised the *Beijing Universities Animal Protection Event*. Our China programme officer has given presentations and hosted group discussions at fifteen universities on animal sentience and protection.

### **Animal welfare legislation**

Another groundbreaking event in China, which ACTAsia is proud to be part of, is the *International Animal Protection Legislation Symposium* in China. On invitation, we presented a paper on the importance of:

- animal welfare legislation in the current Chinese society.
- animal protection groups in promoting animal welfare to the public.

### **Organisational development**

We have mentored local animal welfare groups like **Shenzhen Cats** and **CSAPS** to make their organisation more effective, by designing a strategy policy, work plan and realistic aims. But we have also developed our own organisation, by recruiting two project staff in China. One programme officer in Beijing and a programme manager in Shenzhen strengthened our team, and will facilitate an even closer working relationship with and among local Chinese groups. The five of us are looking forward to build the animal welfare movement further in the future!



*Helpful Chinese Cats*

## ANIMALS ASIA – a model for how to campaign in China

Merritt Clifton of Animal People in the USA has allowed us to reprint the following important comments – we commend to Quaker readers especially the paragraphs 4 – 6.

“WSPA has not gotten anywhere [in the campaign against bear bile farms] and my view is that their approach never has and never will. Jill Robinson of the Animals Asia Foundation has since 1999 gotten more than 500 bears out of small bile farms that have then been closed. WSPA alleges that this just means more bears are kept on the big farms, but there is no evidence that the market for bear bile is expanding, and plenty of indications that it is not. Meanwhile, Robinson gets hugely favorable publicity all over China.

The Chinese government will never respond to external pressure, because in the Confucian philosophy of government, responding to external pressure is a sign of weakness. The way to help in China is to help Chinese-based projects, of which there are now hundreds – not western pressure groups.

The Chinese government has for several years been responding very positively to internal pressure and has actually been encouraging it through the official state news media and by conspicuously not interfering with activists who are doing things such as rescuing cats from trucks and trains and storming cat meat markets. This is unheard of in response to most other protest movements.

But again, an understanding of the Confucian approach to government helps. Confucian governing involves building a near-universal consensus that a law is necessary before passing it - very much unlike the western style of governance, in which the approach is to pass a law first and then enforce it.

Beijing, against considerable resistance from some of the provinces, has for five to seven years now been mobilizing consensus in favor of a humane law. It will not be passed until it has about 95% public support, because having to acknowledge and respond to non-compliance with a law is also seen as weakness in the Confucian view.

China experimented with western-style governance under Mao and it was an abysmal failure, resulting in the deaths of millions. The pendulum swung back to Confucianism and although it can be frustratingly slow, it also tends to lead to lasting results.

Incidentally, I have been writing about the situation of animals in China at every opportunity since September 1970, when a Chinese acquaintance began giving me info and asking me to write about it.”

*Once to every man and nation,  
Comes the moment to decide,  
In the strife of truth with false-hood,  
For the good or evil side;*

*Some great cause, some great decision,  
Offering each the bloom or blight,  
And the choice goes by forever,  
‘Twixt that darkness and that light.*

*Then to side with Truth is noble  
When we share her wretched crust,  
E’er her cause brings fame and profit  
And ‘tis prosperous to be just.*

*Then it is the brave soul chooses  
While the coward stands aside,  
Till the multitude make virtue  
Of the faith they had denied.*

~ From the hymn *Once to Every Man and Nation*,  
words by **James Russell Lowell 1819 - 1891**

## SPIRITUAL INITIATIVES

Thanks to Olga Parkes of ASWA in Australia, we are pleased to report the following and have been in contact with the Bishop to express our thanks.

### **Animal Welfare in Australia – Anglican Synod October 2008**

**The Very Reverend Graeme Lawrence moved,  
Seconded by Mrs Barbara Wattus.**

*“The Synod of the Diocese of Newcastle recognises that among the Millennium Development Goals of the Anglican Communion is the challenge for the Church to care for the whole creation. The Synod notes that throughout the world the major animal welfare issues of battery farms and live exports are matters which many nations are addressing in positive ways in order to exercise practical care towards the animal kingdom.*

*The Synod further notes that 84% of Australians agree that battery cages are unacceptable and in Australia that more than eleven million hens live in cages which have less space than an A4 piece of paper.*

*The Synod encourages the Parishes and Diocesan entities to follow the lead of others in the community to purchase only free-range eggs for Parish and Diocesan catering events.”*

**Carried**

[www.angdon.com](http://www.angdon.com)

And also the Catholic Church...

### **Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia Schools Go Cage-Free**

As animals at the manger go, chickens are not often mentioned in the story of the Nativity. But egg-laying hens became a part of the Christmas story in 2008, when the largest Catholic school system in the country extended some mercy to these animals—among the most abused on factory farms.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Philadelphia school system, which includes 20 high schools, is now using only cage-free eggs.

These schools join more than 350 other schools across the country which are moving away from using eggs from hens kept in battery cages, where the birds are so cramped they can't even spread their wings.

The Roman Catholic Church has a number of statements on animals in regard to care for creation including:

“Animals are God’s creatures. He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless him and give him glory. Thus men owe them kindness. We should recall the gentleness with which saints like St. Francis of Assisi or St. Philip Neri treated animals ... It is contrary to human dignity to cause animals to suffer or die needlessly.” —from *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, Part Three, Section Two, Chapter Two, Article 7, 2:2416

“Our food choices have moral and spiritual significance, and people of faith know that it’s simply wrong to cram hens into cages so small they can barely move,” states **Christine**

**Gutleben, HSUS director of Animals & Religion.** “The Humane Society of the United States applauds the Archdiocese of Philadelphia for its decision to move away from eggs from caged hens.”

Thanks to *The Humane Society of the United States* Jan. 29, 2009

## **WOMEN PIONEERS FOR FREEDOM AND JUSTICE – BY MICHAEL SUTCLIFFE**

The following article is edited from a talk given by Michael, who died in 2007, to **Animals, People, Environment (APE)** in Cambridge.

... Who am I to be standing here – resulting from the persuasive power of one **Joan Court**, **APE** founder and leader – my favourite woman?!

... The insidious stranglehold that religions have had over women have long disturbed me. All of them led by men – whether bishops, cardinals, imams and the like. We have seen extreme views, denigrating women, aiming to subordinate women. Even that “women have no souls”!... These same high churchmen had mothers themselves, giving birth to them, suckling them, caring for them – did *they* have no souls? And the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus? Did *she* have no soul?...

It has been, and still is, a long fight for women’s status. The Suffragettes, in the early 1900s, did powerful campaigning, mainly for the vote which women did not have. There were violent protests, at times, and brutally suppressed by the police... the 1914-18 war intervened, when women showed their strengths and usefulness, working in factories, making munitions and driving ambulances at the front. At last in 1922 women got the vote, but only if aged over 30. Finally, in 1928, (they got) the vote from age 21.

So we come to those remarkable women who achieved things and fought to establish charities for the welfare of animals (and also the welfare of women and human rights), throughout the last century...

**The National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS)** was founded in 1875 by Frances Cobb Power (the Unitarian campaigner) – a year before the first laws, supposedly covering the welfare of laboratory animals. First called The Victoria Street Society, with a shop at the top of Whitehall – which I can remember, years ago!

**The People’s Dispensary for Sick Animals (PDSA)** was founded in 1917 by Maria Dickin, shocked by the cruelties to animals she witnessed in London’s East End. Maria founded the St. Francis Ambulance Corps, which became the PDSA, and its first clinic in Whitechapel. There are now 44 hospitals, 190 clinics and 150 fundraising shops.

**The Humane Slaughter Association (HSA) and Justice for Animals** was founded in 1924 by Dorothy Siddely. She campaigned mainly on the slaughter of food animals, and now livestock markets, and promoted humane slaughter home and abroad. This group has now passed under the control of the **Universities Federation of Animal Welfare (UFAW)**. In 1913, standing on the dockside in Antwerp, Ada Cole saw rows and rows of dejected, pitifully thin, horses. She was told they had arrived from England and were destined for the meat trade in France and Belgium. Ada protested throughout the First World War over the horses and other animals sent overseas to fight the war, commandeered from farms and riding

stables. At last, in 1927, the **International League for the Protection of Horses (ILPH)** – a shortened version of the title The International League against the Export of Horses for Butchery – was officially formed as a charity.

Founded in 1923 as the Society for the Protection of Animals in North Africa, the now renamed **Society for the Protection of Animals Abroad (SPANA)** was the creation of Kate Hosali and her daughter Nina. They visited North Africa for the winter sunshine in 1921 and the sight of pack horses and grossly overloaded and suffering donkeys changed their lives. Kate stayed on, setting up clinics in Algeria and Tunisia, later in Morocco, while Nina raised funds in London. SPANA now works in Mali, Jordan, Syria and Pakistan.

**The Brooke Hospital** was founded in 1934 as The Old Warhorse Memorial Hospital, Cairo. In 1930, Dorothy Brooke and her husband, a retired cavalry officer, visited Egypt and started to notice the pitiful working horses in the streets of Cairo. She said to her husband: “These are your horses” - and they were indeed the relics of the 21,000 British army horses, sold or abandoned after the end of the First World War. On her return to London, she wrote a letter to the press and money poured in. The Brooke now operates also in India, Pakistan and the Middle East.

Miss Mackworth-Præd founded an Animal Rescue Society in Naples in 1893 and later, in Florence, another Englishwoman, Florence Gertrude Walker, founded and ran a Rescue Society for the first 30 years of the last century. All came together eventually under the leadership of Leonard Hawksley, as **The Anglo-Italian Society for the Protection of Animals (AISPA)**, who worked for the animals until his death in 1948.

Helena Saunders and Raymond Hawkins – who later founded Raysted Animal Sanctuary in East Sussex – set up **DINGO**, also in Italy, in 1950. **The Anglo-Venetian Group for the Protection of Animals** set up a neutering campaign, a refuge was established and Dingo registered as a charity in 1969.

In 1956, **Japan Animal Welfare Society (JAWS)** was founded by Eleanor Close whose husband was in Tokyo with the British Council – together with Lady Gascoigne, the wife of the then British Ambassador.

Eleanor also formed **The Greek Animal Welfare Fund** in 1959.

Vesna Jones, after a holiday in Greece, founded **Greek Animal Rescue (GAR)** in 1989. Ex-pat residents in Greece have also formed rescue organisations, such as Christine Morison – **Greek Cat Welfare Society, Friends of the Cyprus Donkeys**, founded and run by Mary Skinner.

Also in Greece, the redoubtable Lily Venizelos, of shipping and political families, founded the **Mediterranean Association to save the Sea Turtles (MEDASSET)** in 1988.

**The Anglo-Spanish Animal Welfare Society** was founded in 1960 by Phyllis Wall, succeeded by Anne Jones.

Mrs. Speedwell Massingham, and later, Wilfred Weirs, founded **ICAB**, the anti-bullfight campaigning group, in 1958. This was later taken over by **WSPA**.

The most notable organisation campaigning in Britain against the bullfight is **Fight Against Animal Cruelty in Europe (FAACE)**. Founded in 1980 by Vicki Moore in the north west of England, after her death in 2000, it is now run by her widower, Tony.

In Korea, Sunnan-Kum and Kyenan-Kum were the inspiration behind the dog and cat

rescue **Korea Animal Protection Society (KAPS/IAKA)**. They also campaign against the consumption of dogs and cats.

In Britain, **Animal Aid** was the work of Jean Pink. Founded in 1977, and concentrating first on the anti-vivisection campaign, Animal Aid is now very well established and influential over a wide range of animal issues.

**Compassion in World Farming**, founded in 1967 by Peter Roberts, was led for many years by Joyce D'Silva.

**Captive Animals Protection Society (CAPS)** was run by Diane Westwood, **Born Free** was founded by Virginia McKenna and **The Donkey Sanctuary**, by Elizabeth Svensson.

In Sussex, Carla Lane founded and runs the animal sanctuary **Animaline**, which takes in a wide range of companion, farmed and wild animals. She is also a very active support to **Kent Action Against Live Exports (KALE)**.

To finish with a remarkable lady involved in Human Rights. After many years working for **Amnesty**, in 1987, Helen Bamber founded **The Medical Foundation for the care of the Victims of Torture** (now **The Medical Foundation**). Of Jewish origin, having, with her parents, fled Nazi Germany in the 30s, she joined the ATS, I believe, and is said to have been the first woman to enter Belsen and see the death and depredation that started her on her road.

~ Michael Sinclair Sutcliffe. February 18 2002

**QCA note:** To this illustrious list, we should add the names of **Maneka Gandhi**, Indian MP and campaigner for the environment and animal welfare, who has set up over 20 animal clinics in India, **Lucy Fensom**, founder of **Safe Haven for Donkeys in the Holy Land**, and **Kim Cooling and Marie Anand** of **Animal SOS Sri Lanka**.

Also our associate members **Vasanthi Kumar** of **Stray Relief and Animal Welfare (STRAW)** in New Delhi, **Pam Ahern** of **Edgar's Mission Farm Sanctuary** in Australia, **Coqui Montiel** of the **Argentine** branch of **Canadian Voice for Animals**, **Selaine d'Ambrosi**, a stalwart worker for **Mayan Families in Guatemala**, who has now moved on to **WSPA**.

In fact, the list goes on and we apologise to anyone we may have missed...



*Veterinary students of the University of Lahore, Pakistan, at a field treatment camp.*

## GILL LANGLEY OF THE DOCTOR HADWEN TRUST

*“It all started with Peter Singer’s **Animal Liberation** in 1976...”*

This is how Dr Gill Langley, Science Director, begins her farewell article in *Alternative News* Autumn 08. Gill studied physiology, cell biology and zoology for her honours degree at Cambridge University, and then gained a doctorate in neurochemistry, also from Cambridge. As a research fellow at Nottingham University she studied neurochemistry in cell culture. She began her campaigning by supporting Jean Pink, the founder of *Animal Aid*, and in 1971 joined *BUAV* as their first ever PhD-qualified scientific officer.

The *Dr Hadwen Trust* was originally part of BUAV and was relaunched as an independent body in 1981. Gill began her association with the Trust, leading their science and outreach programmes for 27 years.

Gill served for eight years as a member of the British government’s Animal Procedures Committee (APC) which advises the Home Secretary on animal experimentation matters, - Gill describes the APC as becoming increasingly outspoken about the suffering of animals in laboratories “and less easily duped about the value of animal research”. She has also advised the government on the introduction of the new EU chemicals legislation, REACH and has been an invited expert in several initiatives of the European Commission and of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

Dr Langley is currently a member of the Replacement Advisory Group of the British government’s National Centre for the *Three Rs* (*Replacement, Reduction & Refinement of animals in research*).

We know that Gill will be very much missed, but her work with the Trust has been groundbreaking and as she says: “The charity is extending its political influence into Europe and there are plans to increase our impact in the global scientific community.”

We wish Gill happiness and continued success in all she undertakes in the future.

~ Thanks to *The Doctor Hadwen Trust* for this information. [www.drhadwentrust.org](http://www.drhadwentrust.org)

Green-yellow bird on  
A green-yellow swaying branch:  
A fistful of song  
  
Planed and angled  
Interlocking flowers  
In wintry geometry  
  
Black flame against set  
Of sun, a lone swan gliding  
In a dream of gold  
  
Fine mesh-screen  
Against another green,  
Leaves of a neighbourly  
bamboo

~ From *Lone Swan* by Vasumathi Krishnasami

## INDIA AND PAKISTAN

“**Anti- Fur Day** exists to celebrate animal life and humankind’s special relationship with the animals

*Animal Save Movement Pakistan* celebrated international Anti-Fur Day on 28<sup>th</sup>. November, 2008. Many school children, social workers, teachers, lawyers and political workers participated. All participants took an oath to protect the welfare of animals and birds and to continue to run peaceful campaigns against cruelty to animals and birds. ASMP took an oath also that they will not use leather and fur jackets, caps, hats, and shoes. ASMP continues to strive for the day when no animal and bird will live in fear or pain. ASMP has been working for the animals for a long time & will continue its efforts to achieve its vision of helping to build a society through animal welfare, where co-existence of human and animal is symbiotic.”

~ Khalid Mahmood Qurashi. President of Animal Save Movement Pakistan.

### **IFAW Animal Action Week reaches a million in India**

New Delhi, October 14, 2008: At least a million students from 2000 schools in India are expected to participate in this year’s **IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) Animal Action Week (AAW)** with the theme “*Beneath the Waves – Protecting Marine Wildlife*”. Organised by **Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)**, IFAW’s partner in India, the AAW this year aims to educate, sensitise and raise awareness of children on marine wildlife and their habitat, and threats faced by them. It also examines the relationship between the oceans and survival of humans, and explores how learning about the oceans aid in protecting marine wildlife. AAW-2008 is endorsed by Leonardo DiCaprio, Hollywood celebrity and environmentalist, who also kick-started the event internationally on October 6...

Animal Action Week is an international initiative that IFAW runs simultaneously in 18 countries, making it the largest animal-focussed educational activity in the world. It is conducted with a selected globally common theme, during the first week of October, to coincide with the Wildlife Week.

Each year, Animal Action Week offers an activity pack for Classes 6- 9. This can be adapted for varied classroom use – from science and environment lessons to drama and writing. Each pack – cost-free - comprises an informative booklet, a pledge form and a video CD on the theme as well as an instructional sheet to organise an outdoor conservation activity.

The activities this year include a quiz programme, passage writing on marine species, debate on animal welfare issues, pledge collection against plastic use and an outdoor, public activity of ‘pick-up plastic’. National level poster making and slogan writing competitions will also be held; the two best entries from across India will be awarded the prestigious IFAW Young Achiever’s Award during the Animal Action Award ceremony to be held on February 19, 2009.

AAW was initiated in India in 2003 by IFAW and WTI. With the theme ‘Protecting the Last Elephants’, AAW-2003 was localised in schools on the periphery of Rajaji National Park. Since then, however, it has grown bigger, involving more schools and students each year. Last year’s AAW, with the theme ‘To the Rescue’, had drawn involvement of more than half

million students from across India. The participation looks likely to exceed a million this year. The marked increase in participation, the organisers say, is due to the expanded outreach this year; students in district level schools across rural India have been included by collaborating with regional non-government organisations (NGOs) and also by translating the AAW material into Hindi.

WTI is also distributing copies of Hindi and Malayalam versions of 'A Field Guide to Indian Mammals' written by Vivek Menon, Executive Director, WTI, in participating schools at the district level, especially those fringing forest areas.

## AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC

### THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE: ADVOCATING FOR ANIMALS IN AUSTRALIA

We have received an article which contends that Australian lawyers have a significant role to play in advancing the animal protection cause.

Part I discusses the philosophical foundation of the modern animal protection movement and describes the important theoretical divide that splits it into animal 'welfare' and animal 'rights'.

Part II explains the Australian legal regime governing animal protection to show how the law acts as a site of exploitation.

Part III explores the role of lawyers within the movement. It does this by appraising the obstacles in the way of animal protectionism and exploring what makes an effective lawyer advocate. It then uses a case study of battery hens to demonstrate the valuable role lawyers can play to support the animal cause. We are now at a new and strange juncture in human experience. Never has there been such massive exploitation of animals... At the same time, never have there been so many people determined to stop this exploitation.

Laws relating to animals have existed for centuries. However, a movement of activist 'animal lawyers' has only recently arrived in Australia. This movement seeks to advocate for animals and challenge deficiencies in laws that adversely impact upon them. There has been a surge of animal law activity in recent years, signalling the birth of the movement in Australia. A few examples include the rise of law schools teaching Animal Law; the advent of organisations such as *Voiceless*; the Barristers Animal Welfare Panel and Lawyers for Animals; major national law firms conducting pro bono work relating to animal welfare; and increased animal activism amongst law students through the *Voiceless Animal Advocates* program.

~ Many thanks to **David Glasgow of the Christian Animal Network** for this news. His complete article is available on request.

## LAWYERS FOR ANIMALS

As part of Victorian Law Week, **Katrina Sharman of Voiceless** gave a speech at the **Lawyers for Animals** event entitled "*Animal law and welfare: Conversations with our Lawmakers*". The event involved representatives from different political parties and animal organisations speaking out about animal welfare and animal law issues.

On 27th May 2008, Katrina also spoke to the students of the Bond University animal law course. This year is the first time the undergraduate course is being taught at Bond University. Katrina conducted a tutorial on the legal status of farm animals in Australia which looked at why our present laws are failing farm animals and the role of lawyers in farm animal advocacy. Katrina's presentation triggered some very interesting debate and discussion amongst the students about issues relating to farm animals and the law.

Guest Lecture Series, University of Melbourne Law School: 25th June 2008

Katrina Sharman was invited to give a guest lecture about the emerging area of animal law in Australia to the *Juris Doctor* students at the University of Melbourne Law School in June.

*Justice will again be found in the courts, and all righteous people will support it.*  
~ Psalm 94, verse 15

### **Making a difference – cage-free egg campaign in Australia.**

*Today in Australia there are around 11.6 million hens living and laying eggs in cages. They suffer chronically throughout their short lives. Whether you're a business owner or a consumer, by choosing your eggs wisely you can make a difference to the welfare of these animals and help the RSPCA get hens out of cages.*

The **RSPCA's Choose Wisely** initiative asks businesses to commit to using free-range or barn-laid eggs at a Gold, Silver or Bronze level based on whether they use them in all or some of their products.

**Gold** means all egg-containing food items sold on the premises, including sauces and cakes, are made with free-range or barn-laid eggs.

**Silver** means free-range or barn-laid eggs are used in all egg-containing food items made on the premises. However, cage eggs may have been used in products brought in, such as cakes and sauces.

**Bronze** means all whole eggs used on the premises are free-range or barn-laid. This could include fried eggs, omelettes, salads, etc. These products should be clearly labelled.

This is a big commitment so we're also asking consumers to support those businesses that take this step and to encourage those still using cage eggs to make the change.

And when next you're standing in the egg aisle in the supermarket, the RSPCA asks shoppers to choose wisely and help us get hens out of cages.

At the time of writing, seven businesses have joined **Choose Wisely**. So an extra 204,528 eggs every year (and counting) will now come from cage-free hens.

Information courtesy of the **RSPCA in Australia**. Visit [www.choosewisely.org.au](http://www.choosewisely.org.au)

### **Pacific nations stand up for animals**

The lives of animals in the Pacific are changing for the better – thanks to groundbreaking support for the *Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare*.

The NZ Government has just announced its support for the notion of the Declaration at cabinet level...

Bridget Vercoe, Programmes and Media Manager for *WSPA New Zealand* comments, “The New Zealand Government’s position of support for the Declaration is a key milestone in the development of this important initiative and we hope that other countries will follow New Zealand’s lead by officially endorsing their support at cabinet level.”

Fiji was the first Pacific Island to officially endorse the notion of the Declaration...

If adopted, the Declaration will be the first ever international agreement recognising that animals are capable of experiencing pain and suffering, and that their welfare should be respected. UN endorsement will mean positive, sustained change for billions of animals around the world.

WSPA Australia Programmes Manager Emily Reeves was delighted at the Fijian government’s endorsement and hopes it will be a powerful catalyst for change.

“The Fijian government’s decision is a real landmark in the development of the Declaration, and we hope that other Pacific Islands will follow their lead by recognising the importance of animal welfare.

“We look forward to supporting the Fiji and the New Zealand governments in their efforts to improve animal welfare.”

If you haven’t already done so, you can add your support to the Universal Declaration on Animal Welfare by visiting [www.wspa.org.au/animalsmatter](http://www.wspa.org.au/animalsmatter)

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## BOOK REVIEW

### *Creatures of the Same God – Explorations in Animal Theology - by Andrew Linzey*

Winchester University Press, Winchester, 2007, hb., 209 pages

Bishop John Austin Baker describes the Reverend Professor Andrew Linzey, Director of the Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics, as ‘the greatest living writer on theology and animals’. *Creatures of the Same God* is an opportunity to discover this for oneself. Although Linzey states that he has aimed the book at a new generation of students of ethics, he also says that ‘accessibility more than anything else’ is his overwhelming concern, since he is increasingly frustrated by the ‘sophistication of language’ and ‘obtuse references’ of some theological works, so the text is not at all beyond the average reader with an interest in and some knowledge of his subject. I did need to consult a dictionary on a handful of occasions either to further my understanding, or to be absolutely sure, of the meaning of words such as exegetical, Logos, eschatological, patristic and hermeneutical, but for the most part I found it an interesting, absorbing and generally accessible read, which I can wholeheartedly recommend.

The nine chapters, originally essays, are representative of the author’s writing on animal theology since *Animal Gospel* was published in 1999. At the beginning of each of the revised and reworked chapters Linzey gives a brief summary of its origins. The first three chapters cover the theological reasoning behind why animals deserve to be treated with sensitivity. Chapter 4, which is currently very relevant, investigates the often conflictual relationship between ecotheology and animal theology. In Chapter 5 the author responds to the many

critics of his work. Chapter 6 provides a different perspective on the issue of Jesus and his attitude towards animals.

I found Chapter 7, 'Animals and Vegetarianism in Early Chinese Christianity' particularly fascinating; it is a revised version of the original Preface to the Chinese edition of *Animal Gospel*. Linzey recounts how, after being asked whether he would be prepared to allow *Animal Gospel* to be translated into Chinese, he was pondering the best way to commend the idea of Christian concern for animals to a new audience; then he discovered that, as in so many areas, 'the Chinese had been there before the rest of us, and already had a distinguished and remarkable tradition of reverence for life'.

The author introduces Chapter 8, 'On Being an Animal Liturgist', as more personal than the rest. He first gives an account of what provoked him into writing his ground-breaking book *Animal Rites: Liturgies of Animal Care* – 'quite simply the invisibility of animals in Christian worship'; he then goes on to describe something of the positive, but also the defensive and disdainful, reception that it received.

Chapter 9, 'Summing up: Towards a Prophetic Church for Animals' is a revised version of the address which Linzey gave at the ASWA Millennial Service for Animal Welfare held at Southwark Cathedral. Some readers may have attended the service or read the text of it afterwards, as it was published by ASWA in booklet form. It is a fitting conclusion, and serves as a challenge to the Christian churches to awaken from their 'current state of indifference, if not negligence' on the question of concern for the other-than-human animals in God's creation.

Each chapter is, as one would expect, extremely well annotated, and could be read independently of the others, but there is a logical progression. An Appendix reproduces the 'Open Letter to the Bishops on Hunting', which originally appeared in the *Church Times* in December 2002. Finally, Linzey provides a very helpful brief summary of each of the texts that he lists in his 'Guide to Further Reading'.

~ Jill Greenway. January 2009

## CORRESPONDANCE

Printed in *The Friend: Might versus right – the age-old question?*

I know this debate is destined to run and run, especially where Friends are actively working in the area of animal research, with humanitarian intentions, no doubt, though not humane. But whenever I hear the pro-vivisection side to the 'Testing concern' debate, as set out by Jennifer Steel (19 September), while not doubting the high motives of people who hold those views, I just always find myself coming back to asking how we as Friends, with our peace testimony and strong beliefs about non-violence, can truly search our souls and still maintain that evil means justify promised, but not even necessarily delivered, good ends.

I have lost close family members to heart disease, leukaemia and Alzheimer's disease, and myself suffer, along with several other relatives, from serious, debilitating auto-immune disorders. The public are so often told that vivisection holds the answer to these terrifying diseases, and because we are right to be scared we can too easily accept that some collateral

(animal) damage is unfortunate, but inevitable. However, coming from a scientific background in the NHS myself, I simply do not see how, by studying other species which have totally different physiologies from our own, we can expect to find the solutions to human diseases; neither can I think that it is morally acceptable to torture other sentient beings in the misguided belief that perhaps, by sheer chance, we might.

How can we hold in the Light *any* view which sanctions cruelty?

**Jill Greenway**, Sidcot Meeting. *September 08*

Printed in *Cambridge Evening News*. October 15 08:

Bobby Roberts and his tacky circus are touring East Anglia, bringing shame on councils who permit it on their land and private landowners who care only about making money.

Anne, the 55 year-old arthritic elephant, goes with them. It is half a century since she was captured in the wild. She is “on display” to members of the public who like to be photographed with her and so share in her degradation and humiliation.

This disgraceful charade of so-called public entertainment is in the tradition of freak sideshows and bull baiting, which were abolished only because a minority of the public, including Quakers, objected and challenged the laws that permitted them.

I hate to see children taken to Bobby Roberts Circus. It has no educational value whatsoever: on the contrary, it encourages them to believe that animals are just commodities to be used as entertainment, not sentient beings who suffer in much the same way as we do when we are exposed to fear, pain and frustration. But we have some protection by law against abuse. Circus animals have less protection than captive animals in zoos.

Please support us in campaigning against circuses that use animals, wild and domestic, and urge your MP to promote legislation that will put a stop to this.

Children can help by debating the issue in school and question why human beings find performing animals amusing. Information available from Captive Animals Protection Society on 0845 330 3911 or email [info@captiveanimals.org](mailto:info@captiveanimals.org).

**Joan Court**, Quaker Concern for Animals, Cambridge.

### **A CELEBRATION OF THE LIVES OF HUGH AND DORIS FLATT**

Our life members died in 2007, Hugh, on the beautiful, frosty night of December 7, exactly five months after his wife Doris.

Doris was an ecumenical Christian, attending a Church of England school, Presbyterian Sunday school and later, a Methodist church. When war broke out in 1939, she went to Westhill College in Birmingham to take a course in Free Church Studies. This led to her volunteering for work with Quaker Relief and it was at Spiceland Training Centre in Devon that she met Hugh, where he was responsible for the farm. They married in a Quaker Meeting.

They started a small farm in West Devon, living in a primitive farmhouse and subsisting on this work, with some visitors and farm trainees. Hugh had wanted to start a small family

farm where they would introduce town people to the realities of the rural life and “discover the significance and interconnection of all life.”

Life in a larger farm in Somerset followed, in partnership with Donald and Marjory Hunt. Hugh had started *Land Heritage*, later called *The Land Trust* (now under the aegis of *The Soil Association*) and continued to support this after their move to a cottage near Wellington. With Doris’s support, he also ran a practice in Homeopathy and Natural Therapy.

For many years, Hugh and Doris supported Quaker Concern for Animals and we are thankful for their help and the achievements of their lives together.

**~ This report is based on Hugh’s celebration of Doris and we regret that we have not, up to going to press, more information on Hugh’s work.**

### STOP PRESS

Rheya Linden, Campaign Director of Animal Active in Melbourne, sent information on the appalling toll the fires have taken on everyone in SE Australia, including on wild and domesticated animals. It is estimated that more than a million native animals have died.

For those who have survived, the recovery process will be long and slow.

“They have lost their homes too and they are not going to be rebuilt in a year or two years, it is a much longer-term picture... you can’t reconstruct a forest,” Gayle Chappell from the Hepburn Wildlife Shelter said.

The fires also destroyed four wildlife shelters, including Stella Reid’s Wildhaven shelter at Kinglake, where all the rescued animals died.

Rheya can be contacted at:

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The RSPCA in Victoria writes that they have been overwhelmed by Australian generosity and are currently distributing food, blankets and so on across the state, and are well equipped to care for animals both at their shelters and in the bushfire areas... their greatest need is now financial donations to support emergency relief work. 100% of donations will support animals affected by bush fires. [www.rspcavic.org](http://www.rspcavic.org)

Also visit [www.wildlifelifevictoria.org.au](http://www.wildlifelifevictoria.org.au)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### QUAKER CONCERN FOR ANIMALS AGM 2009

At **Friends' House**, Euston Road, London, on **Saturday, May 30 09**.

Speakers are **John Webster**, Emeritus Professor of Animal Welfare, Bristol University and **Peter Tatchell**, Green Party human rights spokesperson, Green Party parliamentary candidate for Oxford East and patron of *Animal Aid* and the *Captive Animals Protection Society*.  
- More details on accompanying sheets.

### 6<sup>th</sup>. INTERFAITH CELEBRATION OF ANIMALS

**Sunday, September 6 09** at **GOLDERS GREEN UNITARIANS**,  
HOOP LANE, LONDON.

Keynote speaker is the **Rev. Dr. Andrew Linzey**.