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Animal Rights & GE Issues

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GE Tree Concerns Resurface

26 June

GE Free New Zealand has renewed its campaign against GE trees being grown here, although it is unclear what has spiked the group's interest again about this topic.

The group is promoting this detailed illustration (below) from the Global Justice Ecology Project of New York.

GE Free NZ has campaigned vigorously to stop the National Environment Standard for Plantation Forestry (NES-PF) including GE trees which is due for commencement sometime late 2017 to early 2018.

The dangers of genetically modified trees for New Zealand's ecosystems, including

essential soil organisms, plants, birds, and insects could be widespread, permanent, and economically damaging, the group claims.

BIOTECH GREENWASH: GE TREES

Our Natural Forests Are in Danger of Being Replaced By Genetically Engineered Trees

GE Trees are NOT Hybrid!








GE Trees are NOT Hybrid!

GE Trees are Alien to the land. We can't predict how they will affect ecosystems and other organisms.

MONOCULTURE TREE PLANTATIONS COMPLETE BIODIVERSITY LOSS!

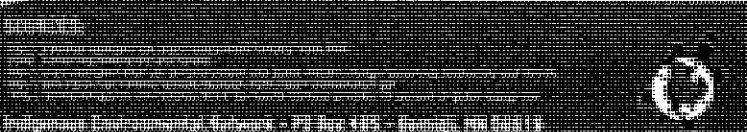


GE trees / tree plantations can NOT replace the myriad of complex functions of a natural forest.

-  70% of animal and plant diversity in the world depend on forests for their survival and regeneration
-  Forests are vital to preserving water systems... one-fifth of fresh water in the world is found in the Amazon Basin alone.
-  Tropical, temperate deciduous and coniferous, and boreal forests are the lungs of Mother Earth as they filter and regenerate the air every organism needs to complete their lifecycle - cradle to grave.
-  1.5 billion people depend on forests for shelter, food, water, and other essential daily needs
-  70% of all new drugs introduced in the past 25 years have derived from forest plants, animals, and microbial material

All these forests are essential, irreplaceable and under threat. We must protect them now.

Learn More: saveourroots.org



Animal Rights Workshop

25 June

Auckland activist group Direct Animal Action says it held a successful training workshop for its members at the weekend, with two Wellington animal rights activists from the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary travelling up to deliver training on the topic of 'Privilege and Intersectionality.'

Intersectionality is a term to describe overlapping or intersecting social identities and related systems of oppression, domination, or discrimination.

Direct Animal Action said it hosted the workshop because there is a "Need to acknowledge and fight all oppressions through intersectional activism. No oppression is isolated and to fight one we must fight them all."

The training was well attended by about 17 people, with free vegan food supplied by the Tart Bakery of Grey Lynn.



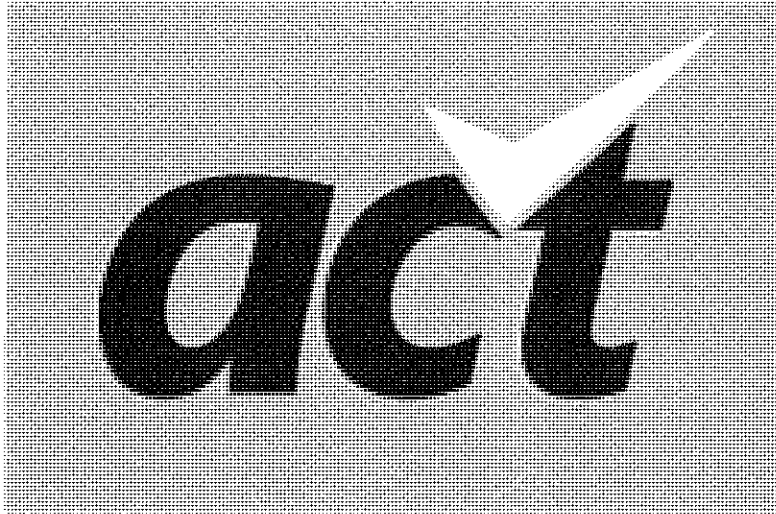
Activists Give Act Party a Zero

23 June

The animal rights group Animal Agenda Aotearoa which exists with the aim of getting political parties to adopt an animal rights policy, which it then rates on a points scale, has given a zero to the Act Party.

According to Animal Agenda Aotearoa, Act deserves this score because, "ACT did not complete our questionnaire and, as far as we know, does not have an animal spokesperson or an animal policy.

"As with every party, we are happy to review the marks if the questionnaire is completed before the election, or other information is provided," it adds.



Screening of Graphically Violent Film

30 June

The Wellington Animal Rights Network (WARN) plans a public screening of the R16 graphically violent animal rights documentary 'Earthlings' at the Wellington Night Market on 30 June, at 6.30pm.

The Chief Film Censor has previously warned animal rights groups about showing this film in public because of its censor rating. This warning has been ignored by the activists, who note there hasn't been any complaints or charges laid against them to

date.

Masked protesters from WARN say they will stand in a cube formation holding out screens showing the graphic footage.

Now more than 12 years old, the 2005 documentary has been described the New Zealand Film Censor as, "Containing horrific images, including live animal skinning, slaughter, abuse, vivisection and cannibalism. It said the graphic nature of the content and how it was depicted was likely to significantly shock and disturb children and young teenagers."



Society Aims to Recruit More Students

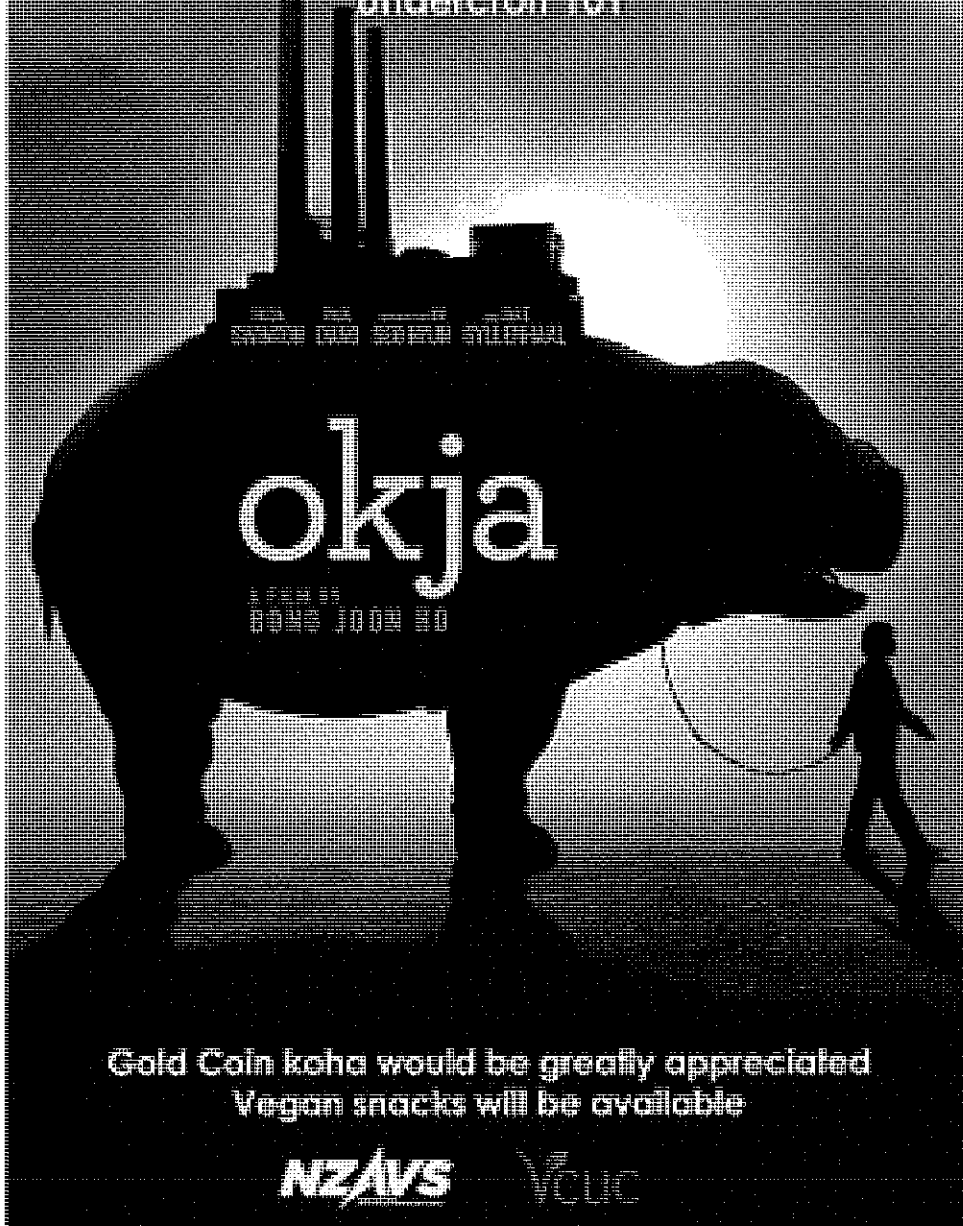
30 June

The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society has teamed up with the Vegetarian Club of University of Canterbury to screen the South Korean-American Netflix action-adventure film 'Okja'.

The film revolves themes of animal activism, corporate greed and scientific ethics. Entry is by as gold coin and is part of the society's campaign to build a stronger student support base. The screening is occurring at Undercroft 101 under the University of Canterbury main library at 7.30pm, with free vegan snacks provided.

OKJA SCREENING

Friday the 30th of June at 7:30pm
Undercroft 101



NZ Animal Law Conference

01 July

The New Zealand Animal Law Association will be hosting the 2017 Animal Law Conference in Auckland at 10am on 01 July in the Kensington Swan Conference

Centre.

The association has announced it has secured a larger venue after the initial seats sold out, and another 120 made available. The association says 100 of these additional seats have already been sold. Tickets for this event are \$65 each (\$25 for students). The association has announced that the keynote international speakers will be vegetarian advocate Dr Jane Goodall, a world most famous expert on chimpanzees, and who is also speaking at a sold out public address at the Logan Campbell Centre on the evening of 01 July.

Also speaking will be retired Australian High Court judge Michael Kirby, formerly the longest serving judge of Australia's highest court (the High Court of Australia being the equivalent of the Supreme Court here). Since his retirement from the Bench, Judge Kirby has become a prominent advocate of animal welfare.



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SAFE Scores One Against NZ Pork

02 July

The 'Pigcare' label stamped on New Zealand pork products risks breaching the Fair Trading Act and misleading consumers about the animal welfare, a Commerce Commission investigation has found.

The 'Pigcare' label was launched by NZ Pork in 2010 and is promoted as a "world-class" seal of approval of high animal welfare. Consumer NZ says it criticised the labelling programme at the time for failing to require farmers to do more than meet the minimum standards of the Animal Welfare Code.

Six years after the label was launched, the Commission's investigation has concluded

it may have misled shoppers about the welfare benefits provided to animals at 'Pigcare'-accredited farms.

"The Pigcare logo may give consumers the impression that pork products with these labels are farmed with methods that provide pigs with significantly greater welfare than provided by the minimum legal requirements," says the Commission Head of Investigations.

He adds that NZ Pork's own consumer survey lent weight to the commission's conclusion. Survey respondents thought the label showed 'Pigcare'-accredited farmers used ethical practices and cared for the welfare of pigs. "This may be inconsistent with the actual farming practices of some pig farms, which nevertheless still qualify to use the Pigcare label," he says.

The Commission's investigation of the 'Pigcare' label, which stemmed from complaints from animal rights group SAFE and others, resulted in compliance advice being issued to NZ Pork. Compliance advice is used to caution companies about their Fair Trading Act obligations.

In its advice, the Commission suggested NZ Pork add qualifying statements to the logo, making clear the limited nature of the 'Pigcare' requirements. It also suggested improving website information to clearly identify the welfare benefits pigs farmed under 'Pigcare' receive, above those required by the code.

NZ Pork says it never intended to claim the label presented a welfare benefit beyond that required by the code. Where 'Pigcare' raises the bar, is in the additional factors it assesses, such as the standard of buildings and farm maintenance.

NZ Pork has recently overhauled the logo, saying the revamped logo is designed to distinguish local pork from imported meat, which comprises 58 percent of the market. The logo features a prominent 'born and raised in New Zealand' tagline as well as a link to its 'Pigcare' website.



Animal Law Conference a First

01 July

New Zealand's first ever Animal Law Conference was hosted by the New Zealand Animal Law Association (NZALA) in Auckland at the weekend with support from the NZ Law Society and the AUT School of Law.

The one-day event featured renowned animal law experts, including former Australian High Court Australia Judge, Michael Kirby, who was a member of Australia's highest court for 13 years, and world renowned anthropologist Dame Jane Goodall.

The conference proved so popular that the organisers twice had to find a larger auditorium for participants. At least 180 people attended.

Justice Kirby spoke about problems in Australia's animal law regime and strategies for the future, while Dame Jane Goodall discussed her work furthering animal welfare, including her work to combat the illegal wildlife trade.

Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere, a senior lecturer of animal law and administrative law at the University of Otago, spoke on animal sentience and the law. Natalie Walker, a Crown Solicitor at crown lawyers Kayes Fletcher Walker, discussed animal welfare

prosecutions.

Mike Bodie, a prosecutions counsel for the Department of Conservation (DoC), spoke about wildlife prosecutions, and Kensington Swan solicitor Danielle Duffield, who is the New Zealand Animal Law Association president, spoke on the practical operation of the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

Vernon Tava, who is also a lawyer and Waitemata Local Board member, discussed animals and legal standing.

Commenting on the reasons for holding the conference, the Animal Law Association released a statement saying, "This conference represents an important opportunity for those interested in the status and welfare of animals under the law to learn more about the issues affecting New Zealand's animals and to engage in constructive dialogue about future reform."

The conference was also supported by the New Zealand Law Foundation and the New Zealand Companion Animal Council Trust.



Call to Ban Farrowing Crates

30 June

National animal rights group SAFE renewed its call to ban farrowing crates in response to NZ Pork announcing it was judging its '100% New Zealand Pork, Bacon & Ham Competition' for meat that carries their 'PigCare' label.

SAFE claims that 'PigCare' is, "Just a misleading marketing ploy, which allows pigs to be locked up in factory farms." SAFE has pointed to this belief being supported by recent findings by the Commerce Commission (see item above).

SAFE says that, "In 2010 after massive exposes by SAFE sow stalls, where female pigs were kept whilst pregnant for weeks on end, were made illegal. The ban came into force December 2015. The government updated the Animal Welfare Act in 2015 in a way that should have guaranteed that farrowing crates were banned as well. Instead, they have chosen to allow their continued use indefinitely."



Animal Rights Groups Lose Over Will

29 June

A will made by an 81-year-old Palmerston North man only six weeks before he died leaving all his fortune to two animal groups and nothing to his only son, has been overturned by a High Court agreement.

The two animal rights groups will still receive something, but it will be a lot less than the \$3.6 million they originally were bequeathed.

The man's son, who has special health needs, will now receive more than \$1 million, along with two Palmerston North properties, in an agreed settlement of his claim against his father's estate.

As a result animal rights groups SAFE (Save Animals From Exploitation) and PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), will get a smaller share of the \$3.6m than the retired economics professor intended.

The Belgium-born university professor and economist died in Palmerston North in May 2014, just days after he turned 81, and about six weeks after making a will. The death notice did not mention his son. He had asked that in lieu of flowers donations be made to SAFE to lobby and promote the development of non-animal tests for medical research.

But the man's son made a court claim asking for a share of his father's estate because of a failure to make "provision sufficient for his proper maintenance".

In a decision from the High Court in Wellington, Justice Jill Mallon said the son had financial needs compounded by health difficulties. The parties settled his claim so that two properties were to be transferred to him, along with \$1,040,000.

The judge said she was satisfied it was appropriate given the circumstances to provide for the son to be provided for out of his father's estate.

The man's father was a "major New Zealand economist" according to a tribute from the New Zealand Association of Economists. He had been a powerful voice for economic rationality, particularly in his opposition to the proposed aluminium smelter at Aramoana, Otago, in the 1970s and early 1980s, it said.

Along with three Palmerston North properties, his estate included bank accounts in New Zealand and Belgium, and an American retirement portfolio.

SAFE's Chief Executive said she was not sure how much her organisation would receive, but perhaps about \$800,000. She said it was new to her that family members could contest a will.

On one view, she could see that it was fair that it could be challenged but her previous

experience was in the United Kingdom and the Netherlands, where she said a person's will was considered final.

SAFE was very grateful for the bequest but would have been able to do even more if the original will had stood, she said

In the negotiations over the will, SAFE had explained why it needed the money but had also taken legal advice, and come to the agreement it did, she said.

It was unusual for it to receive such a large bequest, although it had also been lucky in the past financial year to have received a substantial sum.

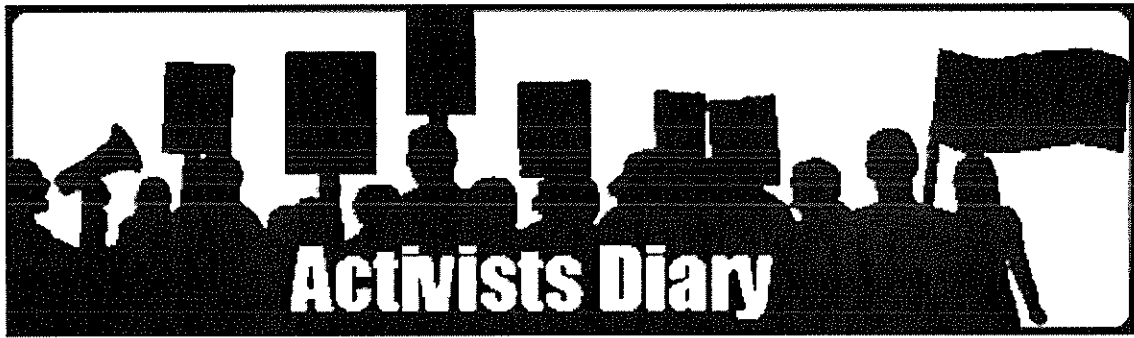
The bequest would allow it to focus more on areas such as research and policy. It would be able to hire staff, including an overseas professor of animal welfare who was to be its director of research and education.

Animal issues were becoming more mainstream and the money would allow SAFE to take its work to the next level, she said.

She had not known the professor but believed that his partner had encouraged his interest in animal rights.

PETA does not have a presence here in New Zealand, although it is a worldwide movement.





The Vegan Ball

02 December

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Parties Animal Rights Rankings

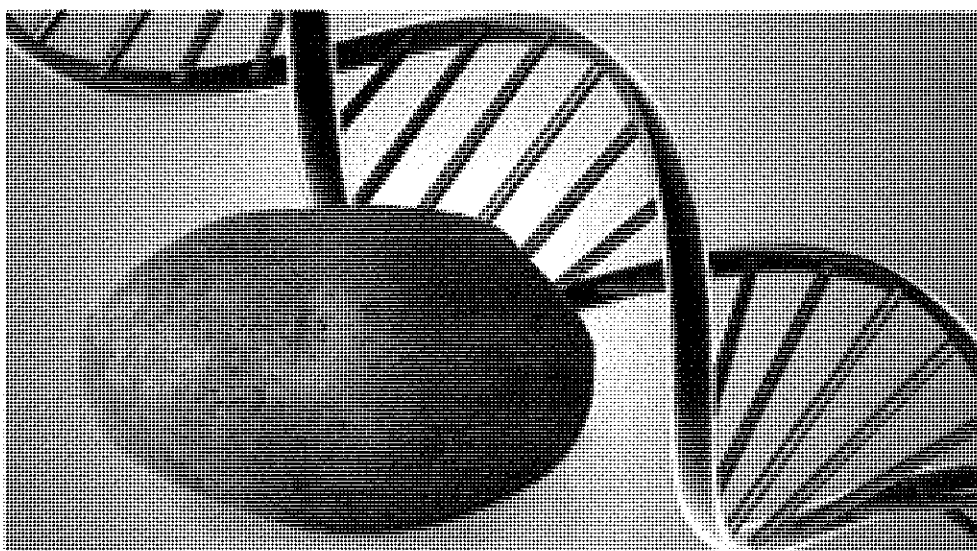
10 July

The issue motivated group 'Animal Agenda Aotearoa' which is led by an Auckland barrister has published the chart below evaluating the main political parties' commitment and policies on animal rights.

According to the group, only four political parties "care about animal rights" and have policies which reflect this. These parties are the Green Party, Labour Party, United Future, and the Maori Party. The Green Party tops the list with a score of 18.5 and the Act Party comes last with a score of zero.

The two groups have submitted the application should be declined for the following reasons:

- An adequate risk assessment and evaluation of the effect/s of novel genes/proteins and subsequent changes in the A1139 potato lines has not been carried out.
- No independent feeding test risk assessments have been undertaken or evaluated by FSANZ.
- The applicant information provided on safety is insufficient and lacking up to date metabolic profiling using proteomic testing for entry into the food chain.
- The lack of information does not allow the consumer to make informed decisions and removes consumer choice.
- By not allowing for labeling of A1139, FSANZ has not provided information to consumers that will enable better consumer choice.
- The assessment has no information about any novel protein/s, which may have been produced during the GE process.
- There is a lack of scientific data necessary to protect and maintain a safe food supply for the health and safety of people in Australia and New Zealand.
- The best available science has not been used to properly guide decision-making.
- The reliance on applicant's data has not shown impartiality, openness and accountability.



New AR Website Aimed at Kids

07 July

The national animal rights group, SAFE, is fundraising to build a new website aimed at boosting its profile amongst children aged 8-14.

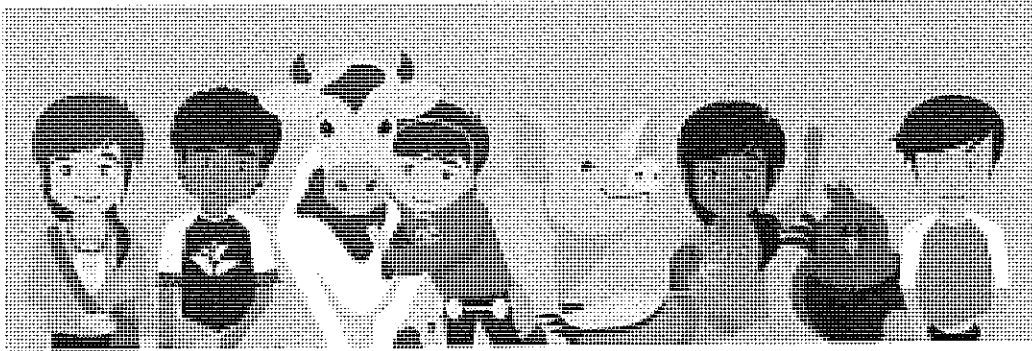
It is this age bracket SAFE says it sees as the "next generation of animal rights activists" and it wants to get them on board early through such tools as its new 'SAFE Animal Squad' youth arm.

SAFE says, "SAFE Animal Squad, for children ages 8 – 14, not only offers children newsletters packed full of information, competitions, games and photos, but will now offer an exciting online community as part of the SAFE Animal Squad website. Being able to give these children the opportunity to interact with one another on a digital platform and easily share resources is the next step toward building compassion through education."

According to, SAFE its new Animal Squad website is almost ready to go live and one of its most generous supporters, who it only identifies as "Patricia" has promised to match every donation towards the cost of the new website.

In June this year, SAFE claimed it already had 300 youth members in its existing youth group in the age 8-14 age bracket, and hopes to double that by the end of the year by having a more dedicated focus on recruiting children.

SAFE says that in addition to free online games, the new 'Animal Squad' website will offer links to SAFE's educational Animals & Us curriculum-based textbook series, and allow primary schoolteachers easier access to the SAFE Animal Squad newsletter to use in their classroom.



Donate Now

Donate by Bank Transfer

The future of New Zealand's animals rests in the hands of the next generation, and they need our help. SAFE Animal Squad is ready to go LIVE and one of our most generous supporters has promised to match every gift we receive towards the new website, as she, like you believes in the next generation of compassionate Kiwis.

Animal Rights Petition Submission

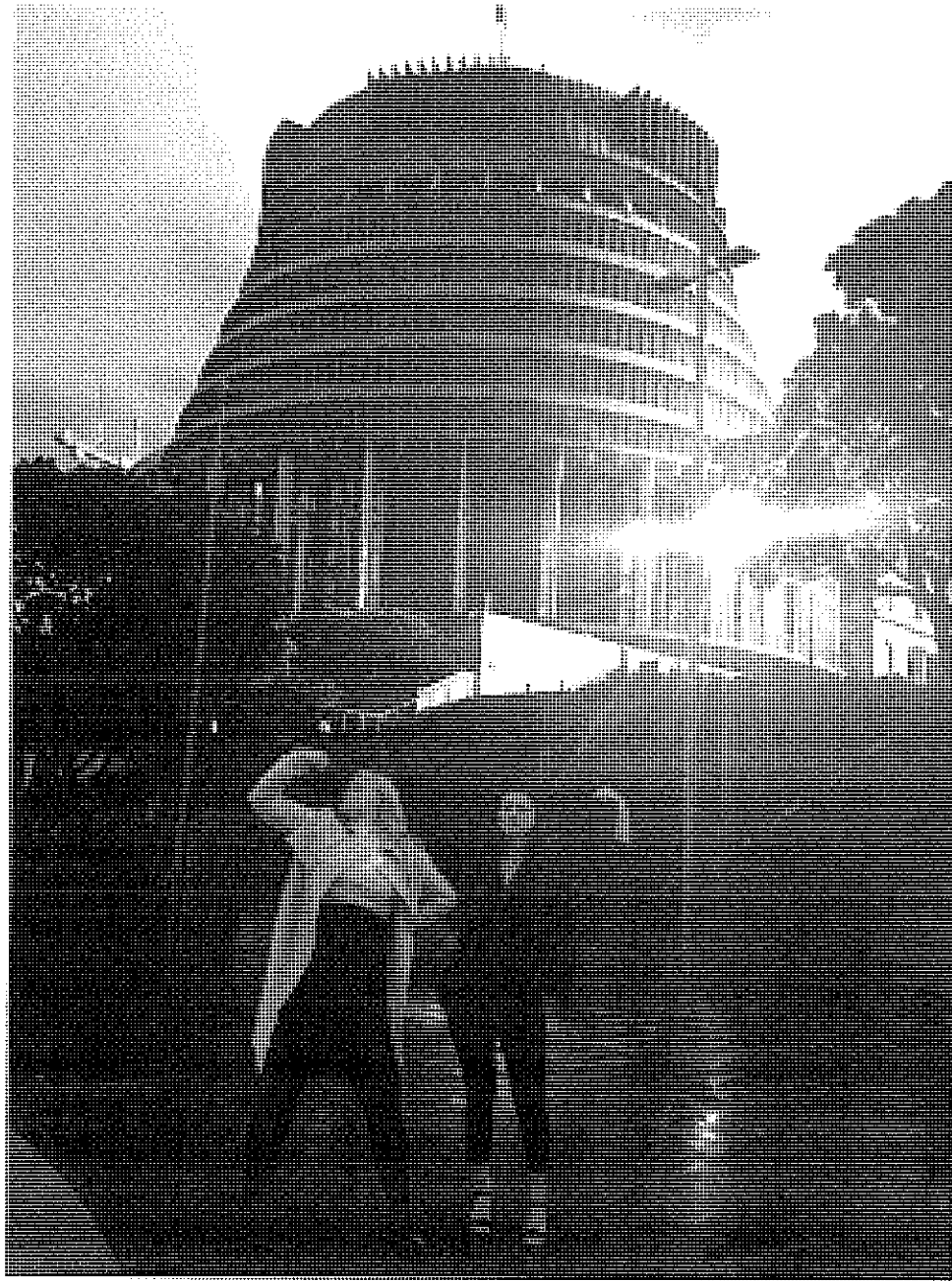
06 July

The Campaign Director and Executive Director of the NZ Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) ham it up outside the Beehive shortly before presenting a submission to Parliament's Primary Production Select Committee last week about the society's 'Out of the Labs' petition.

The 17,000 signature petition calls on Parliament to pass a law requiring that researchers be legally bound to hand over animals to rescue organisations for rehoming at the conclusion of their research instead of being euthanised.

The society claims that currently in New Zealand more than 100,000 animals are euthanised each year immediately after research is completed.

Both officers are employed full-time by the society thanks to a number of generous bequests that have made the society one of the wealthiest animal rights groups in New Zealand.



Farmed Animal Lifespans Attacked

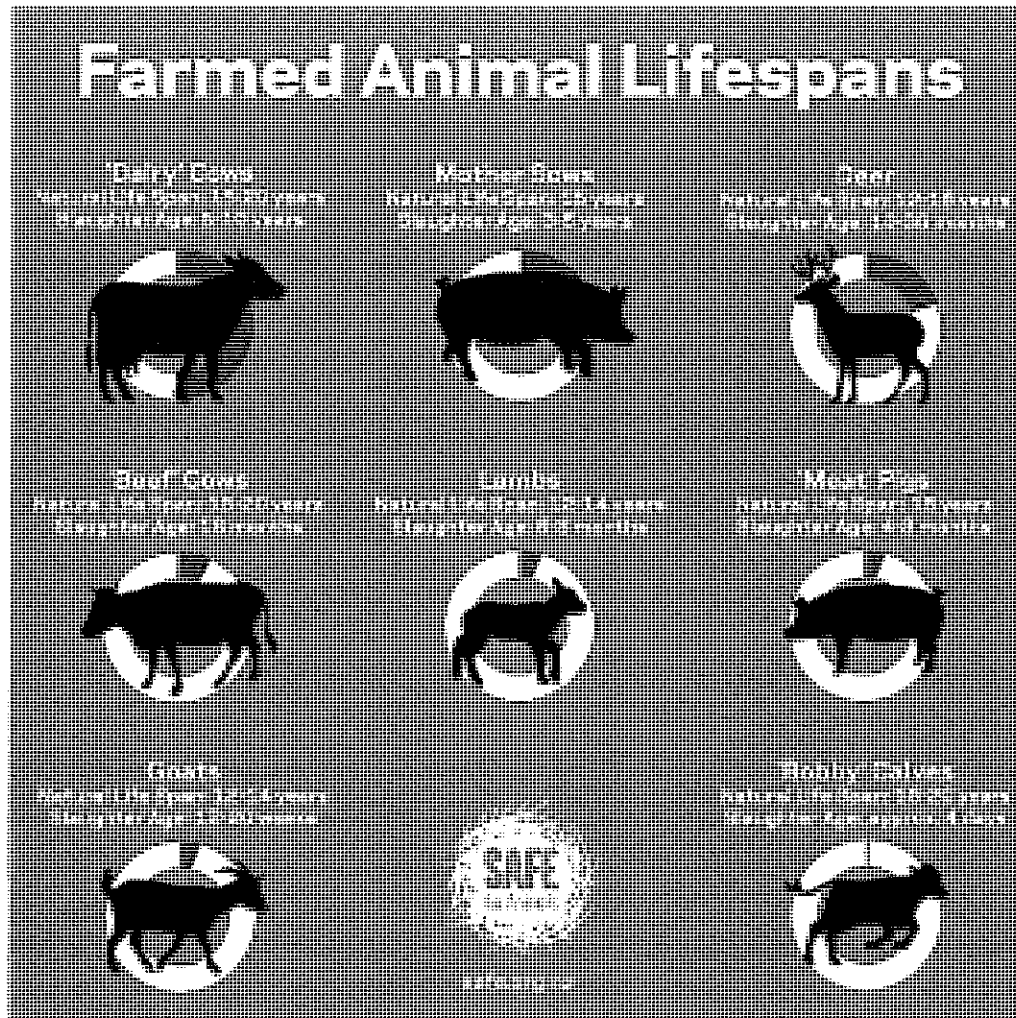
05 July

In a Facebook post, animal rights group SAFE has sought to contrast what it says is the natural lifespan of certain farmed animals with the lifespan that farming and industry 'allows them' (see image below).

The post has received over 800 'likes' and 326 shares on SAFE's Facebook page which

has over 165,000 followers.

Perhaps as an oversight, SAFE has made no mention of broiler hens.



Scaremongering Over GE Trees

04 July

A tree nursery in the Bay of Plenty has sudden become the focus of anti-GE Tree scaremongering.

The recent buy out of Arborgen by New Zealand-owned Rubicon ties New Zealand even more deeply into the biotech tree industry, pushing a dangerous and unsustainable programme involving millions of GE trees, claims the president of anti-GMO issue motivated group GE Free NZ.

One of the biggest eucalyptus plant nurseries, owned by Arborgen NZ, already exists

in Te Teko, she says.

What's more she claimed this month, "They have over the years grown GE eucalyptus. The EPA removed reporting and accountability on this site, there are no annual reports, no inspection or monitoring for potential breaches, escape of GE matter or even that the trees are fully contained."

She describes this as, "A ticking time bomb for the environment and New Zealand forestry exports," and, "The lack of accountability is a serious concern for New Zealand, as escape of any material would threaten New Zealand exports."

She also accuses the MPI of biosecurity "monitoring from their desks and allowing importers and businesses to regulate their own businesses."

She says the EPA must demand that all genetically engineered trials regardless of whether they are private or public must be controlled and contained. GE Free NZ is calling for immediate controls to ensure secure containment, monitoring, inspection and comprehensive annual reporting at the Arborgen site to ensure what it claims is "No long term threat from industry pushing GE plant material."



University Sausage Sizzle

24 July

The Auckland University Animal Rights Group has resumed its on campus fund raising sausage sizzles for other local animal rights groups.

In this case, the sizzle on 24 July will be to raise funds for the group 'Battery Hen Rescue and Rehoming' of Auckland. This group each year buys battery hens from egg farmers who are due to cull their flocks and rehomes them with supporters for a small fee per bird.



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Charity Vegan Sausage Sizzle

Public Hosted by Auckland University Animal Rights Group

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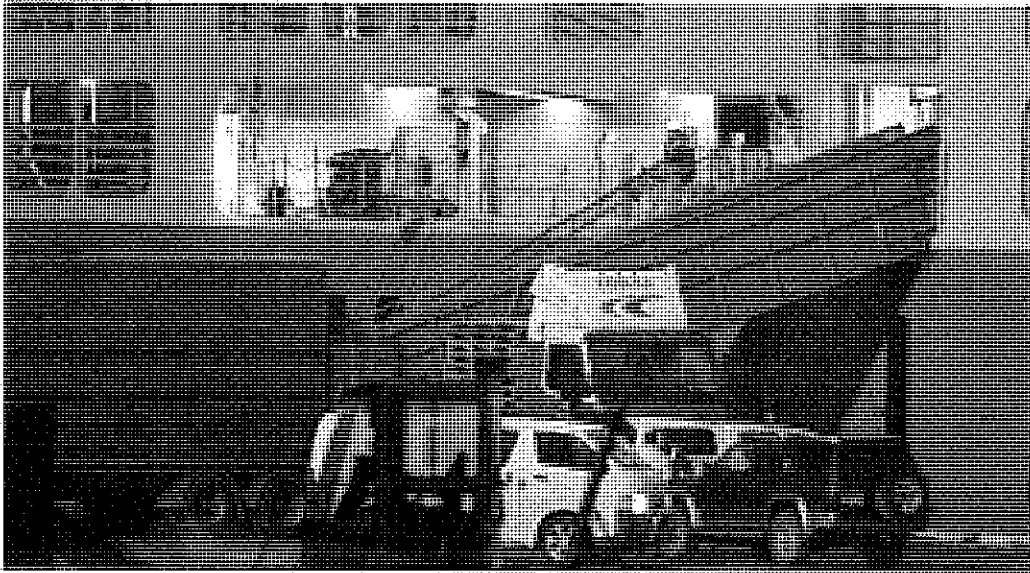
Live Shipments Criticised

20 July

Animal rights groups, already critical of Fonterra over allegations relating to conditions in the dairy industry, have now criticised the country's largest company for shipping live dairy cows to China.

The world's largest livestock carrier, the Ocean Drover, arrived in the Port of Timaru this week to take on part of a shipment of 6,600 dairy cows bound for Fonterra's dairy farms in China. The vessel has now carried on to Napier to collect the remainder of the shipment.

The shipment has been condemned by animal rights groups SAFE, Direct Animal Action, and Farmwatch, and which all want to see live shipments banned.



Appeal to WHO Over Factory Farming

19 July

The national animal rights group SAFE has written to the Regional Director of the World Health Organisation (WHO) in the Philippines calling for "global leadership to stop factory farming."

SAFE's CEO says she has written to WHO advising that, "Unprecedented and rising levels of industrial animal farming in New Zealand and across the region are undermining the WHO's mandate." She says factory farming and over-consumption of animal products must become things of the past.

"Factory farming has become big business in New Zealand with well over one hundred million animals confined in factory farms each year. These industries and those they influence, place profits above the health of Kiwis. Focus on low overheads and heavily industrialised production has resulted in severely compromised animal welfare. Kiwis ultimately pay the price for these low-cost goods with their health," she claims.

In her letter, she goes on to claim that despite a "Wealth of research" demonstrating the merits of following a whole food plant-based diet, the Ministry of Health and other health organisations fall short of adequately sharing this vital, lifesaving information with the public – keeping Kiwis from making informed, healthy, choices about what to

eat.

The full letter can be read here: <https://tinyurl.com/y7zrc155>



Stronger Rules But Still Not Happy

18 July

Despite the Government bringing in 46 new rules toughening up New Zealand's animal welfare laws, the animal rights group SAFE says it's still not satisfied and is unhappy with proposals to continue with farrowing crates which restrict a sow's movements.

Under the new rules, individuals could face fines of up to \$5000 and companies \$25,000 if they cause moderate and likely long-term harm to an animal.

The Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) is also forecasting a sharp rise under the new regulations in the number of infringement notices and prosecutions it is likely to undertake - from 100 a year at present to about 2000.

Up until now the MPI has not had the power to set regulations and fine people accordingly. In serious cases of animal abuse it has been able to prosecute under the Animal Welfare Act, but these prosecutions have been relatively few in number.

The 46 new rules - due to come into effect by October next year - cover everything from the size of farrowing crates, dehorning cattle, induced moulting of layer hens and ensuring crayfish are insensible before being killed.

The new regulations will also outlaw the docking of dogs' and cows' tails. However, piglets' tails will still be able to be docked up until the age of a week old - something

which SAFE is also unhappy about.

The MPI says it received 15,000 complaints last year, which resulted in about 100 prosecutions, and 10,000 verbal warnings. In 5,000 cases the issues were resolved or they were unsubstantiated.

Under the new rules, there will be two classes of offence: "infringement" and "prosecutable".

The infringement offences will not result in a criminal conviction and will carry a maximum fine of \$500, with the test being whether a person "may cause mild to moderate short-term harm to an animal".

The prosecutable offences "may" result in a criminal conviction and carry the high penalties.

The MPI hopes to have the regulations ready by the end of this year so people had sufficient time to ensure their systems were up and running by the time they came into effect next October.

In 2014, New Zealand's animal welfare system was ranked first equal out of 50 countries assessed by the global animal protection charity World Animal Protection.

However, SAFE's CEO says she questions whether the MPI will have the resources to enforce the new regulations. She said one of the chief areas of concern was the use of farrowing crates for pigs, where sows were kept confined without being able to move for four to five weeks.

She conceded that one of the reasons they were used was to ensure sows did not crush piglets, but said one of the problems was related to genetics - sows had been bred so large that they endangered their offspring.

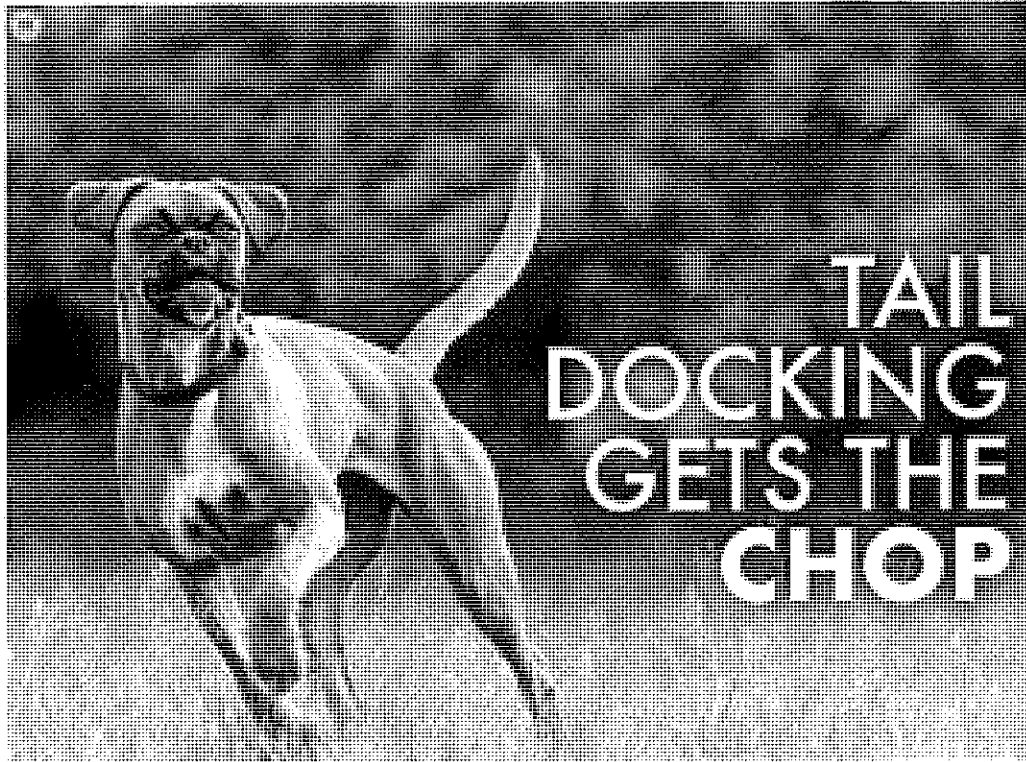
She also pointed to the 30 per cent of pig farm where the crates were not used, and where they had few problems.

The MPI says it received more than 1400 submissions on the proposals, with 1000 from individuals and 400 from organisations. There were a significant number of "form submissions", most from SAFE and submitted by about 600 individuals.

The New Zealand Veterinary Association (NZVA) welcomed the new regulations, saying they were a win for the wellbeing of our animals.

Among the changes it supported were related to cattle disbudding, whereby pain relief will be mandatory. The NZVA said it viewed pain relief for disbudding as being accessible, practical, effective, and affordable.

It also hailed the rules on animal transportation. The proposed regulations will make existing restrictions on the transportation of lame, diseased, or ill animals enforceable.



Animal Rights Submission

15 July

The NZ Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) has published a summary of its submission to Parliament's Primary Production Select Committee asking Parliament to pass a law requiring that researchers be legally bound to hand over animals to rescue organisations for re-homing at the conclusion of their research instead of being euthanised.

The society is asking that such a law be included in either as a purpose of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 Part 6 (s 80 (2) (b)) or included as an amendment to the mandatory content in a code of ethical conduct (s 88).

The society's summary reads:

In New Zealand each year between 220 – 300 thousand animals used for research, testing, and teaching. In 2015 (most recent data available): 88,200 animals euthanised immediately following the completion of research.

That's 240 animals killed every day. In recent years, this number has been between 80,000 and 110,000 animals euthanised in the space of a year. The 'social license' for animal experimentation is based on the expectation that animals are well cared for in

laboratories and that researchers are committed to the minimisation of harm through adoption of the 3Rs Principle: Replacement, Reduction, and Refinement.

The 3Rs are also included in the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Researchers themselves promote these beliefs: "Our "duty of care" towards animals highlights our obligation to meet the welfare needs of all the animals we control or own. This means providing for their nutritional, environmental, health, behavioural and mental needs". - Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching Ltd (ANZCCART).

The Out of the Labs Petition was partly inspired by the 2011 rescue of beagles from the Valley Animal Research Centre by our collaborative partner, Helping You Help Animals (HUHA). These beagles have been rehabilitated and rehomed by HUHA, and have become loved and loving companion animals. Professional animal rescuers have the expertise to determine which animals will can overcome their experiences and have a fulfilling life after research.

NZAVS are asking that the New Zealand government amend the Animal Welfare Act 1999 to include a mandatory retirement policy for ex-lab animals. This would ask research facilities to make a good-faith attempt to rehome any animals who survive the research process – most likely this would simply involve a phone call or email to their local rescue. We would ask that the animals used for breeding animals for research also be included.

The submission was presented earlier this month by the society's full-time Campaign Director (see left, photo below), and full-time Executive Director, both of whom work out of the society's Christchurch head office.



GE Free Stance a 'World Leader'

15 July

A visiting US plant pathologist says New Zealand is setting a positive example on the world stage for its GE free stance.

Emeritus Professor Don Huber of Purdue University, Indiana, was in the country attending a range of agricultural conferences and meetings discussing disease control and crop productivity.

Professor Huber gave a talk to about 50 people in Featherston about the impacts that genetically modified organism (GMO) production was having on human health. He also ran a workshop in Greytown where he met with members of the issue motivated group GE Free NZ.

His visit was to impart knowledge gained during his 55 years of research, in the hope, he said that New Zealand "doesn't make some of the same mistakes we [America] have."

He said New Zealand set an example to the rest of the world by providing healthy and nutrient-dense food products. "You're one of the very few countries that hasn't polluted the soils and general environment with the genetically engineered proteins - many of those we don't even know what they are or what the full safety effects are, we are just know we are seeing the health effects," he said.

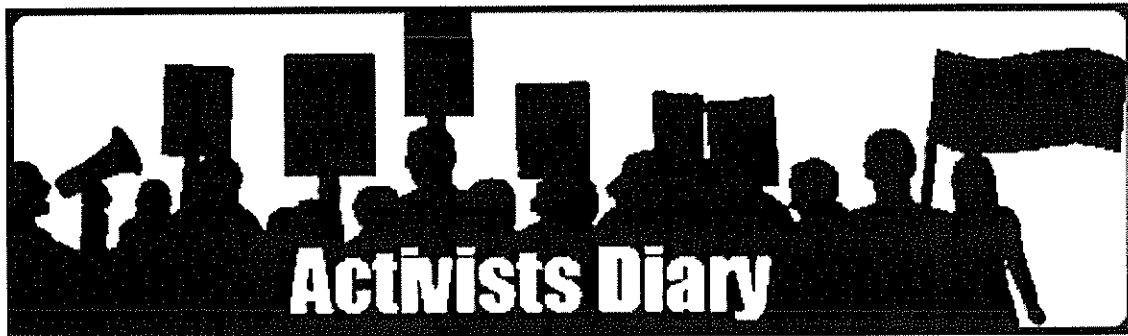
Professor Huber said the deterioration of health in America was serious and reaching "epidemic proportion" and there was a direct correlation between this and GMO toxicity, he claimed.

Many safety studies on GMOs had until recently been kept from the public arena, he said, and research coming to light was enabling experts to evaluate the effects on human health. He claims about 32 diseases had so far been linked to GMO proteins, including some cancers, inflammatory bowel-type diseases, diabetes, depression, neurological conditions, and obesity.

Professor Huber described New Zealand as an important niche in the food supply system and he said he hoped politicians would not succumb to the "tremendous pressure being applied to adopt GMO practices by companies with patents on the products."

"I think future historians will look back and write about our time - not about how many pounds of pesticides we did or didn't apply, but about how willing we are to sacrifice our children and jeopardise future generations with this experimental process we call

genetic engineering that's based on flawed science and failed promises just to benefit the bottom line of the commercial enterprise," he said.



University Sausage Sizzle

24 July

The Auckland University Animal Rights Group has resumed its on campus fund raising sausage sizzles for other local animal rights groups.

In this case, the sizzle on 24 July will be to raise funds for the group 'Battery Hen Rescue and Rehoming' of Auckland. This group each year buys battery hens from egg farmers who are due to cull their flocks and rehomes them with supporters for a small fee per bird.



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Charity Vegan Sausage Sizzle

Public Hosted by Auckland University Animal Rights Group

Auckland Animal Rights Workshop

30 July

The Auckland animal rights group Direct Animal Action (DAA) is hosting a workshop on political lobbying skills for animal rights activists. The workshop is being held at the group's monthly meeting in Grafton.

The workshop is being run by an Auckland barrister and animal rights lobbyist who heads the group Animal Agenda Aotearoa (AAA), an organisation which interviews all political parties on their animal policies and asks what improvements they support to make lives on New Zealand animals better.

DAA says she will be speaking about how to effectively lobby politicians for animals ahead of this year's General Election. She will also talk through the political party responses AAA has received so far regarding their animal policies.

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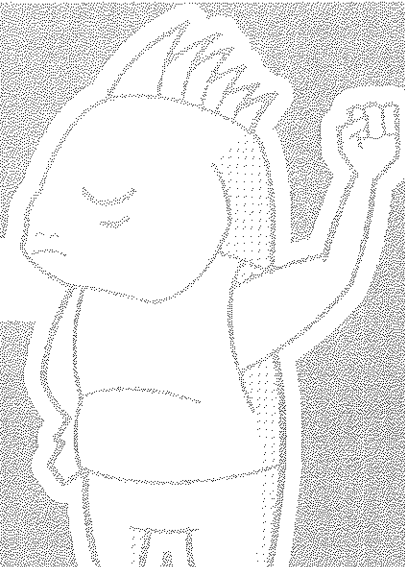
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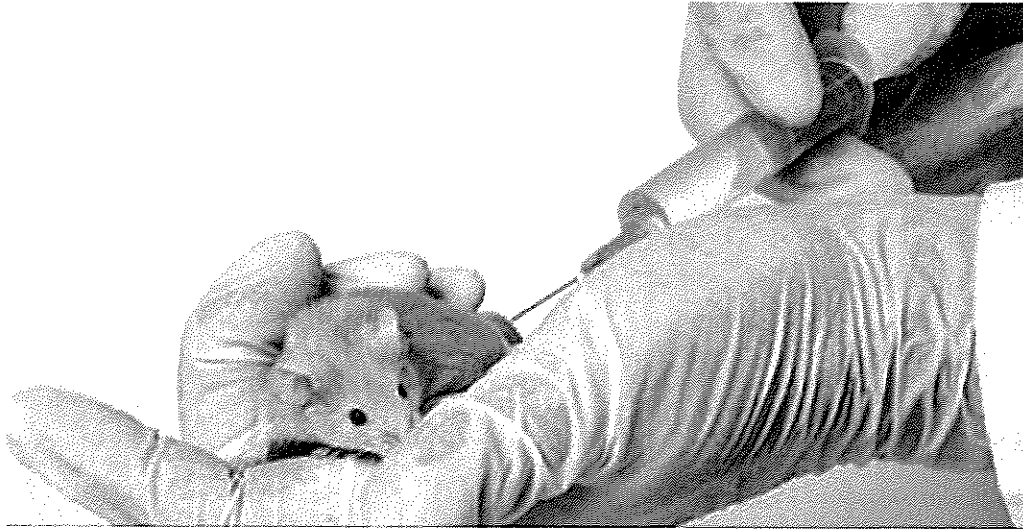
04 August

The Wellington Animal Rights Network, which calls itself WARN, says it will demonstrate in the Capital on 04 August at a fund raising event being held by the Malaghan Institute.

WARN says it plans to start the protest at 6.15pm and continue to at least 10pm. It has put out a public appeal for people to support the protest, saying it will supply the placards.

So far 14 people have indicated via a Facebook events page for the protest that they will be supporting it. This includes the head of the Wellington office for the national animal rights group SAFE, and the Wellington representative of the militant animal rights group Farmwatch.

The NZ Anti-Vivisection Society says it will also support the protest because like WARN, it asserts the institute uses animals in research. A spokeswoman for WARN has told supporters, "We think this cruel treatment of animals needs to stop and we will be telling them so at their fund-raising dinner."



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Stop Animal Testing Demonstration

Public · Hosted by Wellington Animal Rights Network

The Vegan Ball

02 December

Planning has already started for this year's annual Auckland Vegan Ball, a popular event with animal rights activists in the upper part of the North Island.

This year it is being held at the Western Springs Lakeside Park on 02 December.

This year's ball is in aid of raising funds for militant animal Auckland rights group Farmwatch which specialises in breaking into factory farms, and the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary in Otaki.



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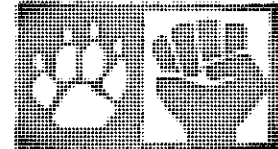
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Cow Neglect Case Fuels SAFE

18 August

Predictably, the national animal rights group SAFE has used this month's prosecution of a Southland dairy farm corporation and two of its farm managers to fuel its ongoing campaign against the dairy industry.

SAFE has described as "A slap on the wrist" the \$49,000 in fines and costs handed down to the corporation and the \$10,000 fines and 275 hours of community service handed down to the two farm managers involved.

The District Court heard last week that on two farms operated by Invercargill-based Castlerock Dairies, 193 cows had to be euthanized, and another 761 required urgent

veterinary treatment. Almost 100 others had ingrown horns. More than 1,000 cows were affected, out of a herd of approximately 4,000 cows.

The court was told that the number of animals affected, and the level of neglect, were described as "unparalleled and unprecedented" by a senior attending veterinarian with over 18 years' experience.

The maximum available penalties under the Animal Welfare Act are 12 months imprisonment and a \$50,000 fine for individuals, and a \$250,000 fine for corporations. According to SAFE, the penalties handed down in the Castlerock Dairies case, "Represents nothing short of a gross miscarriage of justice, for the animals this Act was designed to protect. Penalties a mere quarter or less of those available, for animal welfare offences at the most extreme end of the scale, clearly demonstrate that those of us who care about animals cannot rely on our legal system alone."

SAFE's veterinary Professor of Animal Welfare, who is based at the University of Winchester's Centre for Animal Welfare in the UK, is critical of the fact neither farm managers were disqualified by the court to work with animals, but have gone on to work for other farms after being dismissed from Castlerock.

Accordingly, SAFE says it is encouraging consumers of milk and cheese to take a stand against dairy cow abuse, by considering alternatives such as soya-milk, and non-dairy cheese and adopting SAFE's 'Eat Kind' programme which advises and supports those wishing to trial alternatives to dairy.

APPALLING NEGLECT



...but just a slap on the wrist.

Claim Meat Eaters on the Decline

17 August

A survey conducted by Kiwi vegan meat substitute company Bean Supreme claims that that 53 percent of Kiwis said they are eating less meat, and 24 percent expected to be mostly meat-free by 2025.

According to the survey, of the 1,007 survey respondents, four percent indicated they are currently vegetarian or vegan. The survey found that these people were most likely to live in Auckland or Canterbury, be female, and were aged 25-54.

According to the Bean Supreme survey, the growth in those going vegetarian or following a mainly meat-free diet was primarily in the millennials group, aged 16-24.

According to the national animal rights group SAFE which is promoting the survey results, these figures echo similar surveys carried out around the world.

For example, SAFE claims research commissioned by the UK Vegan Society found that the number of vegans in the UK had grown by 260 percent from an estimated 150,000 in 2006 to 542,000 in 2016, which is around 1 percent of the UK's population.

According to SAFE, in terms of Google searches, within New Zealand, 'vegan' searches

mirror global trends, with Otago demonstrating the largest interest, followed by Wellington, Nelson, Canterbury and Auckland.

During the last week of July, a new vegan product, Chicken-free chicken by Sunfed Meats, hit the shelves in New Zealand. Made from pea protein in New Zealand this product aims to appeal to people who love the taste and texture of chicken. That week, spikes in NZ 'vegan' searches were the highest in months, claims SAFE.



Animal Welfare Election Focus

16 August

The New Zealand Anti-Vivi-Section Society (NZAVS) has jumped on the election bandwagon with advice as to how its supporters should vote in the forthcoming General Election.

The society says it believes voting in the next election could help end "animal experimentation in New Zealand." It says it asked all political parties in New Zealand two questions:

1. Would your party support a ban on the importation and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals?

2. Would your party support the use of non-animal based methods being mandatory, where they exist & are validated?

The society has published the responses it received and says currently NZ law does not require people using animals for research, testing or teaching to use non-animal based tests, instead of animal tests where they exist and are validated.

It also says that while it is now illegal to test cosmetics on animals in New Zealand it is still legal to import and sell cosmetics in NZ that have been tested on animals. The society is promising that implementing a sale and imports ban is the next step in its 'Be Cruelty-Free' campaign which it will be launching in the near future.

A full copy of the society's election advice can be read here:

<http://nzavs.org.nz/articles/voting-in-the-next-election/>

	Green	Labour	Māori	ACT	Liberal	United	Mana
Will your party support the use of non-animal based methods being mandatory, where they exist & are validated?	✓	○	✓	○	○	○	✓
Will your party support a ban on the import and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals?	✓	✓	✓	○	○	○	○
Will your party support the use of non-animal based methods being mandatory, where they exist & are validated?	○	○	○	○	○	○	○
Will your party support a ban on the import and sale of cosmetics that have been tested on animals?	○	○	○	○	○	○	○

NZAVS

Vote for Animals Campaign

15 August

Animal rights group has launched a campaign to encourage voters in this year's General Election to vote for the political party with the most 'animal welfare friendly' policies.

The campaign involves a series of billboards telling voters their vote could end farming practices such as farrowing crates and a website where each political party's animal

welfare policies are evaluated on a points.

Called 'Vote for Lucy' after a farrowing crate pig SAFE has made the 'face' of the campaign, the website analyses each political party's animal welfare policies.

The Green Party, perhaps unsurprisingly tops the chart with a total of 23 points out of a maximum of 26 achievable (see further image below).

See: <http://voteforlucy.nz/policies>.



	Green	Labour	MANA	Liberal	Party	maorit	U	TOP	Te Pahi	act	ACT	Te Pahi	N
Has an animal welfare policy	2	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0
Ban farrowing crates	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	-1
Ban colony cages	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	-1
Ban all factory farming	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	-1	0	0	-1
End live export	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	-1
Independent animal welfare body	2	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	-1
Ban rodeo	2	1	2	0	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	-1
Compulsory alternatives in testing	2	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Ban sale of animal tested cosmetics	2	1	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	-1	0	0	0
Consider end of jumps racing	1	-1	0	0	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ban greyhound racing	1	1	0	0	-1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	-1
Address aquaculture animal welfare	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0
Address welfare of dairy cattle	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	-1	0	0	0
Total	23	14	14	12	10	9	8	5	3	1	0	0	-7

GE Trees Outcome Seen as a Victory

15 August

New Zealand's anti-GE issue motivated groups have welcomed as a victory the decision to remove a clause allowing genetically engineered rootstock from the National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry.

The Soil & Health Association says it is "thrilled" that newly released standards for forestry no longer include a controversial clause that would have allowed the planting of genetically engineered (GE) trees across New Zealand.

In welcoming the move, GE Free Northland claimed pressure on the Ministry for Primary Industries over the last two years resulted in the MPI removing controversial clause 6.4 (GE trees) from the new National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry.

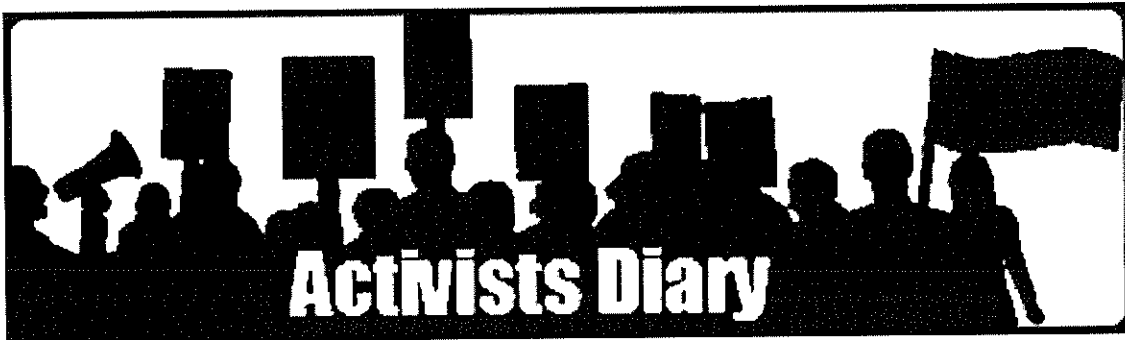
"Despite the ongoing push by the National Party for risky outdoor GE experiments and releases (including the unsuccessful recent attempt by Minister Nick Smith to destroy our valuable enforceable GE Free Zones by amending the RMA), the MPI backed down in the face of 16,000 plus submissions opposing the GE tree clause," GE Free Northland's spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Soil & Health Association, NZ's oldest surviving issue motivated group, said, the removal of the GE clause means that there will be no blanket approval for GE trees anywhere in New Zealand.

Applications for GE trees to the Environmental Protection Authority must be assessed on a case-by-case basis, like all GE applications, with the opportunity for the public to make submissions. Any approvals are subject to regional and district plan provisions which may require additional conditions, or ban the planting of GE trees altogether.

"Including the GE clause would have jeopardised local authorities' ability to manage the outdoor use of GMOs, and put at risk the economic sustainability of a wide range of agricultural export activities reliant on GE-free status," said the Soil & Health Association's spokesman.

Meanwhile, the chair of NZ's largest anti-GE Free issue motivated group (GE Free NZ) said she was pleased the MPI has listened to the thousands of submitters who called for the removal of the clause. "The last minute insertion permitting GE trees was disturbing to more than 16,000 submitters. It is extremely important to communities in New Zealand to keep our environment GE-free," she said.



Animal Welfare Law Webinar

24 August

Legal resources provider LexusNexus is offering a webinar providing an introduction to animal welfare law in New Zealand and the welfare regime, with a specific focus on the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

The webinar will focus on:

- Legislative history of animal welfare in NZ
- Fundamental principles of the Animal Welfare Act 1999
- Animal Welfare Amendment Act (No 2) 2015

- Offences & enforcement regime
- Codes of welfare

The webinar is being led by two Crown prosecutors at the Palmerston North legal firm BVA who conduct prosecutions on behalf of the SPCA.



Animal Rights Workshop

27 August

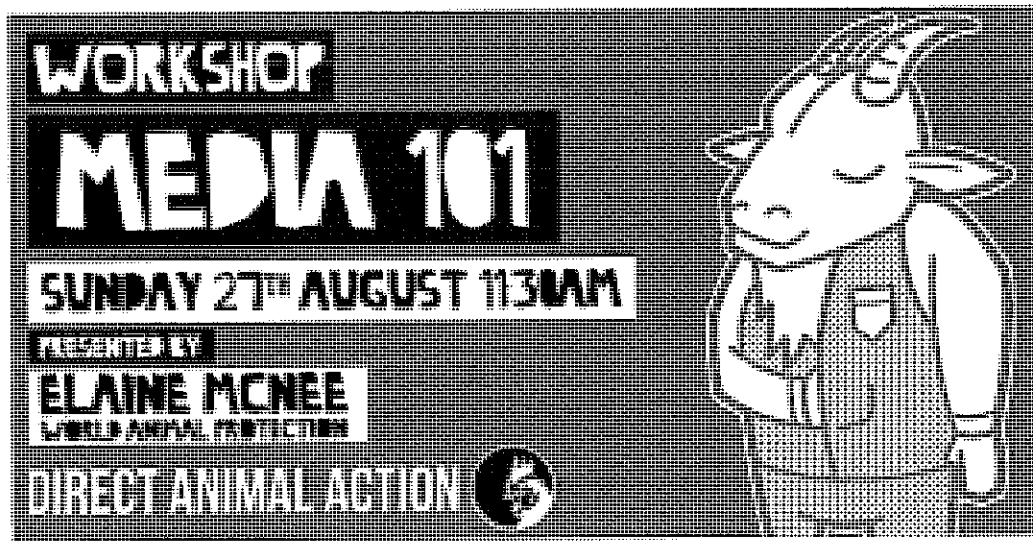
The Auckland animal rights group Direct Animal Action is hosting a workshop on ways animal rights activists can improve their media skills.

Led by a campaign and media specialist who is currently employed as the Communications and Campaign Manager for London-based animal rights group World Animal Protection, the workshop will teach how to get effective news coverage with the public facing media and also with industry media.

Key points the workshop will cover are:

- When to use the Media
- How to use the Media
- How to approach the Media
- How to be interviewed by the Media

The workshop is being held at DAA's usual meeting place, the Hum Salon in the Auckland suburb of Grafton.



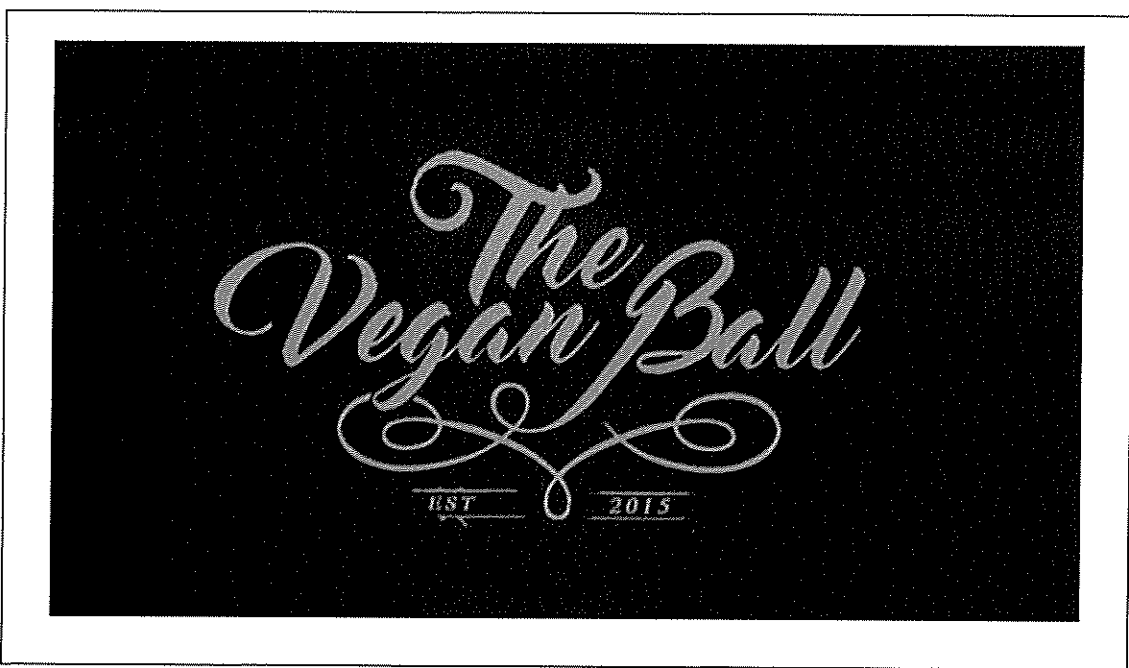
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Animal Law Week at Otago Varsity

14 September

Over the past seven days, the Otago University Student Animal Legal Defense Fund has presented its annual Animal Law Week event at the Dunedin campus.

The event kicked off on 07 September with the Fund inviting Dr Helena Hogberg, of the Johns Hopkins Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, to talk about what the centre has done for over 35 years to develop, validate, and use alternatives to animals in research, product safety testing, and education.

The Fund says her institution provides the University of Otago with a workable alternative to the university's planned new animal research facility which a number of

issue motivated groups are opposing.

Earlier this week, on 11 September, fourth year Otago student Oska Rego presented his argument about how he sees "inherent flaws" in the Animal Welfare Act 1999 could be overcome by including animal welfare considerations in the course of decision-making under the Resource Management Act 1999.

His plan, he says, would require commercial users of animals to obtain an 'animal use consent' and would stop controversial plans such as the University of Otago's new animal research facility or the Mackenzie Basin cubicle dairy farming project from going ahead.

On 12 September, Marcelo Rodriguez Ferrere, senior lecturer in the University of Otago Faculty of Law, spoke on 'Animals, Sentience and The Law'.

This talk discussed contemporary understanding of animal sentience, before critiquing the rationale behind New Zealand becoming the first common law nation to explicitly recognise animal sentience through legislation, and whether our expectations of the Animal Welfare Act 1999 are being fulfilled.

On 13 September, Professor Liz Slooten and Associate Professor Nicola Whéen spoke on their work to preserve New Zealand's rare Maui Dolphin. They presented the latest scientific research on the dolphins and the threats they see them facing from fishing and offshore oil and gas activities. They also discussed whether legislation effectively addresses the threats that the dolphins face.

Finally on 14 September, two presentations have been scheduled. Jasmijn de Boo, who holds a Master's degree in animal management and is the CEO of national animal rights group SAFE, will discuss an argument for the legal rights of vegans that has been presented to British and European lawmakers in support of calls for improved access to vegan medicines and accurate labelling of vegan products.

Also on 14 September, UK-based Dr Andrew Knight, who is the Director of Research and Education for SAFE and Professor of Animal Welfare and Ethics at England's University of Winchester, will present his research whether infamous serial killer Jack the Ripper was a slaughterman.

This talk looks at one of the greatest unsolved crime mysteries in history. Jack the Ripper was notorious for a series of unsolved brutal murders in Victorian England, and his speed and skill fuelled theories he was a surgeon. However, re-examination of a mortuary sketch of one of his victims has revealed his technique was more consistent with that of a slaughterhouse worker. Dr Knight's theory includes a belief that the brutalizing effects of such work adds to concerns that those who commit violence on animals are more likely to also commit violent crimes against people.

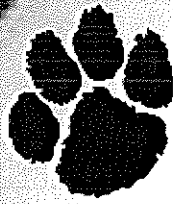


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THURSDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER, 5:30-6:30PM, RICHARDSON 7N10

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MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER, 5:30-6:30PM, RICHARDSON 7N10

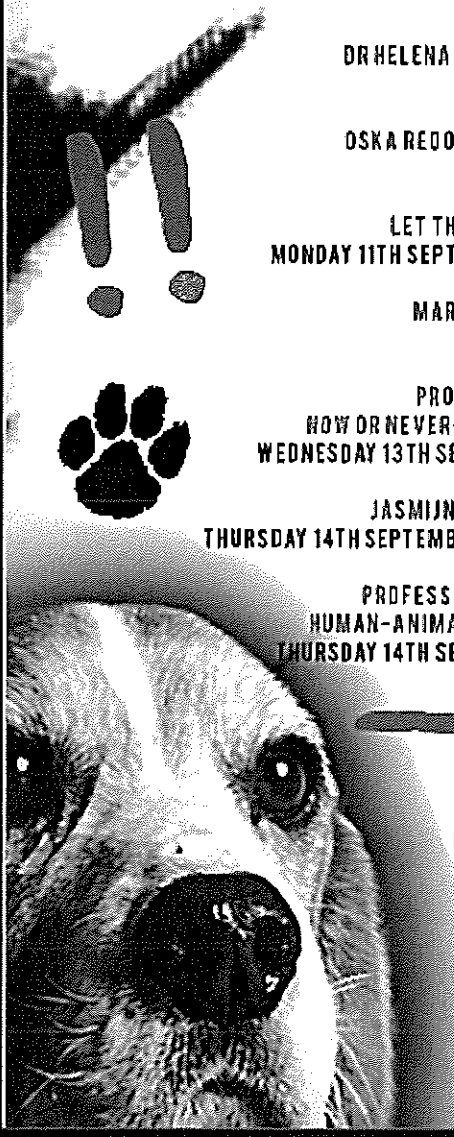
LET THEM EAT VEGAN SAUSAGE SIZZLE: S2 ANIMAL-FRIENDLY SHAGS!
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MARCELO RODRIGUEZ FERRERE: ANIMALS, SENTIENCE AND THE LAW
TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER, 5:30-6:30PM, RICHARDSON 7N10

PROFESSOR LIZ SLOOTEN & ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR NICOLA WHEEN:
HOW OR NEVER; WORKING TO SAVE NEW ZEALAND'S IMPERILLED MAUI DOLPHIN
WEDNESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER, 5:30-6:30PM, MOOT COURT, RICHARDSON BUILDING

JASMIJN DE DOO: VEGANS' RIGHTS AND THE LAW, A UK/EU PERSPECTIVE
THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 1-2PM, QUAD 2 (GEOLOGY BUILDING, BEHIND CLOCKTOWER)

PROFESSOR ANDREW KNIGHT: WAS JACK THE RIPPER A SLAUGHTERMAN?
HUMAN-ANIMAL VIOLENCE AND THE WORLD'S MOST INFAMOUS SERIAL KILLER
THURSDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 5:30-6:30PM, MOOT COURT, RICHARDSON BUILDING



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Graphic Movie Screenings Continue

09 September

Despite warnings from the Film Censor not to, animal rights activists continue to hold public screenings of the graphic R16 animal rights movie 'Earthlings'.

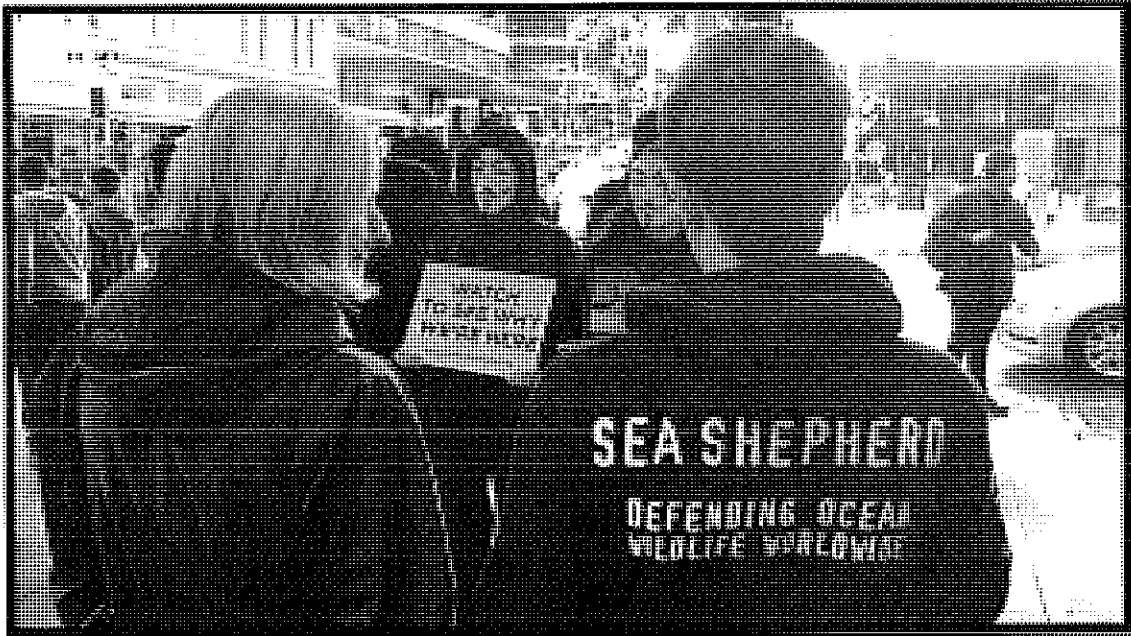
The latest screening occurred in Auckland on 09 September, with another one planned for 07 October, also in Auckland.

The screenings (referred to by the activists as the 'Cube of Truth') are being organised by masked and hooded animal rights activists (see photo below) calling themselves part of the animal rights movement 'Anonymous for the Voiceless'.

Established in April, 2016, Anonymous for the Voiceless is an international animal rights movement that specializes in street activism and involves its members and supporters adopting a sinister appearance similar to followers of the Anonymous international network of hacktivists.

In the latest Auckland screening, a prominent animal rights activist from Invercargill flew up to participate and learn the ropes in order to bring the concept to Invercargill.





Animal Rights Protesters 0 - Nats 1

07 September

National Party supporters, backed up by a no nonsense MP, proved more than a match for animal rights supporters when the latter tried to disrupt a footpath campaign meeting by the Prime Minister in Colombo Street, Christchurch.

Undoubtedly the high point came (especially for the media) when Christchurch Central MP Nicky Wagner dealt swiftly with a male protester by lifting him off the ground after he slipped through the Prime Minister's security cordon smartly dressed in a business suit. Ms Wagner quickly wrapped her arms around the man, lifted him up off the ground and passed him back into the waiting arms of the Prime Minister's security team, who dragged him away.

The man, supported by others (some also disguised as National Party supporters) attempted to infiltrate amongst the Prime Minister's supporters so they could conduct a surprise protest about battery hen and pig farming.

While this was going on, other protesters pushed and shoved with the Prime Minister's supporters in a tussle for each side to get their placards to obscure the others'.

The protesters appeared frustrated that every time they lifted one of their protest signs into the air, it was quickly obscured by a nearby National Party supporter who raised an election placard in front of it. Counter-demonstrations of this type are unusual in animal rights protests.

Noting the protest, the Prime Minister said animal welfare was something the

Government had focused on. "We have taken the steps to change the production systems, change farming practices so that bobby calves are treated in a way that respects the animal welfare [rules], so we've got changes in the pork industry so people find the production process there more acceptable," he said.

The protester in this demonstration used a classic direct action tactic of dressing up as business person and making an effort not to 'look like a protester' in order to infiltrate security. The plan almost worked too if it hadn't for the quick, no nonsense response from a woman MP which seems to have taken both the protester and the Prime Minister by surprise.

The protester who got manhandled out of the way later claimed on Twitter that the MP's actions had amounted to assault.

He has been identified as a former full time campaign manager for animal rights group SAFE, but has now set up his own militant group called 'Resist' and whose website encourages animal rights activists to break the law by acts of civil disobedience in order to make the government abolish factory farming.

In August, members of 'Resist' occupied Cabinet Minister Gerry Brownlee's electoral office for several hours in a protest demanding the Government outlaw factory farming.



Use of Sheep in Research Slammed

06 September

The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) has slammed AgResearch for its research into breeding sheep who produce lower methane emissions.

Methane from livestock is responsible for 33 per cent of New Zealand's greenhouse gas emissions. AgResearch scientists at Invermay are involved in a programme to measure whether breeding sheep for low methane is likely to affect reproduction, productivity, and health.

But the NZAVS says the research programme's requirement to lock sheep into a small confined chamber to record methane emissions (see photo below) is cruel and contrary to New Zealand law which recognises animals as sentient beings.

In a statement, the society's full time Executive Director said, "Animal experimentation is often excused, usually by those who have a vested interest in the continuation of cruelty, as being necessary for medical advancements which will benefit humans.

"This is not the case; animal testing delays effective treatments reaching the patients who desperately need them, and raises the cost of medicines. In New Zealand, the number of animals used for medical experimentation is actually a very small proportion of the total number used.

"Vivisection in New Zealand is linked very closely with animal agriculture. Farm animals in New Zealand are being used in experiments [such as] locking a sheep in a 'portable accumulation chamber' for an hour to see how much methane it produces. The law in Aotearoa has been changed to reflect that animals are sentient beings.

"This experiment may not seem as shocking as some, but I would certainly not volunteer to be locked in that chamber for an hour. In 2015, 23,474 sheep were experimented on in New Zealand. This should not be happening to beings who have legal affirmation of their sentience."



SAFE Invited to Speak at ANZCCART

04 September

The national right rights group SAFE was invited to have its Director of Research and Education address the recent ANZCCART Conference in Queenstown this month.

The theme of this year's conference was 'Maintaining Social License in a Changing World' and reflecting the view that the responsible use of animals in research and teaching is a socially positive activity, which ought to be defended freely.

ANZCCART stands for Australian and New Zealand Council for the Care of Animals in Research and Teaching. It is an independent body which was established to provide a focus for consideration of the scientific, ethical and social issues associated with the use of animals in research and teaching.

SAFE's Director of Research, who is also a Professor of Animal Welfare and Ethics at the University of Winchester, chose to address the conference on the subject of 'What systematic reviews reveal about the utility of animal research.'

Widespread reliance on animal models during preclinical research and toxicity testing assumes their reasonable predictivity for human outcomes. However, he claimed, of 20 published systematic reviews examining human clinical utility located during a comprehensive literature search, animal models demonstrated significant potential to contribute toward clinical interventions in only two cases, one of which was

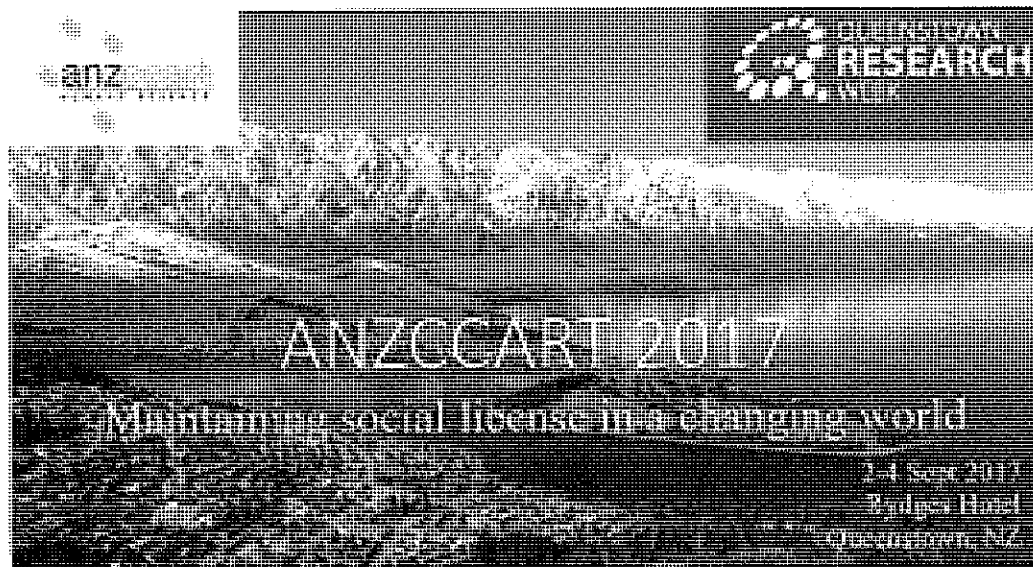
contentious.

Included, he said, were experiments expected by ethics committees to lead to medical advances, highly-cited experiments published in major journals, and chimpanzee experiments; the species most generally predictive of human outcomes.

He said seven additional reviews failed to demonstrate utility in reliably predicting human toxicological outcomes such as carcinogenicity and teratogenicity.

Furthermore, results in animal models were frequently equivocal, or inconsistent with human outcomes. Consequently, animal data may not be considered generally useful for these purposes, he said.

"Regulatory acceptance of non-animal models is normally conditional on formal scientific validation. In contrast, animal models are simply assumed to be predictive of human outcomes. These results demonstrate the invalidity of such assumptions. The poor human clinical and toxicological utility of animal models, combined with their generally substantial animal welfare and economic costs, demand greater rigor within animal studies, and justify a ban," he argued.



From Violence to Peaceful Concordat

03 September

Another of the keynote speakers at this year's ANZCCART Conference was Professor Roger Morris of King's College London, where he is the Academic Manager of the Centre for Ultrastructural Imaging.

Professor Morris addressed the conference on experiences from the UK on a

'Concordat on Openness on Animal Research.'

He spoke to the conference about how in the UK over the past 15 years, consideration of whether and how experimental animals should be used in research has gone from violent intransigent collision of extreme views to, "A civilized discussion and rationally-defensible practice".

Distressing incidents a decade ago, where researchers, academics, and business people were targeted in campaigns of terror and intimidation by members of the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) are no longer the feature of animal rights protest there, he said. He summarized the factors that have driven this change as being:

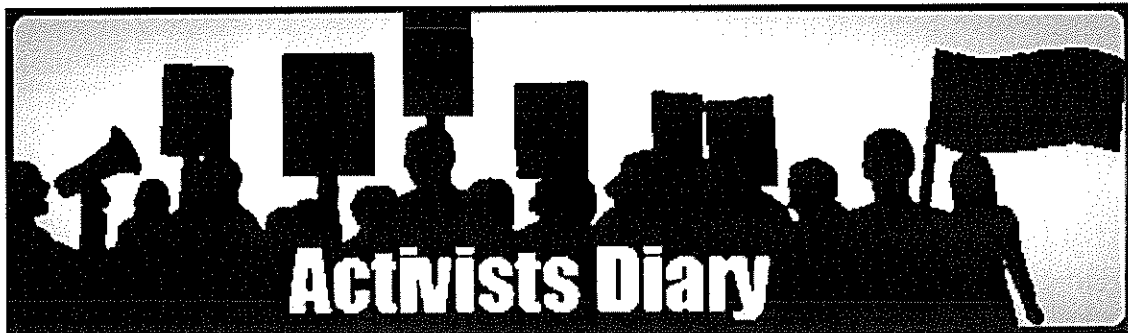
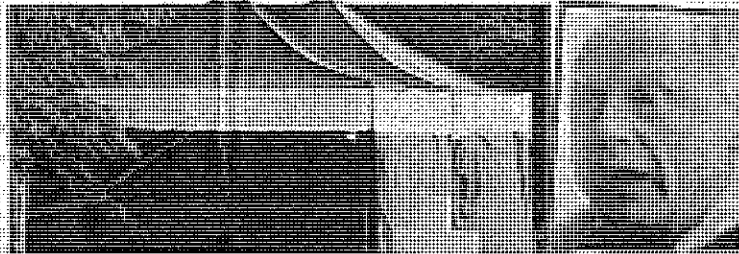
- Effective crackdown involving police arrests and jailing of illegally violent animal rights militants who resorted to terror tactics.
- Ethical review of all licensed experiments on live animals, enforced by effective collaboration between Home Office inspectors and scientists, so that animal experimentation could be justified to the public (and that which could not, was stopped).
- Introduction of the 3R's to guide overall research, including specific funding of 3R's led research by the National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research.
- Emergence of 'human immunology' and clinical imaging – basic scientists collaborating with clinicians to do real experiments with humans.
- Establishment of the Science Media Centre and Understanding Animal Research to guide scientists in explaining their research to the public.
- Scientists being open to the public about their research, including welcoming press, politicians and public groups into animal facilities to see what was actually happening, and why.
- A consensus emerged between enlightened politicians (David Willets), funders (MRC, Wellcome and other charities) and universities to enshrine these principles in the Concordat on Openness on Animal Research in the UK.



Worse than animals

Extremists sink to new depths of depravity by digging up £2-year-old's grave ... in the name of guinea pigs' rights

By Barbara Pendergast
A group of extremists has dug up the grave of a two-year-old child in the name of guinea pigs' rights. The group, known as the Animal Rights Defence Force, claimed that the child's remains were being used for medical experiments. The group's actions have caused a major scandal and have led to the arrest of several members.

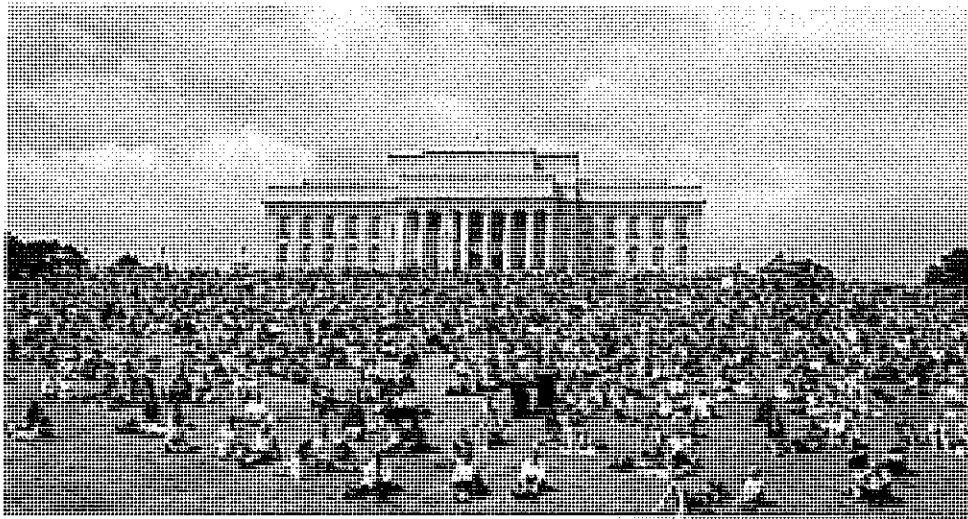


World Vegan Day

01 October

The Vegan Society of Aotearoa has organised a public picnic at the Band Rotunda in the Auckland Domain to celebrate World Vegan Day.

World Vegan Day is an annual event celebrated by vegans around the world every 01 November, however, because it falls on a Wednesday this year, the society has decided to celebrate it early on 01 October, which is a Sunday.



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The Vegan Ball

02 December

Planning has already started for this year's annual Auckland Vegan Ball, a popular event with animal rights activists in the upper part of the North Island.

This year it is being held at the Western Springs Lakeside Park on 02 December.

This year's ball is in aid of raising funds for militant animal Auckland rights group Farmwatch which specialises in breaking into factory farms, and the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary in Otaki.



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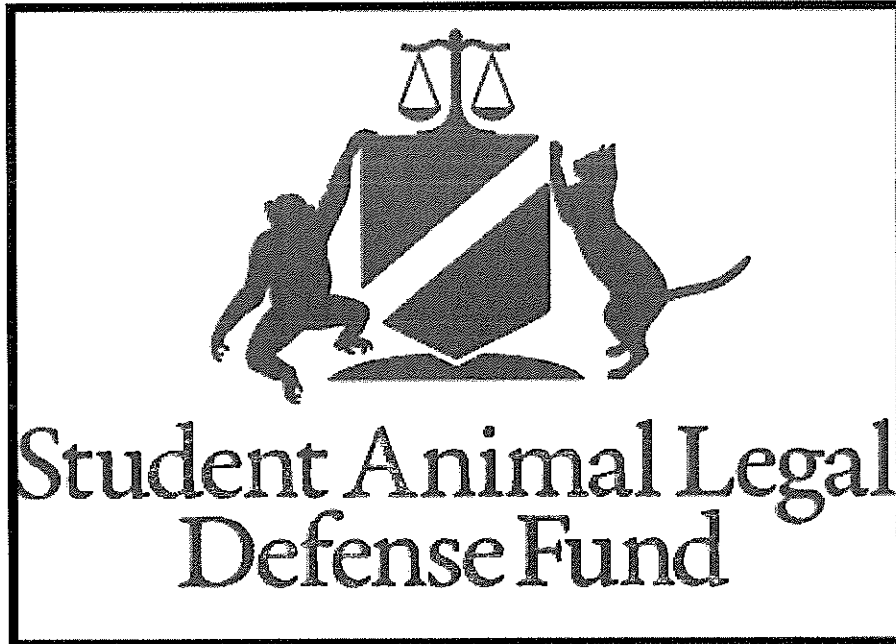
Animal Law Group Wins Award

29 September

The Otago University Student Animal Legal Defense Fund have won the international Student Animal Legal Defense Fund 2017 Chapter of the Year Award.

The award means the Otago group's outgoing president is given a free trip to Portland, Oregon, in the United States to accept the award at the Fund's co-sponsored International Animal Law Conference, 13-15 October.

Founded in 1979 by US lawyers active in shaping the emerging field of animal law, the fund is today a large and well organised international group with two chapters in New Zealand - one at the Otago Law School and the other at the Waikato School of Law.



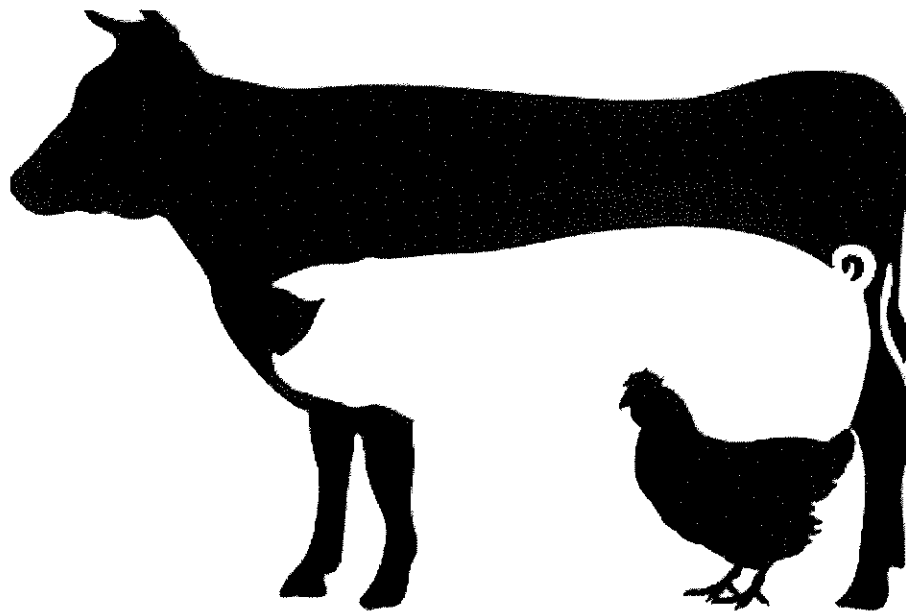
New Logo for Wellington Group

29 September

The Wellington Animal Rights Network (WARN) has released its new logo.

It says the cow, pig and chicken, "represent four cruel animal abuse industries in Aotearoa/New Zealand that need our urgent attention...dairy farming, pig farming, layer hens for egg production, and broiler chickens for meat production."

WARN was the organiser of this year's national animal rights conference in Wainuiomata and is run by three veteran animal rights activists, who each have been involved in the animal rights movement collectively for more than 10 years.



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NZ Wool Targeted by PETA

28 September

The US-based animal rights group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has targeted the use of New Zealand and Australian wool in the fashion industry, using celebrities such as Joaquin Phoenix and Alicia Silverstone to front campaigns opposing it.

NZ Federated Farmers' meat and fibre chairman says it is, "Definitely concerning and it's hard to compete against that sort of guerrilla marketing. PETA has got a big budget for false information, and the bulk of the world doesn't understand where wool comes from. Part of its motivation is to remove all animals out of farming completely."

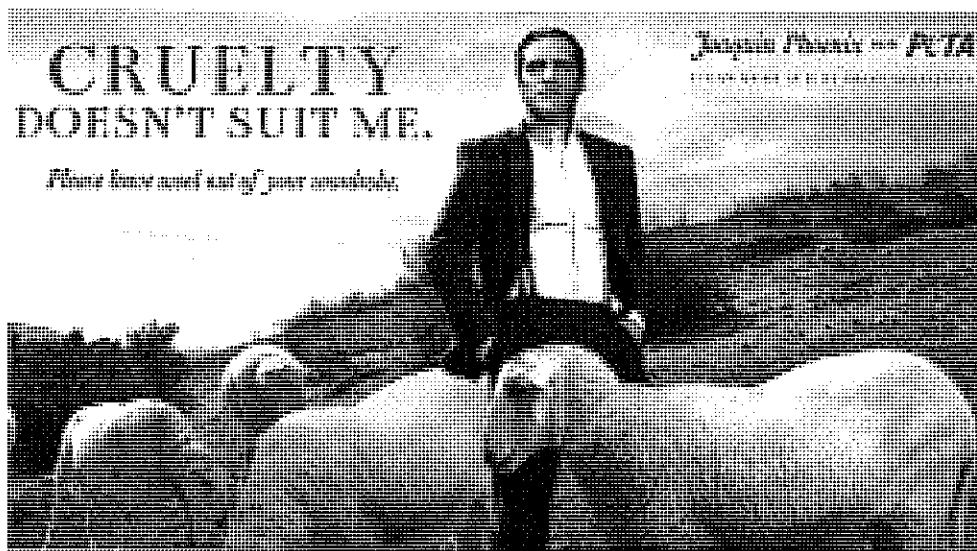
New Zealand has a fractured wool industry, with no generic advertising. Farmers had once paid a levy towards the now defunct Wool Board which used to campaign on their behalf, and at one stage the Woolmark brand had been one of the top recognised global brands.

He says the New Zealand wool industry is preparing to counter PETA with its own

social media campaign, telling the stories of where the wool had come from. However, a spokesman for New Zealand animal rights group Resist said his members were concerned about the treatment of sheep, from a lack of shelter against the cold, to hard pressed farm workers mistreating the animals.

Resist says it is also opposed to the use by humans of wool, but understood sheep needed to be shorn to avoid pain and suffering. Sheep had been bred over thousands of years to provide wool; Resist would prefer a return to a time when sheep did not grow wool for human use, he said.

In the last decade New Zealand's total sheep flock has fallen from 40 million to just under 30 million, and providing annual earnings of \$752 million.



Industry Accused of Sleepwalking

27 September

The Chief Executive of New Zealand's largest animal rights group has accused the country's egg industry of "sleepwalking."

In an opinion piece published by the news website 'Stuff' on 27 September, SAFE's CEO claims the New Zealand egg industry is scrambling to adjust after it did not foresee that the country's two largest supermarket chains (Progressive Enterprises and Foodstuffs) would commit to ending the sale of all caged eggs. "If industries snooze, they'll lose," she wrote.

"The New Zealand egg industry invested in cruel colony cages knowing full well that continuing to lock up hens in cages would cause a backlash. And now, the stark reality

shows there is no future in colony cages. Mainland Poultry must now urgently put resources into alternative systems, rather than proceeding with their proposed, and highly controversial, cage and barn egg farm in the Waikato which would house 800,000 hens," she said.

What's more, "Caring New Zealanders have spoken," she claims. "They do not accept animal suffering in their trolleys. Two thirds of people surveyed in 2017 felt that caging hens causes pain and suffering to the hens and it is not worth the profits gained."



Campaign Against New Egg Farm

The Auckland animal rights group, Direct Animal Action, and which successfully campaigned to stop a large scale layer hen farm being developed at Patumahoe by Craddock Farms, has now turned its efforts towards preventing Mainland Poultry from building a huge indoor egg laying farm in the Waikato.

As in the Patumahoe case, the company is facing opposition from both animal rights activists and neighbours.

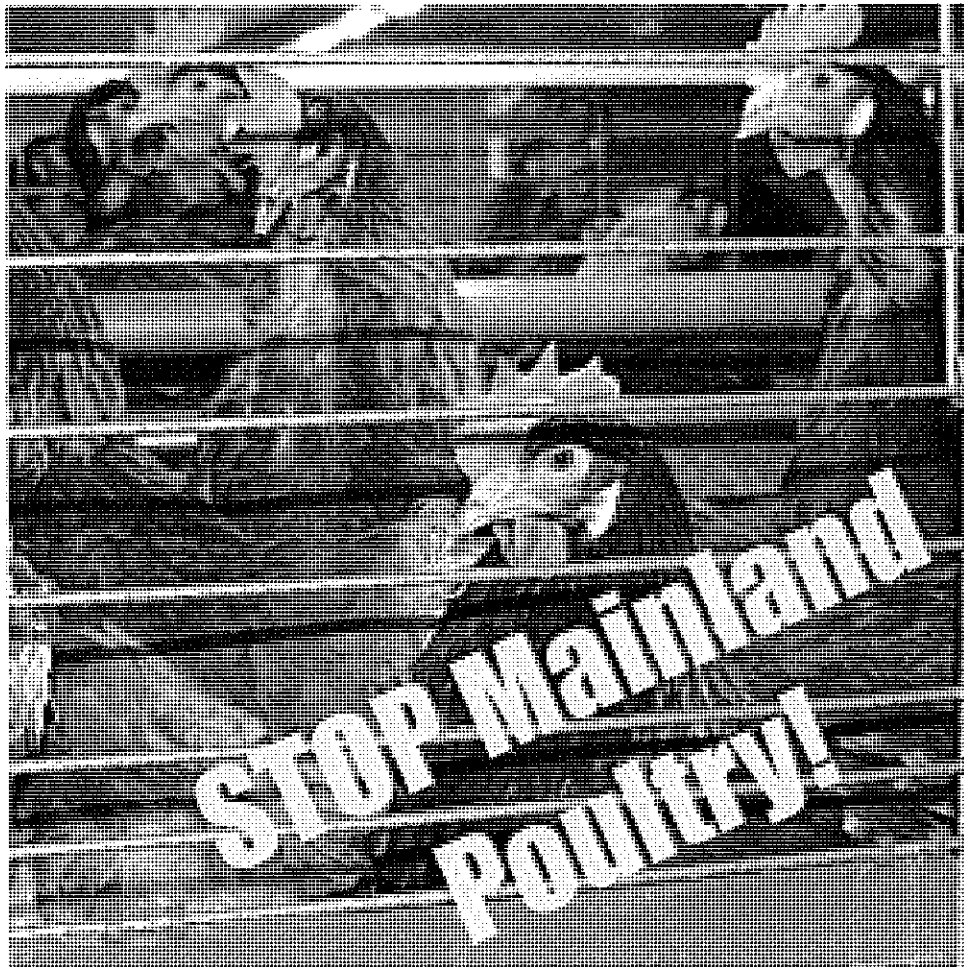
Also, as in the Patumahoe case, the activists have joined with the neighbours to provide a united front of opposition to the plan to one of the country's largest egg-

laying and rearing facilities, near Orini, that would have up to 600,000 laying birds and 200,000 rearing birds.

Direct Animal Action is run by a veteran animal rights activist with close links to the Green Party, and whose partner is one of Greenpeace New Zealand's top direct action specialists.

The group has already started an online petition to stop Mainland's plans and which already has attracted over 4,000 signatures.

The Managing Director of Mainland Poultry has however accused animal rights activists of twisting the truth and "stirring up a lot of trouble" by falsely claiming the company had plans to build a colony cage farm when in fact it was planning an aviary system that allowed the birds to roam around the floor and perch if needed, and some of the farm could be free-range.



SAFE's \$1 Million Plus Income

25 September

The national animal rights group SAFE has reported an income in excess of \$1.464 million in the past 12 months.

Its annual report just published shows a total income of \$1,464,488, of which \$549,735 was from donations. By far, however, the biggest contributions was from bequests from supporters' wills which totalled \$858,376.

However, the total costs of running the country's largest and best resourced animal rights organisation came to \$1.4 million, proving that it really is a business as well as an issue motivated group.

The report doesn't say what the organisation pays its full time staff spread across its offices in Auckland, Christchurch, and Wellington, but the report shows SAFE spent almost \$170,000 on "administration" and almost \$31,000 on "governance."

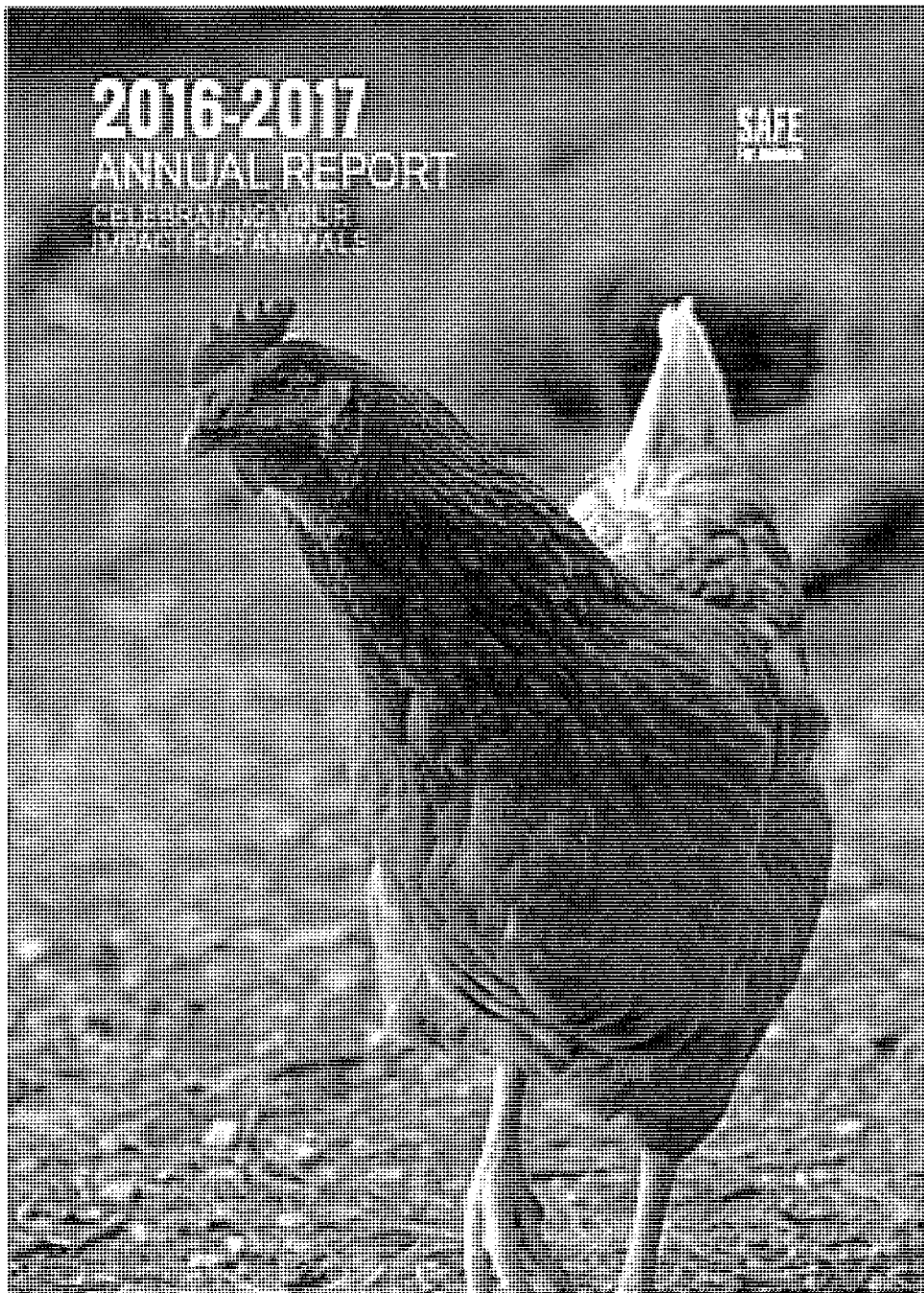
It also paid \$15,619 for "policy advice" and spent a total of almost \$121,000 operating its three offices located at Auckland, Wellington, and Christchurch.

SAFE spent more than \$62,000 on marketing and communications; more than \$97,000 on "supporter engagement" and \$160,000 on its fund raising campaigns.

By far the biggest expenses was the almost \$264,000 it spent on "animal education programmes" and a whopping \$398,000 on "animal cruelty campaigns and outreach."

SAFE's 2016-2017 annual report can be read here:

http://safe.org.nz/sites/default/files/Annual_Report_2017.pdf



SAFE's Annual Report at a Glance

25 September

SAFE claims in its latest annual report that over the course of the past 12 months it "reached" 30 million people through its social media posts.

It says it has nearly 48,000 people on its mail list; over 165,000 likes to its Facebook

page ; and its website was viewed 612,338 times. It also says that nationally it has an 'army' of 9,000 volunteers.



Society Maybe Feeling the 'Squeeze'

22 September

One of New Zealand's wealthiest animal rights groups, the NZ Anti-Vivisection Society, may be feeling a financial squeeze, indicated by its sudden campaign seeking supporters to give a regular monthly donation.

The society has launched a monthly donor scheme called 'Animal Advocate' where it

is asking its members and supporters to make a monthly automatic payment of \$25, \$50, or \$100. In return, donors will receive a free copy of the society's monthly magazine 'Mobilise,' exclusive updates, and invitations to special events.

The society was once one of the wealthiest animal rights groups in New Zealand due to several generous bequests which allowed it to accumulate two buildings in Christchurch (a residential rental property in Worcester Street and upstairs office unit in Disraeli Street held for it in trust) and employ a small number of full-time staff. The society's 2016 annual report also recorded it as having more than \$700,000 in savings accounts and term deposits.

However, despite these assets, it appears the society has made an operating loss for the last two years in row and maybe looking at ways to avoid this and having to dip into its cash reserves to balance the books.



Supermarkets go 'Cage Free'

21 September

SAFE announced that, "Following months of meetings with SAFE and a huge nationwide outcry over cruelty to hens, Foodstuffs, owner of New World, PAK'nSAVE and Four Square is joining Countdown in going cage-egg free."

Describing it as an "historic moment," SAFE's Campaign Director said the agreement meant that the 463 supermarkets across New Zealand tied to Foodstuffs would phase out all cage eggs by 2027.

By law conventional battery cages will be phased out by 2022 and replaced with colony cages. However, SAFE says the agreement with Foodstuffs includes not selling eggs from colony cages.

SAFE's Campaign Director is quoted as saying, "As all the major supermarkets have now decided to go cage egg-free, the market for such cruel products will decrease to the point that the egg industry would be foolish to plough money into building new colony cages.

"This announcement by Foodstuffs isn't just a crucial breakthrough to free hens from cages; it hammers a huge nail in the coffin of colony cages," she said.

Victory!

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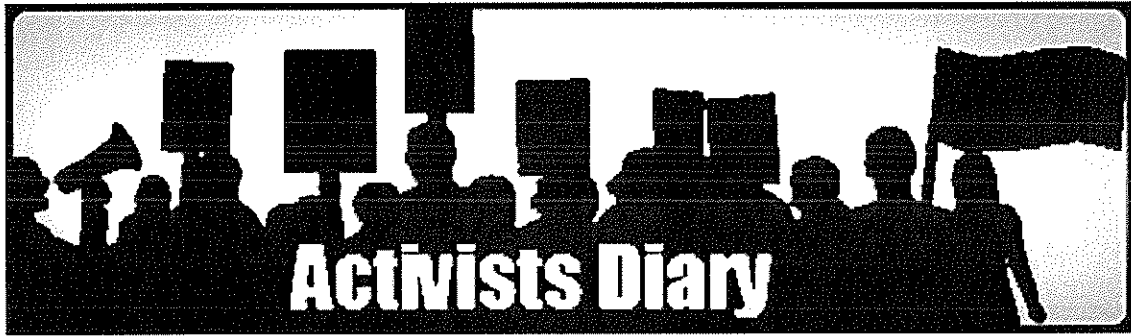
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GMO Submissions to Regional Plan

17 November

GE Free Northland has appealed to its members and supporters to make submissions on the Northland Regional Council's proposed new regional plan.

The proposed regional plan sets out new rules and policies for how people use fresh water, land, air and the coast in Northland. It is open for submissions until 4pm Wednesday, 15 November 2017.

The group has asked its members and supporters to, "Please make a submission stating that you want strong precautionary and prohibitive GE provisions, policies and rules" and provided a suggested wording for their submission. See:

<http://pulipulira.weebly.com/gefreenorthlandnews.html>



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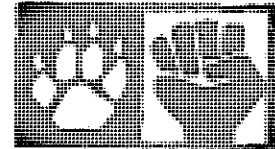
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Society Prepares for Lab Releases

26 January

Despite admitting that it doesn't yet actually have any laboratory animals to rehome, the National Anti-Vivisection Society has sent out an appeal to members and supporters asking for them to register their willingness to do so.

The society has been campaigning for months for legislative changes to make it compulsory for research facilities to first offer laboratory animals for rehoming before resorting to the option of euthanasia.

It would appear the society is hopeful that its lobbying and the change of government might make this a reality and this week has sent out an appeal for people to join its

register of people willing to rehome laboratory animals.

In a message to supporters and members it said, "Add yourself to our ex-lab animal waiting list and be notified when an animal can be rehomed in your area! In this way we can be prepared for when facilities around NZ who use animals for research, testing or teaching and don't want to needlessly euthanise animals, contact us offering ex-lab animals for adoption!

"To clarify, we don't currently have any ex-lab animals needing homes but we want to be prepared for when we get offered any from facilities around NZ who use animals for research, testing or teaching. Please keep sharing this around with your friends, the more prepared we are, the more likely we can rehome ex-lab animals when we have the opportunity to do so."



Call to Review GM Rice Approval

24 January

GE Free NZ says it is calling on the Minister for Food Safety, as a member of the Ministerial Council, to request that Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) review the draft of its recent GM rice approval.

The anti-GMO issue motivated group claims the application was strongly promoted by multinational corporations like, Syngenta and Dow who are in fact the developers.

The GM rice contains three new proteins that have altered the rice endosperm so it can produce vitamin A. Yet GE Free NZ claims that despite many years of genetic manipulation and cross breeding, the levels of beta-carotene in this rice are minimal.

"A person would have to eat 4 kg of cooked rice, (assuming it was fully absorbed and eaten immediately after harvest with minimal cooking) to get the same level of vitamin A that one medium carrot or 1 tsp. parsley would provide," claims the group's

president.

"If stored for 75 days a person would have to eat 31kgs of rice to get the same amount as a medium carrot," she adds.

According to GE Free NZ, "The whole application has been assessed using unpublished applicant data carried out by their own companies. FSANZ did not receive, or request, any ingestion/feeding studies with the application, so there is no data on whether the GM rice expressing these new proteins would cause allergic reactions or even anaphylaxis in children, immune compromised people, or the elderly," it claims.

GE Free NZ's president also claims that GM rice studies over 90 days have found significant changes, affecting the liver and kidneys, with immune system depression; the study could not verify the safety of the rice.

"Though not immediately toxic, these changes could lead to chronic illness leading to organ damage," she says. "The first food of our babies is often rice based. It is reprehensible that our food safety regulator puts industry needs before our children's and peoples safety."

"As this rice is only being approved to prevent trade disruption, we demand the Minister to call for a review of the GM rice, and insist on comprehensive 90 day feeding trials that should have been provided before the approval was made," she says.



SAFE Launches VR Factory Farm

22 January

The national animal rights group SAFE has launched a new nationwide virtual reality experience it calls FARM360, and which it says reveals, from the animals' eye view, the inside story of what it claims is "animal suffering in factory farms" and which has been "kept hidden until now."

SAFE launched the new initiative in Auckland on 19 January with an advance public viewing from a container pop-up shop in the city's upmarket Wynyard Quarter and the website going live on 22 January.

SAFE argues that, "People now have the chance to see the appalling conditions inflicted on animals in factory farms from a unique perspective via virtual reality headsets."

The organisation says people can now, "Plug into the animals' reality with our free interactive installations in your area, or you can view online, using a VR headset or a smartphone at home."

SAFE's promotional material for the initiative goes onto say, "The new virtual reality footage, obtained by Farmwatch with a voice-over by actor Emmett Skilton, shows from various perspectives:

"Chickens bred for meat packed into sheds. These birds are selectively bred to grow so fast that they can suffer painful legs and hips. Others suffer from disease and thousands die daily even before reaching their slaughter age of four to six weeks.

"Layer hens trapped for life with many other birds on sloping metal floors in colony cages, without the room to fully spread their wings or fully engage in other natural behaviours such as scratching the dirt or dust bathing.

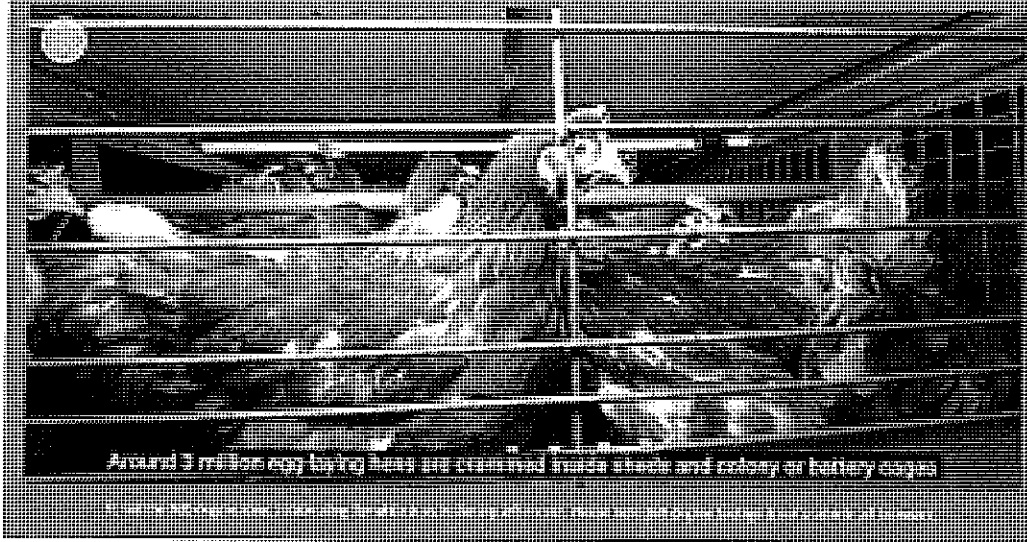
"Mother pigs confined and unable to turn around in narrow farrowing crates, so small they can even struggle to lie down. Unable to build a nest for their piglets, their highly developed maternal behaviour is prevented, causing severe frustration.

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"FARM360 is part of SAFE's Beyond Factory Farming campaign which is working to end the exploitation of living, sentient animals in conditions that take all that makes life worth living from them."

See: <http://safe.org.nz/farm360-virtual-reality-plug-animals-lives>

FARM360 VR: Plug into animals' lives



Animal Rights Street Protest

27 January

The Auckland animal rights group 'Anonymous for the Voiceless' says it will be holding another 'Cube of Truth' audio-visual street protest in Auckland on 27 January. These peaceful but controversial street protests involve the group standing wearing masks while holding laptops screening graphic scenes of animal cruelty. The group has already been warned once not to screen R16+ violent scenes in public by the Chief Censor. This protest is being held in Auckland's Queen Street.



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01 February

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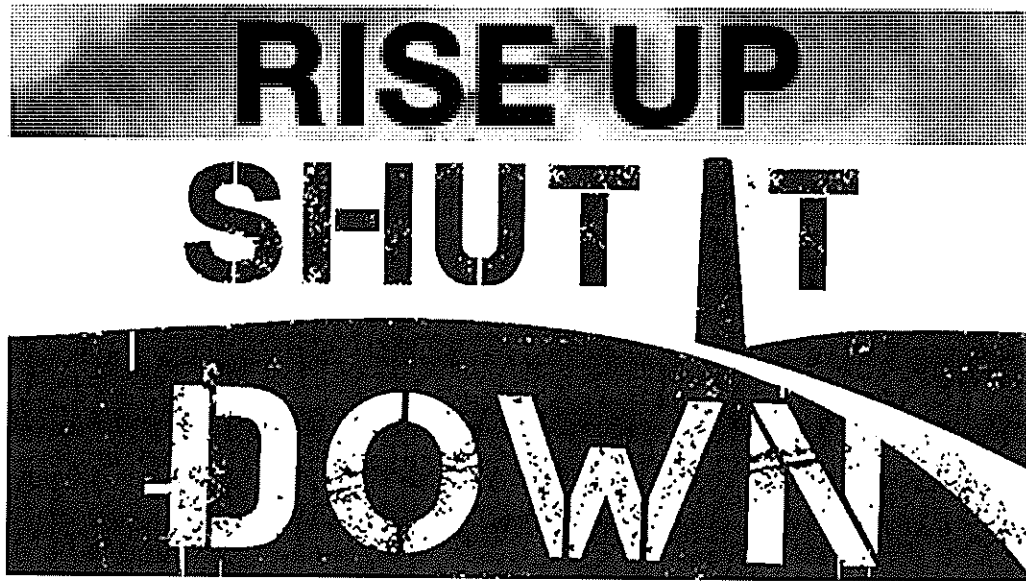
The protest is one of a string of international demonstrations organised on 01 February by the US-based network to commemorate the death in 1995 of British animal rights 'martyr' Jill Phipps who was crushed to death by a cattle truck during a demonstration against live calf exports. The woman had broken through police lines and was trying to clamber onto the moving truck when she slipped and fell under its wheels.

The organisers of the Auckland protest say they will be forming a human chain outside the Great South Road plant and will be assembling at the nearby Mt Richmond Domain

prior to the protest.

The protest organiser says she has consulted a "vegan lawyer" about protesters legal rights and has appealed to those supporting the protest not to get into confrontations with staff at the plant or disapproving members of the public.

A similar protest is being held in Hamilton also on 01 February, although the venue has not been announced and the number of people who say they will be supporting this is less than a handful.



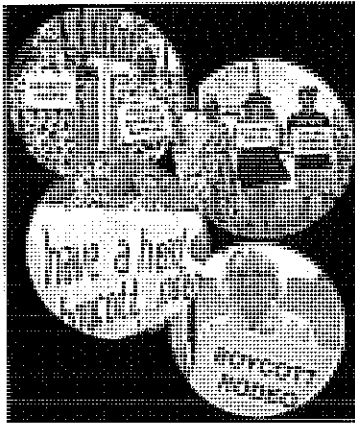
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New Animal Rights Group Set Up

16 February

Two branches of the international animal rights group 'The Save Movement' have recently been established in Auckland and Wellington.

Auckland Animal Save and its capital counterpart, Wellington Animal Save, are part of the worldwide 'Save Movement' which has generated confrontational situations at the gates to meat processing plants by the insistence of its members to "bear witness" of pigs, cows, chickens and other farmed animals being sent to slaughter.

They ask that trucks carrying animals to slaughter stop for two minutes so the activists

can "bear witness" to the animals inside, film them, offer them water, and reach through and touch them. This has led to confrontational situations overseas, as reported in Queensland on 03 February when animal rights activists blocked a truck delivering chickens to a processing plant (see image below from the report of this incident in the Daily Mail).

The Save Movement started in December 2010 with the inception of Toronto Pig Save. Today there are over 40 Animal Save groups in Canada, the US, Australia and now New Zealand.

The groups in Auckland and Wellington haven't wasted time swinging into action and both have already announced forthcoming protests outside meat processing plants (see further information below).

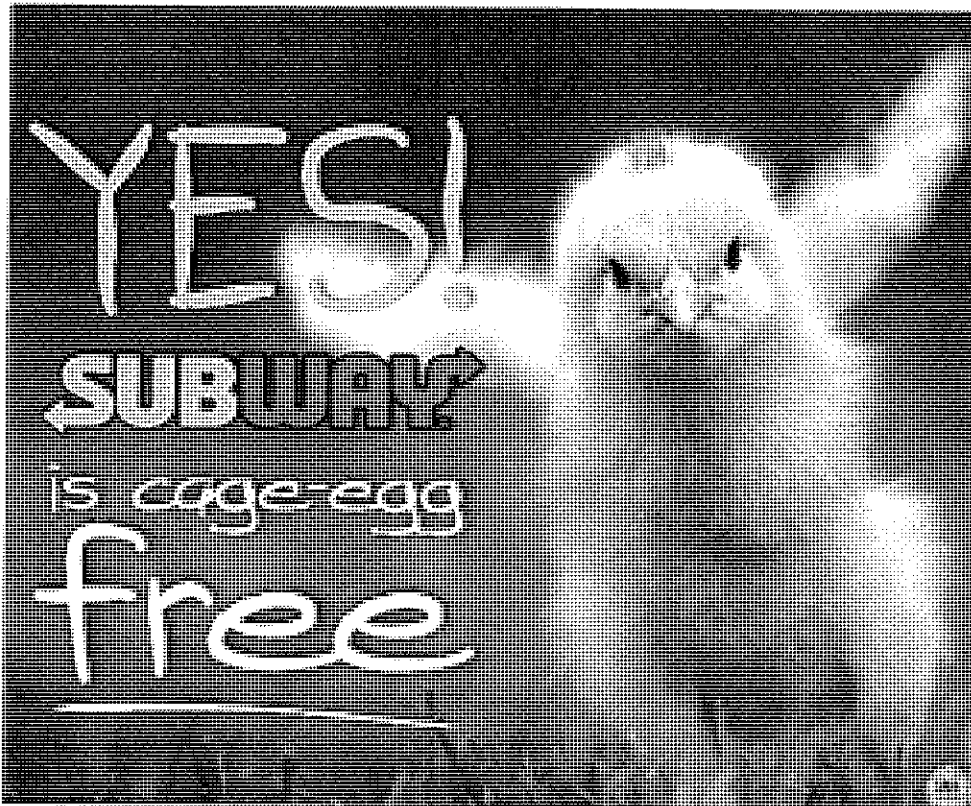


SAFE Endorses Subway Cage-Free

12 February

The national animal rights group SAFE has congratulated Subway for being the latest to fall into line with the organisation's ongoing campaign for food suppliers to commit to selling only cage-free eggs.

In announcing the news to its members and supporters, SAFE triumphantly stated, "Big news. Subway New Zealand has become the latest company to dump whole cage eggs! After talks with SAFE, Subway has joined the global revolution to free hens from cages – announcing today all 280 of their stores are now cage-egg free."



Animal Rights Group Expands Team

09 February

The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society is looking to expand its team at its national office based in Christchurch by employing a new replacement fulltime Campaign Manager and a Fundraiser/Supporter Engagement Officer.

The Campaign Manager's primary tasks are described as involving the following:

- Strategise for, coordinate and promote campaigns issues as decided on by the Committee and Executive Director

- Manage and promote social media presence
- Promote and publicise the issue of vivisection and the role NZAVS has in opposing it
- Organise and coordinate volunteers
- Enable and assist volunteers to carry out any NZAVS and anti-vivisection related work

Whereas the Fundraiser's role is a newly created one and whose primary task will be to create and successfully implement a fundraising strategy and system to engage with supporters and increase our current fundraising abilities.



Dunedin Rodeo Protest

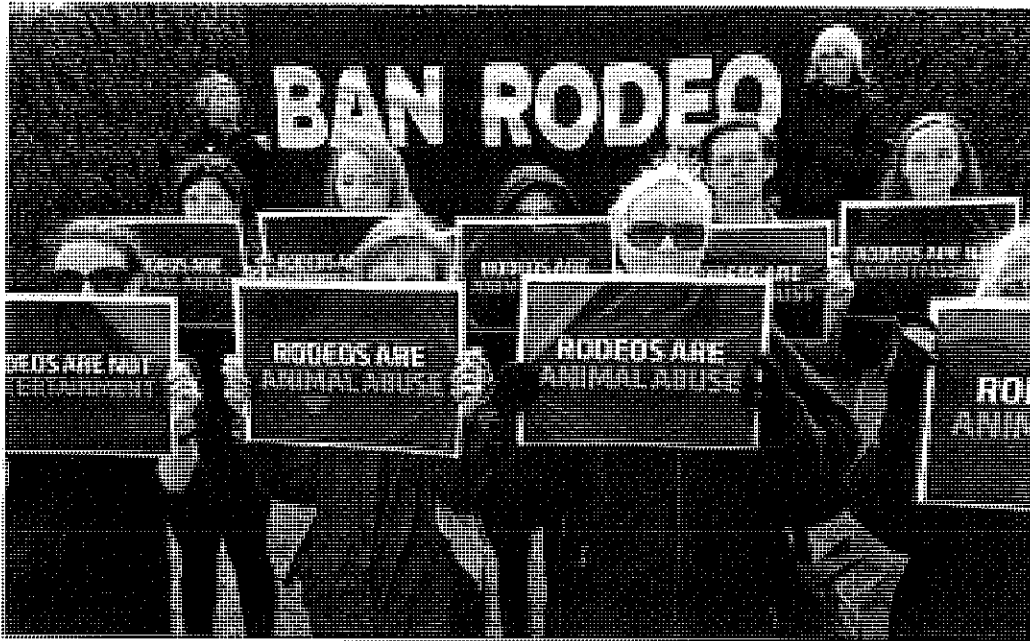
06 February

In Dunedin, about 40 animal rights protesters demonstrated peacefully outside the Outram Rodeo on Waitangi Day.

The protest was the latest in an ongoing series being staged by animal rights protesters up and down the country. The organiser of the Dunedin protest claimed that supporters came from all over the South Island to support this particular protest after a bull had to be put down at the Martinborough Rodeo four days earlier. The bull's death invoked a renewal of calls from such groups as SAFE to ban the sport.

The Outram protest was part of a national campaign run by the Animal Justice League calling for a ban on all rodeos in New Zealand.

Meanwhile, the NZ Cowboys' Association, which runs the chain of national rodeos, isn't taking the protests and criticisms lying down. It has hired outspoken media personality Michael Laws to spearhead a \$25,000 public relations campaign to refute the allegations made by animal rights groups.



Protesters Block Truck Deliveries

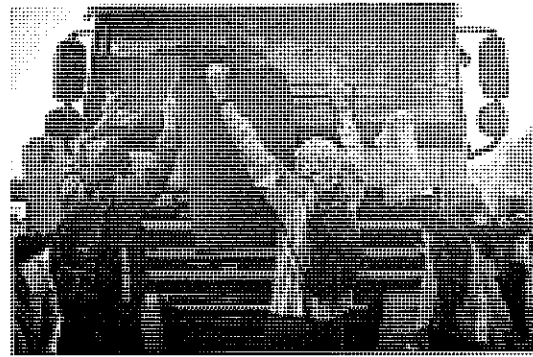
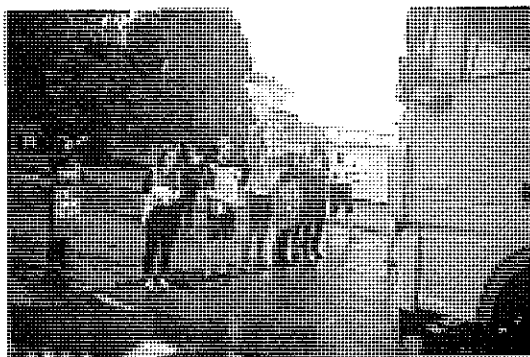
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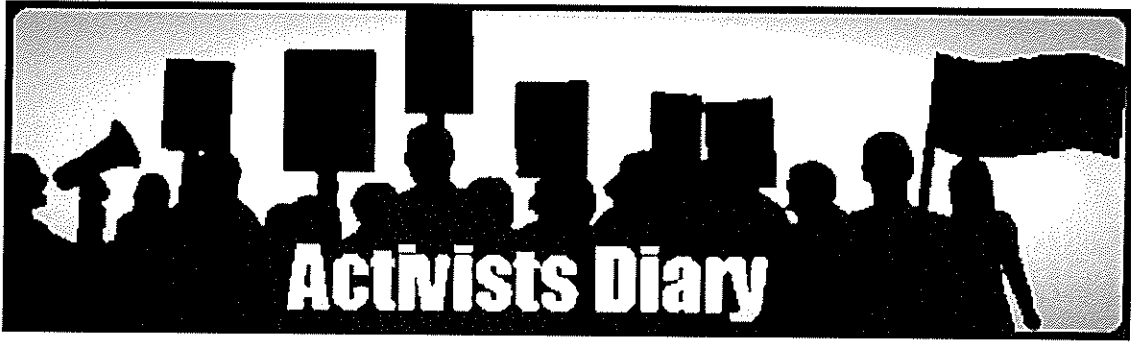
Animal rights protesters associated with the international issue motivated group Vegan Animal Rights Network temporarily blocked truck deliveries to Auckland Meat Processors' Great South Road premises on 01 February in a protest held to commemorate the death of a British protester killed 23 years ago.

Ironically, the protester was killed when run over by a truck when trying to do exactly the same thing as the Auckland protesters.

Steady rain didn't deter the dozen or so protesters, who briefly delayed deliveries to the plant by deliberately standing in front of the trucks to give other activists time to stick their hands through the side of the trucks to film and touch the animals inside.

The Auckland protest was one of several held worldwide to commemorate the anniversary of the activist's death under the banner 'Rise Up - Shut it Down.'





Wellington Abattoir Protest

18 February

Members of the newly formed Wellington animal rights group, Wellington Animal Save, say they will be holding a protest vigil outside the Taylor Preston Limited meat processing plant off Wellington's Centennial Highway, in the Ngauranga Gorge, commencing at 3.45pm on Sunday 18 February.

The group says it plans to peacefully bear witness to animals being sent to slaughter and will be filming and photographing the protest and sharing the images on social media.



Broiler Farm Protest Meeting

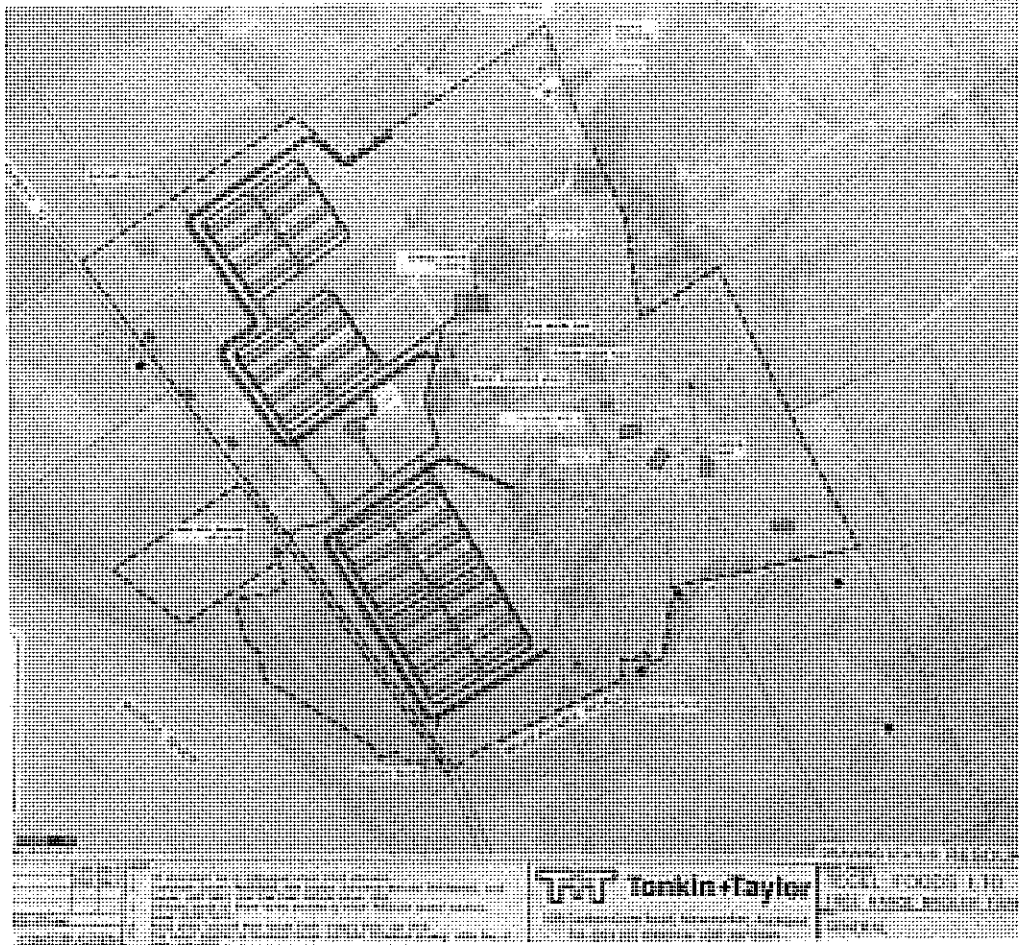
21 February

A Northland community group formed to oppose plans by Tegel Foods to build a free range broiler farm near Dargaville says it will hold a second community meeting on 21 February to further discuss plans to oppose the project.

The Dargaville Chicken Farm Community Information Group says it had its first meeting at the Arapohue A&P Hall on 15 February was encouraged by the turn out. The group, however, did not invite representatives from Tegel Foods to the meeting and continues to misspell the company's name in all its statements and releases.

The 21 February meeting is being held at the Dargaville High School Hall at 7.30pm. The group has also started an online petition to stop the farm and which has so far got 218 signatures.

See: www.change.org/p/northland-regional-council-stop-the-tegal-chicken-farm-in-kaipara



Auckland Meat Processors Protest

07 March

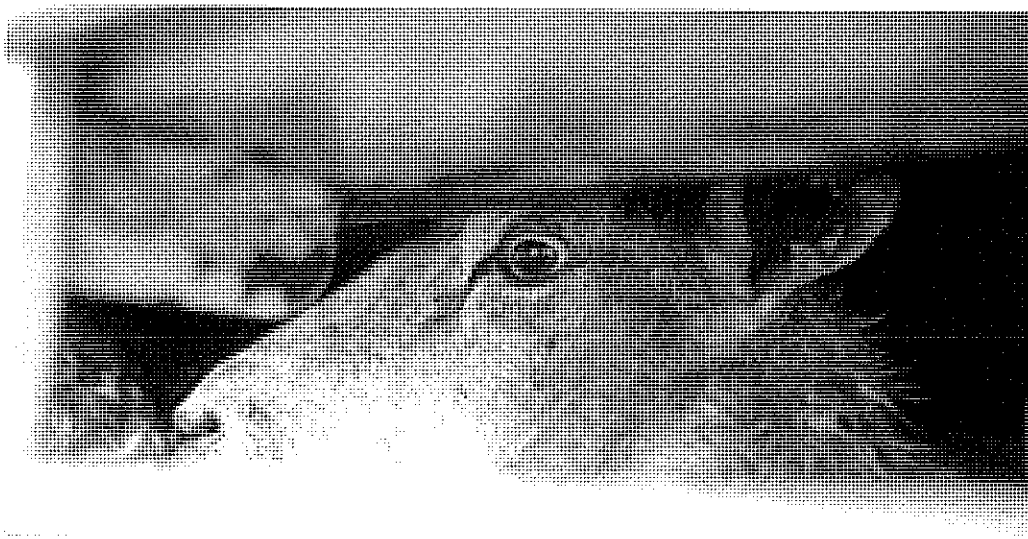
The newly formed Auckland animal rights group Auckland Animal Save says it will be holding a protest vigil outside the Great South Road premises of Auckland Meat Processors on 07 March.

It will be the second recent protest outside the Auckland plant, with members of another animal rights group, the Vegan Animal Rights Network, staging a protest vigil there on 01 February.

The Auckland Animal Save protesters say they will stand outside Auckland Meat Processors/Wilson Hellaby holding "thought-provoking signs for the public." The group also says it, "encourages volunteers to document the arrival of the animal transport trucks on their cameras/smartphones, for sharing on social media.

So far, 24 people have said via the group's Facebook events page that they will be attending this protest.

The group has acknowledged some supporters would prefer to stage the protest at the weekend, but has responded there is no point to this as they have established the plant is closed at the weekends but does operate 24 hours a day during the week. In which case, says the group's spokesperson, they may consider staging other vigils at the plant during week nights.



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Auckland Animal Save Vigil

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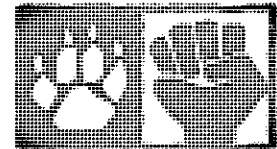
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Auckland Meat Processors Protest

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The newly formed Auckland animal rights group, Auckland Animal Save attracted 36 protesters to its vigil outside Auckland Meat Processors' south Auckland plant this week.

In keeping with the usual animal rights protest demographics, the majority of the protesters were again women.

The protest passed peacefully, with the protesters respecting an agreement to protest in a specific area.

Despite some public social media discussion amongst the protesters about stopping

trucks delivering animals to the plant, the protesters were well behaved, kept well back from the roadway, and ensured the footpath was clear.

Auckland Animal Save is one of two new branches of New Zealand Animal Save; the second is in Wellington.

It is noted the protest wasn't supported by another Auckland animal rights group, Direct Animal Action and which seems to have devolved almost into a single issue group focussed on the welfare of broiler and layer hens.



Protest Against Tegel Expansion

05 March

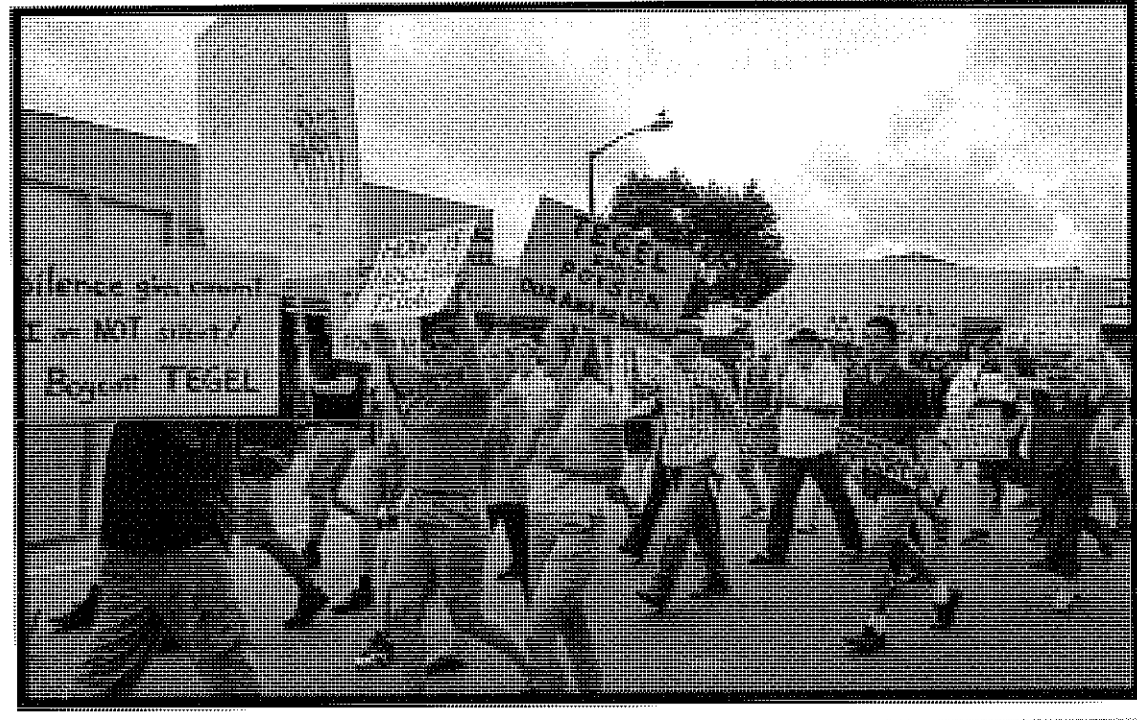
A group of Kaipara residents opposed to plans by Tegel Foods to build a large scale free range broiler hen farm at Arapohue held a peaceful but noisy protest march through Dargaville last week.

Organised by the Dargaville Chicken Farm Community Information Group, the protesters are estimated by news media sources to have numbered about 100 people. The group appears to be organised by the same people who have established the Kaipara Community Association Incorporated to oppose resource consent for the project (see further item below).

The farm would be close to the Kāpehu marae, and which has resulted in the marae authorities also opposing the project.

A spokeswoman for the marae claimed closure was a real prospect if consent was given to the farm, because it would cause their "tikanga and self sovereignty to suffer."

The protest follows two meetings held by local residents last month to discuss their opposition to resource consent. Despite being given a month to make submissions, opponents asked for more time, but this was denied by the Northland Regional and Kaipara District Councils. Submissions closed on 07 March.



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Large scale OVERSEAS OWNED Tegel broiler farm
NZ's largest (1.3 million chickens) broiler farm proposed for 5763 SH12 Arapohue,
approximately 12 km south of Dargaville

High levels of TOXIC smell, on State Highway 12, affecting tourists and locals.

32 Sheds 138 m long x 20 m wide x 4.5 m in height

On site furnaces burning up to 40 tons of Chicken manure daily.

NO consultation with community. This is an 83 million dollar blight on our environment.

THIS AFFECTS ALL OF US

Smell so bad adjacent houses have been bought by Tegel.

Application shows smell will be in **Te Kopuru, Arapohue and surrounding areas**

350 Cubic metres of water taken from bores per day.

Possibility of contaminated storm water/effluent entering river.

Affecting fisheries, contaminating harbour and ground water.

No guarantee jobs to go to local workers

LEARN THE FACTS

Community information meeting: Dargaville High school Hall 21st Feb 7.30pm

more information at: www.kaipara.org

Submissions close 7th March. Make your submission now!



Group May Sue Food Standards

02 March

Issue motivated group GE-Free New Zealand says it is considering taking legal action against Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ) and the Minister for Food Safety over approval of foods containing genetically modified golden rice to be sold here.

Last month, GE-Free NZ urged the minister to tell FSANZ to review their approval.

GE-Free NZ disputes the value of golden rice containing provitamin A, claiming that a person would have to eat four kg of cooked rice to get the same level of Vitamin A that one medium carrot or one teaspoon of parsley would provide.

GE-Free NZ has since met the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) to raise concerns about what it says is "the total absence of data" relating to safety of the GM rice for consumers.

However, MPI responded that any concern would have to be addressed to the minister himself, as their assessment had been done.

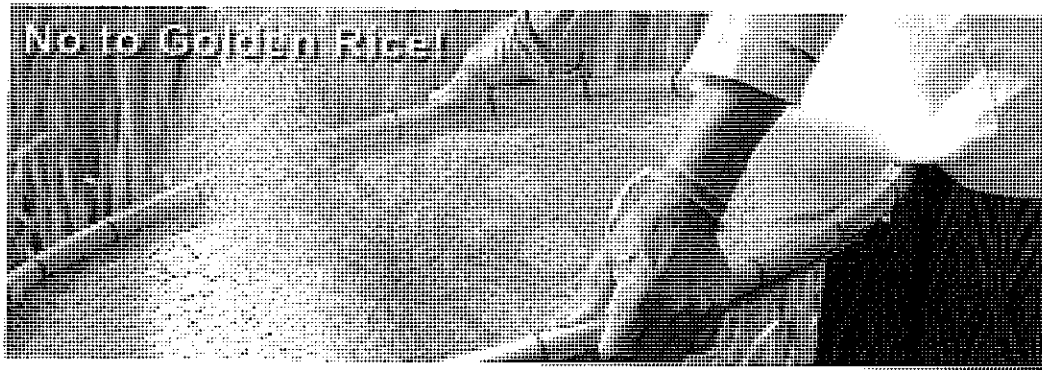
GE-Free NZ claims FSANZ's GM rice decision misleads the public, in saying the application is "based on the available evidence, including detailed studies provided by the applicant... is considered to be as safe and wholesome as food derived from other commercial rice lines... approval of such foods is contingent on completion of a comprehensive pre-market safety assessment."

GE Free also claims there is a total absence of data on the food when eaten. The group's president says, "A pre-market assessment has not been done and significant differences occurred in the GE rice proteins and nutrients; it is difficult to see how the GE rice can be deemed safe and wholesome, when no research has been done on its safety."

She added that widespread community concern and the public interest warrant an appeal on the approval.

Currently, the group is considering taking legal action regarding what it describes as "A regulatory body failing in its mission to protect the health of the public."

In approving the application earlier this year, FSANZ determined that golden rice would contain novel DNA and novel protein, as well as an altered nutritional profile (contains beta-carotene). FSANZ had clarified that permitting golden rice in the Australian Food Standards Code would mean that if small amounts were present in other shipments of imported rice there would be no trade issues. It did not permit the rice to be grown in Australia or New Zealand.



Society Formed to Oppose Farm

22 February

A new issue motivated group, calling itself the Kaiapara Community Association Incorporated (KCA) has been formed in Northland to oppose plans by Tegel Foods to build a free range broiler chicken farm at Arapohue, near Dargaville.

The proposed farm, which will house about 1.32 million chickens, is opposed by a group of Dargaville residents supported by Auckland animal rights group Direct Animal Action, which has a history of campaigning against poultry and egg laying farms in the greater Auckland region.

The association was only incorporated as an incorporated society only a week ago on 22 February, presumably as a precaution to protect its members against legal costs in the battle it is promising to oppose consents being granted for the development and ongoing operation of the farm.

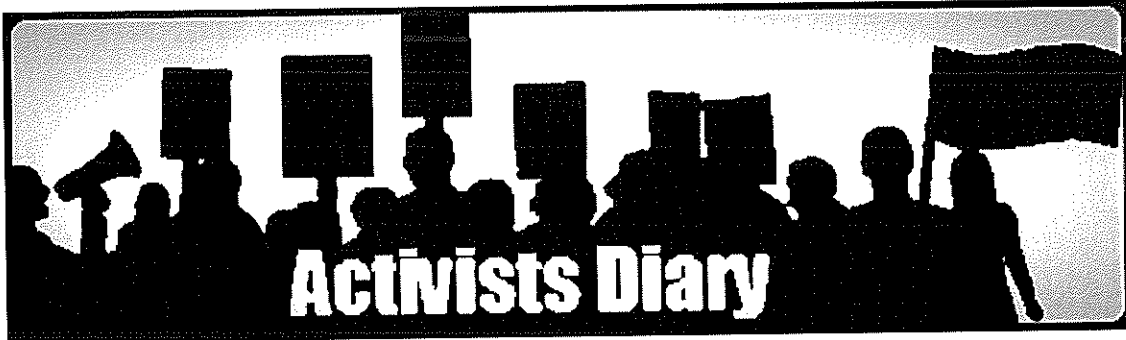
KCA has established a website explaining its mission and providing advice how to make a submission opposing Tegel's application for resource consents.

The society alleges that the factory farm will be so large, it will affect the entire community, and large parts of the Kaipara environment, and generate a pungent odour that may extend for many kilometers.

It also claims a large number of buildings will be visible from many locations, including Te Kopuru, Maungaraho and Arapohue, and the farm will increase traffic and contamination of air and water.

In an unusual move, Greenpeace NZ is also opposing the broiler farm. Greenpeace, while openly pro-vegan as a general rule doesn't involve itself in specific animal rights protest. This time however, Greenpeace has been Tweeting its opposite to the farm and posting other social media messages in opposition. It has also helped the group organise an online petition to oppose the farm.

Kaipara Community Association



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AASA 2019 Animal Studies Conference

01-04 July

The New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies at Canterbury University says it will be hosting the 2019 Australasian Animal Studies Association's Biennial Conference in Christchurch next year.

The theme for the conference is 'Decolonizing Animals.' In a preamble calling for papers for the conference, the centre says, "Colonial politics and histories have shaped, and continue to shape, the contemporary worlds of humans and other animals. Languages, societies, cultures, species, landforms, ecosystems, waterways and climates all bear the marks of human imperialism, settlement, invasion, migration, translocation, globalization, colonialism and neocolonialism. What would it mean for humans to decolonize their relationships with each other and with other species? Could we ever become decolonizing animals?"



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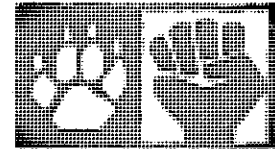
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Protest to Target Surgeons

13 October

The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society has launched a campaign to stop a planned medical workshop on 27-28 October at Auckland's Middlemore Hospital, where it claims live sheep will be used to practice gynaecological surgeries.

The workshop has been organised by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

The society says it will be organising protests against the workshop if the royal college

doesn't agree to its demand to abandon the idea.

In a message to its supporters, the society said, "We reached out to RANZCOG to find out if they had considered using one of the many viable non-animal based methods that currently exist instead. Their response was to remove all reference to the sheep from their website.

"We then contacted the RANZCOG Board, Council and the Conference Organising Committee members urging them to stop their plans to use live sheep and use a better, more humane method instead.

"We received a disappointing response, RANZCOG is going ahead with their plans to use live sheep to train obstetricians and gynaecologists at their upcoming laparoscopic training workshops being held at Middlemore Hospital in Auckland on the 27th and 28th of October. They must be embarrassed about it because they have now removed all mention of the laparoscopic workshop from the annual scientific meeting programme."

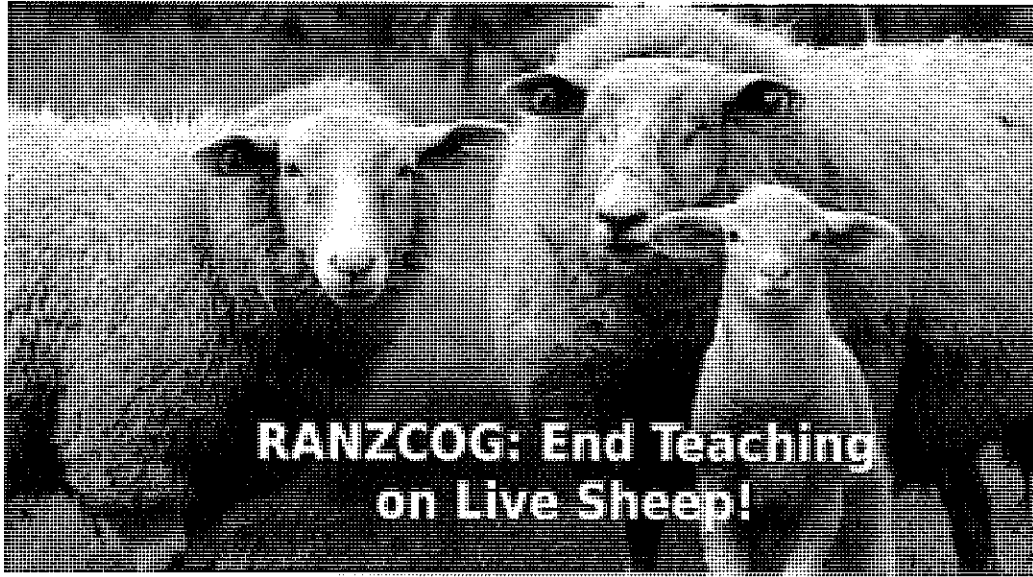
The society argues that during the laparoscopic training workshop using live sheep, the lack of repetition and independent assessment may have a detrimental impact on the trainees. It says there are many laparoscopic box trainers and virtual reality simulators that would allow trainees to repeatedly attempt new surgical skills, and these training tools can objectively assess the trainee's performance. This data could be used to ensure the trainee is improving, and compare their performance with others within the cohort, the society says.

The society says its other concern is for the welfare of the sheep and says it has tried to explain to the royal college that the Animal Welfare Act (1999) stipulates that one of the primary purposes of this piece of New Zealand Legislation is to promote the replacement of animals with non-sentient teaching apparatuses.

The society has set up an online protest page where supporters can sign and email a letter of protest directly to several key individuals involved either with organising the workshop or who hold positions of responsibility with the royal college.

In addition to this, an online petition has been established calling for the workshop not to use live animals.

The society says that as a last resort it will protest outside the workshop if its plea not to use live animals is ignored.



Final Few Supermarkets Targeted

11 October

Sensing 'victory' in its long running campaign to have all New Zealand supermarkets commit to a date when they will cease selling cage eggs, the national animal rights organisation SAFE has asked its supporters to pressure Countdown to have its subsidiaries Fresh Choice and Super Value supermarkets to also agree to a sunset date when they will also stop selling cage eggs.

NZ Supermarkets' cage-egg free commitments



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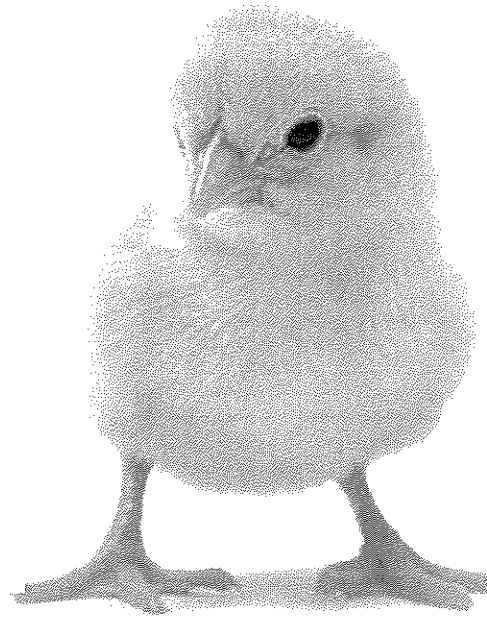
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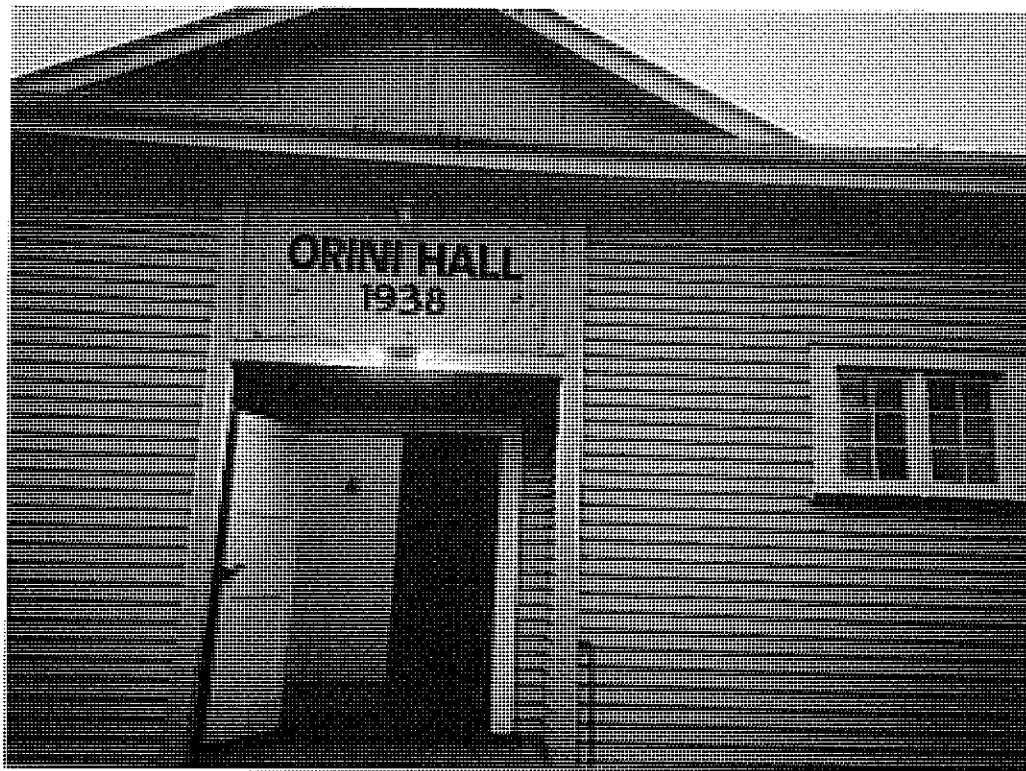


Animal Activists Back Locals

10 October

Members of Direct Animal Action Auckland say they attended the community meeting run by Orini locals who are opposed to Mainland Poultry's proposed mega colony and aviary factory farm in the north Waikato district.

Direct Animal Action's founder and spokeswoman (who led a recent successful similar campaign of protest against Craddock Farms) said at the meeting, "As well as fighting for an end to factory farming, we want to support local communities, who big corporates like Mainland, think they can just steam roll over. We won't let you Mainland, it's not going to happen."



Appalled But Not Surprised

09 October

GE-Free Northland says it is appalled but not surprised by the decision by Food Standards Australia NZ, to approve an American application for six lines of genetically modified potatoes to be sold in New Zealand.

Describing the decision as "Deeply flawed," a spokesman for GE Free Northland claimed FSANZ, has a track record of approving controversial genetically engineered food ingredients for importation into New Zealand.

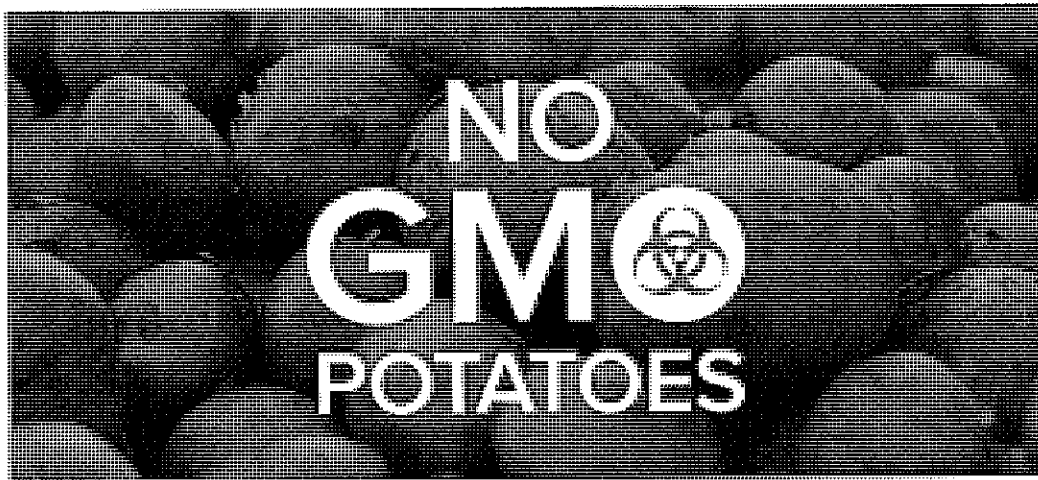
"By being part of FSANZ, New Zealand has relinquished its food sovereignty. The new government must prioritize withdrawing from FSANZ and tightening up the GE labelling laws in NZ," he said.

"The controversial imported processed GE potatoes will not be labelled, thus undermining consumer right to know and traceability," he added, while describing New Zealand's GE labelling laws as inadequate.

Saying that the Minister for Food Safety has let down NZ consumers by failing to require a thorough public safety evaluation, he pointed to what he claimed was "substantive submissions" by GE-Free NZ, the Soil & Health Association Aotearoa NZ,

and Physicians & Scientists for Global Responsibility Charitable Trust (NZ) which highlighted many independent studies and feeding trials that show harm from eating GE foods.

GE Free Northland has accused FSANZ of making false and misleading statements in saying that no public health and safety concerns have been identified in relation to food derived from GMO potatoes . It claims FSANZ has dismissed legitimate concerns and rejected all requests for feeding trials and operates in an environment where its decisions can not be appealed or reviewed.



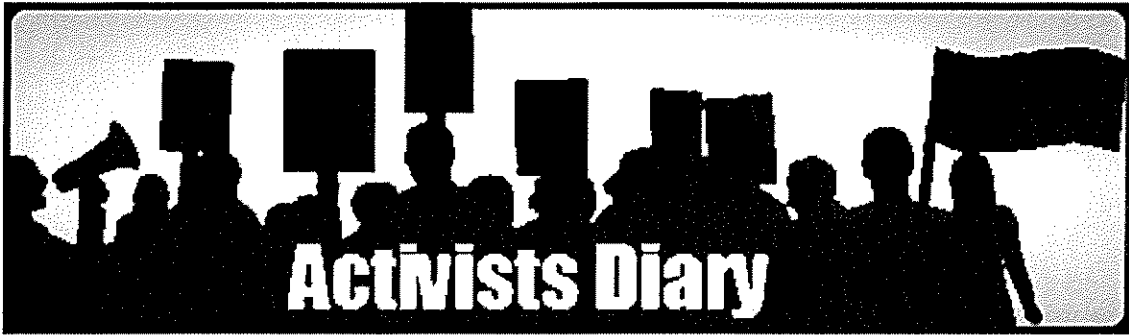
New Way to Fund Animal Rights

09 October

A new social media-based way to fund animal rights activism has been established. Called 'Animal Advocates Collective Impact NZ,' the Facebook group requires its members to each donate a dollar per week to the group's bank account.

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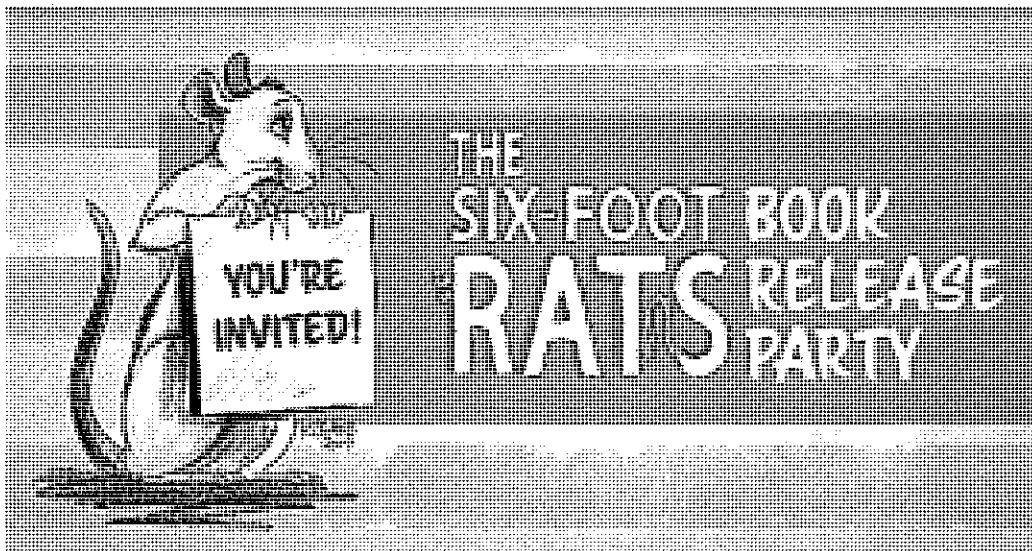
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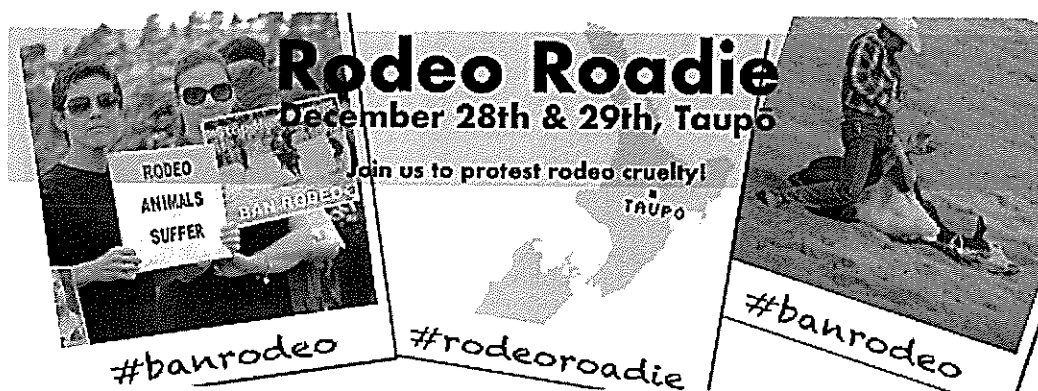


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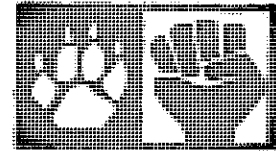
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Opposition to Mega Egg Farm

20 October

The Auckland issue motivated group Direct Animal Action reports it has got publicity for its campaign to stop Mainland Poultry's proposed new mega egg farm at Orini into the latest issue of NZ Food Technology News.


The group has teamed up with Waikato residents also opposed to the farm and is running an online petition demanding the Waikato District Council refuse consent for

the farm which will house up to 800,000 birds. So far the petition has attracted just under 5,000 signatures.

POULTRY

Direct Action is urging the Waikato Regional Council to say no to Murrumbidgee's application to build a massive industrial 800,000-chicken laying facility at Greta.

Submitters to the Waikato Regional Council say there are a number of reasons why they oppose Murrumbidgee's application to build a massive industrial 800,000-chicken laying facility at Greta. They say the facility would be a major eyesore and would have a significant impact on the local environment. They also say the facility would be a major source of noise and odour. They say the facility would be a major source of traffic and would have a significant impact on the local road network. They say the facility would be a major source of employment and would have a significant impact on the local economy. They say the facility would be a major source of tax revenue and would have a significant impact on the local government's finances. They say the facility would be a major source of jobs and would have a significant impact on the local community. They say the facility would be a major source of income and would have a significant impact on the local economy. They say the facility would be a major source of tax revenue and would have a significant impact on the local government's finances. They say the facility would be a major source of jobs and would have a significant impact on the local community. They say the facility would be a major source of income and would have a significant impact on the local economy.



Use of Animals in Research Attacked

19 October

In its latest communique, the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society has released a list stating why the use of animals in medical research is a "scientific fraud."

The statement includes a list of the top five reasons it says people should oppose the use of animals in medical research. These are in essence:

1. Mice, rats and other animals are not accurate models for predicting the human response.
2. Results from animal-based research are misleading when they are applied to humans, which can lead to adverse effects in human clinical trials.
3. Misleading results from animal-based research may cause us to discard treatments that could help humans.

4. Time, money and other resources wasted on animal-based research could be directed into more relevant human-based tests.
5. Experiments are permitted by animal ethics committees that you wouldn't wish upon your worst enemy.

The statement also includes a list of over 60 drugs and medicines the society claims are dangerous, including what it claims is the "mumps vaccine" suggesting the society is anti-vaccine and chooses to ignore the advice given this year by the Clinical Director of the Auckland Regional Public Health Service advising the MMR was 88 percent effective at preventing mumps, yet warning Auckland in particular was experiencing a triple threat of potentially serious diseases as a result of low immunisation rates in many Auckland communities.

See: <http://nzavs.org.nz/learn/bad-science/dangerous-drugs>

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The drug phenacetin is metabolised much more rapidly in humans than in dogs.

Dogs are not suited to developing antibodies against the viruses. The necessary proteins in dogs are different from those used for the general coronavirus and similar.

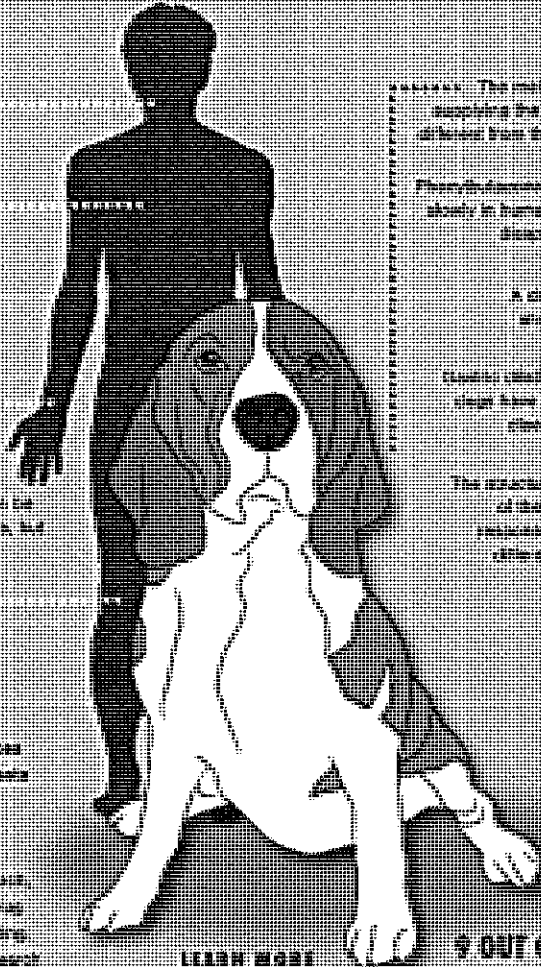
The blood clotting mechanisms of humans are different from those of dogs.

Aspirin is a useful drug and has been used in people for long periods, but in dogs small doses produce secondary kidney results in a few days.

Time, funding, and resources devoted to animal experiments could have gone to non-animal research.

Clinical studies in mice, rabbits, chickens, and guinea pigs are necessary for studying antibodies, and genetic research gives no hazard to humans and yields accurate results.

Vivisection is scientific fraud, cruel and unnecessary.



The main blood vessels supplying the dog's brain are different from those in humans.

Fluoridation is well-tolerated slowly in humans, but in dogs disappears in hours.

A dog's reaction to shock is different.

Urea is unable to be excreted in dogs like an excretable substance in humans.

The reactions and functions of the uterus and its responses to vasotonic, called between dogs and humans.

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Campaign Against Rodeo Resumes

18 October

With the summer rodeo season about to start, animal rights groups have relaunched their annual campaign to have the sport banned.

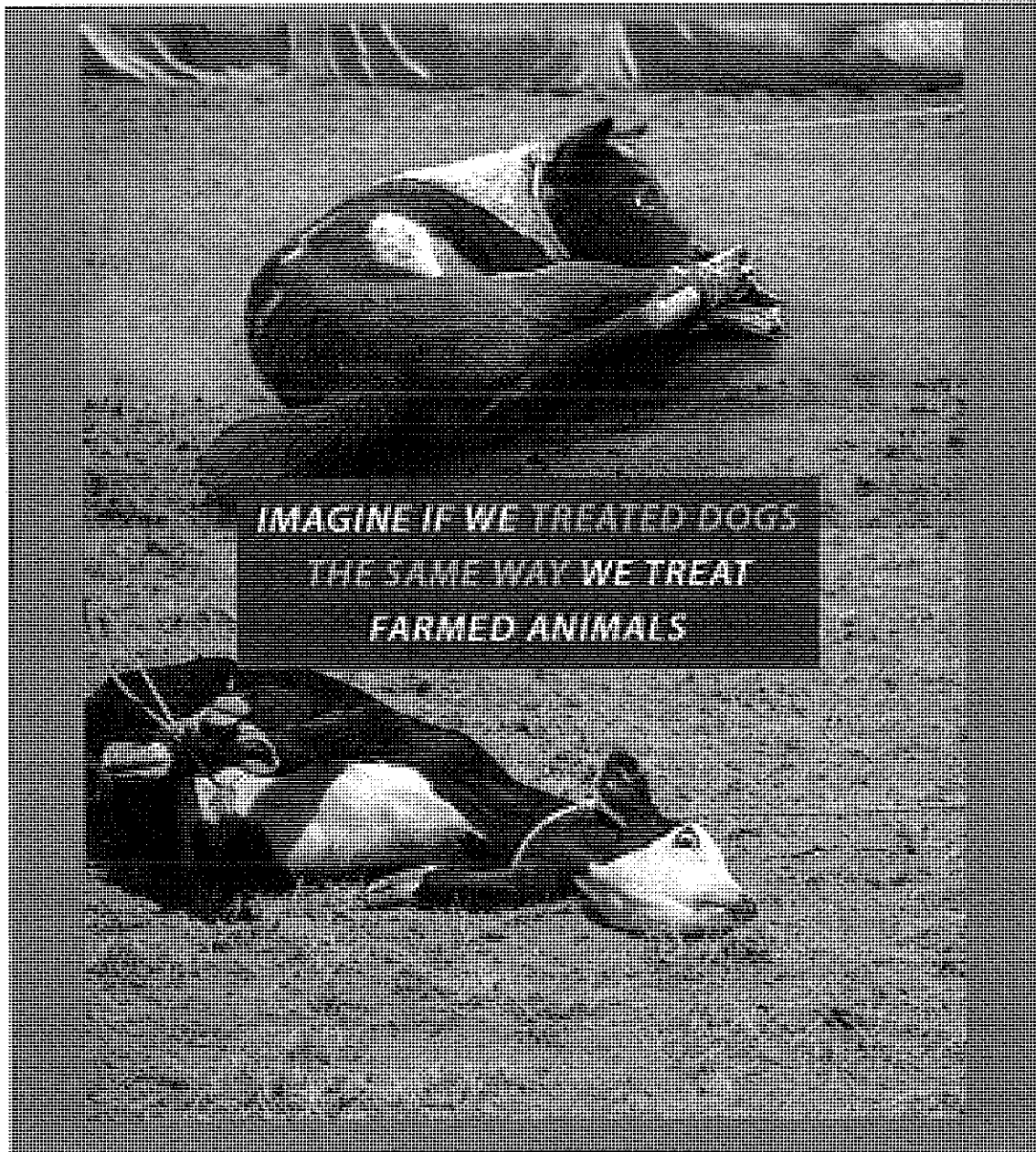
The national animal rights group SAFE has been one of the first groups to kick off opposition with the publication of a spoof video and website attacking the 'speciesism' of public apathy (in other words the public would be outraged if dogs were treated like rodeo animals).

SAFE says on the new website, "If dogs were treated this way there would, quite rightly, be prosecutions. Yet, the same treatment of calves is applauded. We challenge that by highlighting the double-standards over animal treatment - showing what would not be allowed by law (dog roping), compared with animal cruelty that is still allowed (calf roping)."

See: <http://safe.org.nz/rodeo-cruelty-uncovered>



Anti-roping banner from SAFE's spoof website attacking rodeo. SAFE argues that if dog roping existed, that would be illegal.



Society Claims it Stopped Research

17 October

The NZ Anti-Vivisection Society has claimed success in its threat to protest against planned practical laparoscopic gynaecology workshops at Auckland's Middlemore Hospital later this month.

The society has announced to its members that the workshops planned for 27 and 28 October, and hosted by the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, was cancelled after "hundreds" of the society's supporters sent messages of complaint to the royal college about using live animals in research, and

started an online petition in opposition.

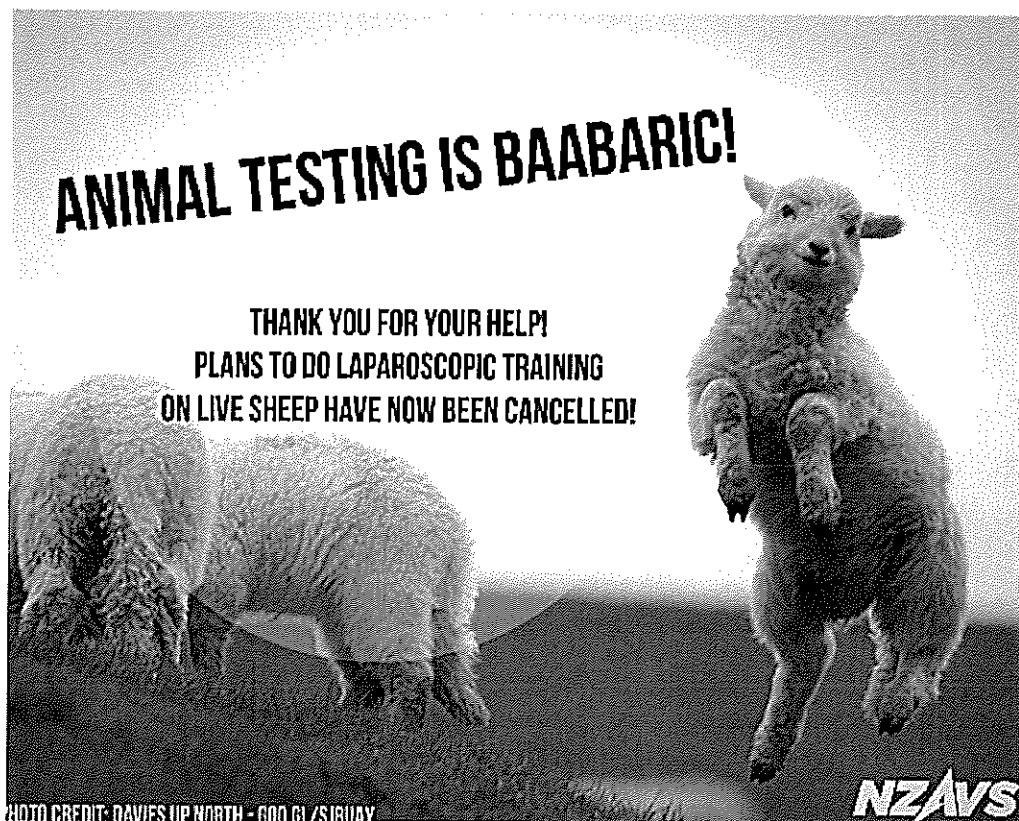
The society accepts, however, the royal college has not made any public statement or responded to the society's protests, except to post a notice on its website stating that "Due to unforeseen circumstances" the workshop had been cancelled.

Additionally, the petition on the website change.org calling for the royal society to abandon the workshops attracted only a total of 156 signatures.

The society says it now wants to know what will happen to the sheep the royal college was going to use in the workshops and is now calling on it to release them to the society for rehoming at an animal sanctuary.

In a statement claiming credit for stopping the workshops, the society's Executive Director said, "We stood up for human patients who deserve the highest standard of care. Future human patients deserve gynaecologists who have endured the best, most relevant and applicable training methods. Many scientific publications prove that the better training methods are human-relevant.

"Together we also took a stand for the sheep RANZCOG were planning on using. Even though they would have likely been anaesthetised, these animals are sentient beings who deserve our love and respect, they are not lab tools. Together we also set the bar for organisations planning similar workshops in the future."



Kids' Animal Rights Game Launched

16 October

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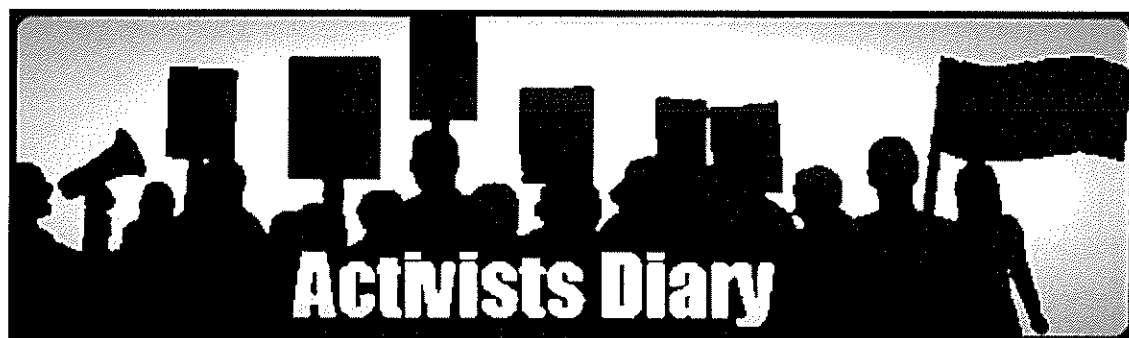
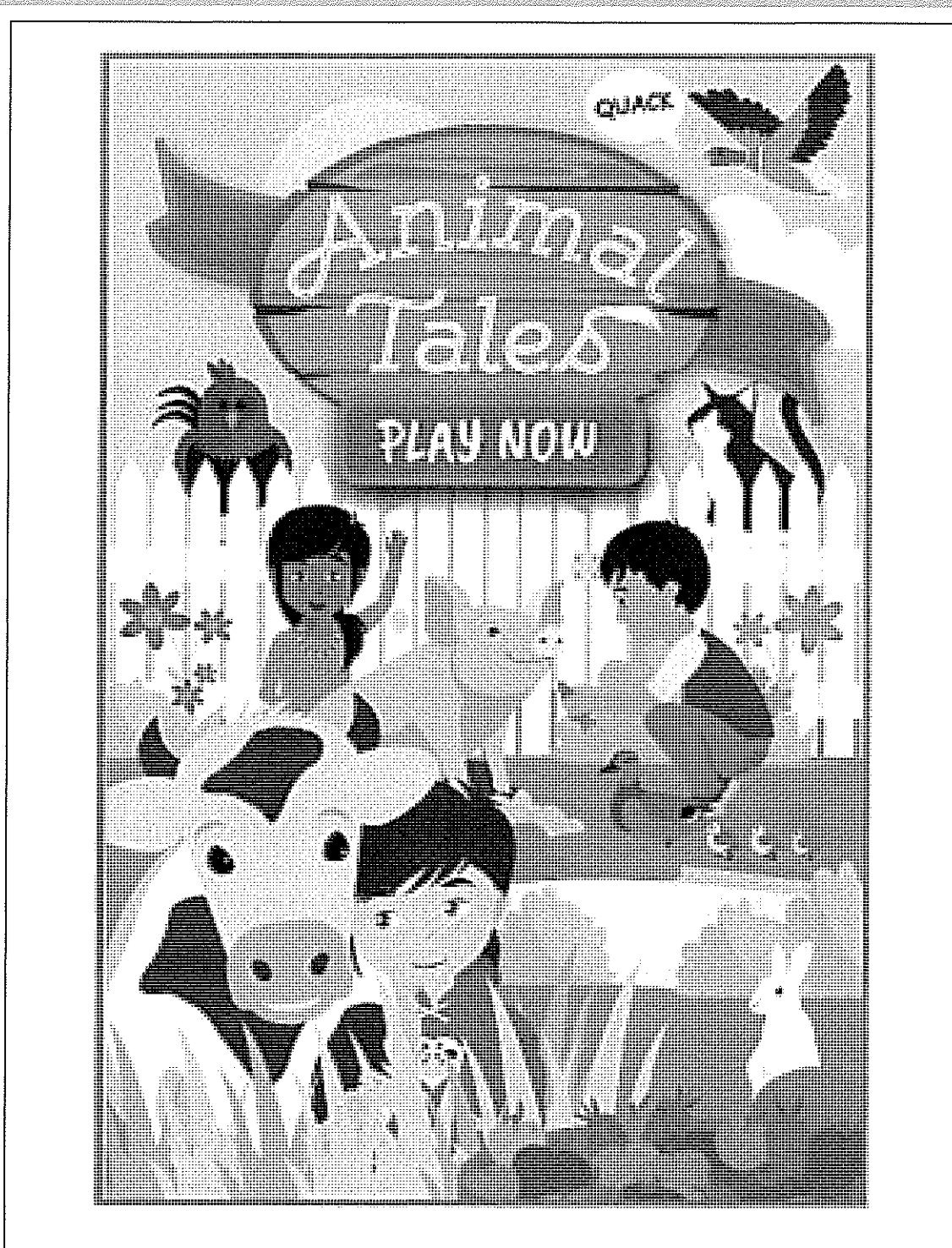
SAFE claims the launch is timely, "Given the spate of animal cruelty reports in the media, including school-sanctioned possum hunts."

SAFE says it hopes the game will help break the, "Well documented link between animal abuse committed by adolescents and children, and violent behaviour in their later life."

Called 'Animal Tales,' the game is part of SAFE's Animal Tales Competition where children are encouraged to develop their own story about caring for animals.

The launch of the online game coincides with the launch of SAFE's new child-focus website, www.safeanimalsquad.org.nz.

SAFE Head of Education says the new website is aimed at children aged 8-14 years, as research suggests that these ages are an important time in the development of perspective taking and empathy. "Empathy is linked with more prosocial behaviours and fewer negative social behaviours such as aggression," she says.



World Vegan Day Picnic

05 November

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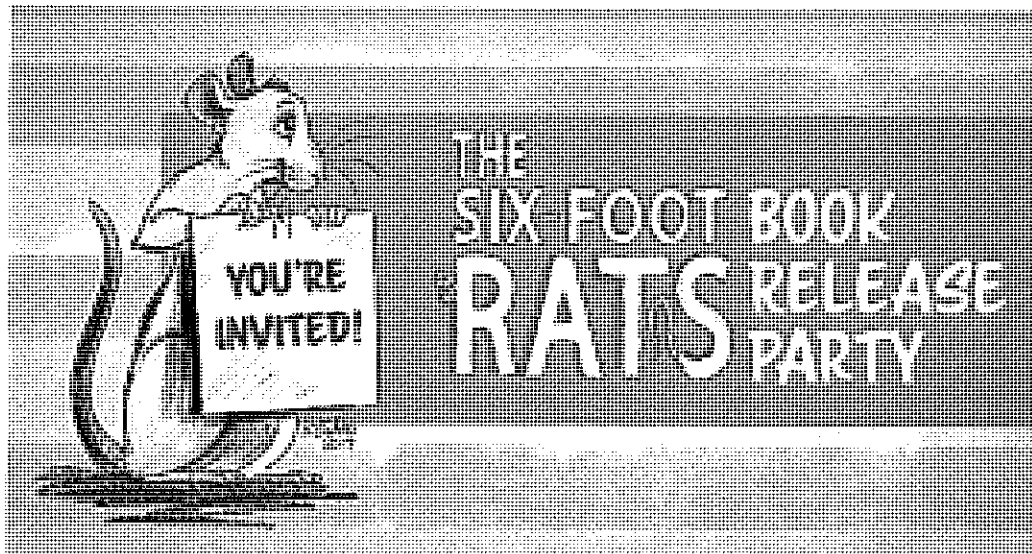
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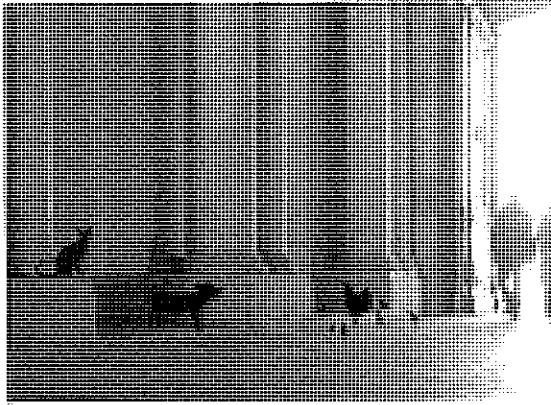
14-15 November

The New Zealand Animal Law Association has organised two seminars providing practical advice to lawyers on the links between domestic violence and animal abuse. The first is being held in Auckland on 14 November at the University of Auckland at 6.15pm. The other is being held in Wellington on the following day at a venue yet to be advised.

The association says the two hours are designed to:

1. Upskill lawyers working with domestic violence issues about the link with animal abuse;
2. Upskill lawyers to identify animal abuse and how it can present in domestic violence cases;
3. Provide lawyers with the tools and practical advice to use this knowledge effectively in Court; and
4. Provide lawyers and their clients with the tools to identify when animals are in danger and some steps they may take to protect those animals.

The seminars are being led by a lawyer who has lobbied parliament for law reform on animal abuse and is published on the links between animal abuse and domestic violence. She will speak about the evidence and case law on the issue.



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Domestic Violence and Animal Abuse - Practical advice for lawyers

by New Zealand Animal Law
Practitioners

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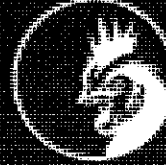
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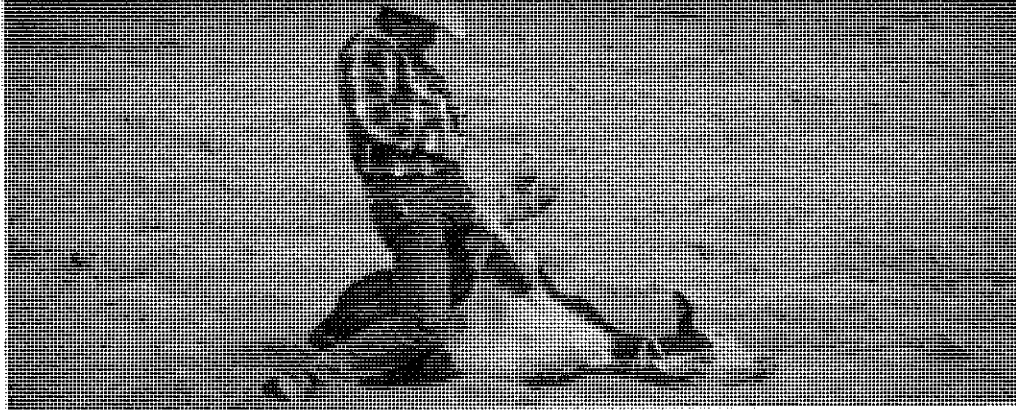
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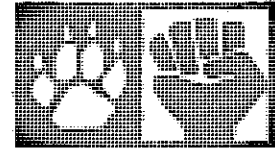
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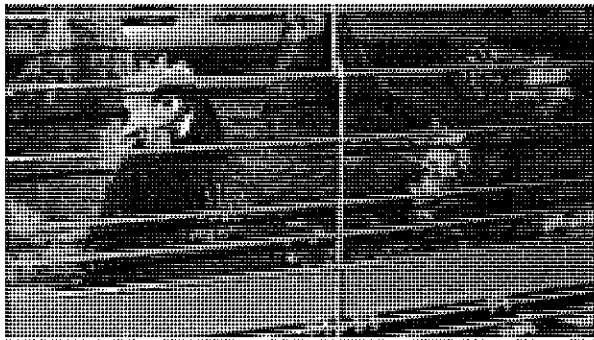
The issue motivated group Direct Animal Action, which has started the petition says, "Aviary systems don't exist in New Zealand on the large scale that Mainland Poultry is proposing and they haven't been considered thoroughly in our animal welfare

regulations. Overseas, aviary systems have been shown to be problematic for animal welfare."

Last year Direct Animal Action lead a coalition of activists and residents who campaigned successfully to stop a large egg laying farm from being built in Patumahoe

PETITIONING WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL AND JOHN

Stop Mainland Poultry factory farming 800,000 hens!



New Zealand's biggest egg producer, Mainland Poultry, want to build a massive industrial chicken egg laying farm at 64 Old Road, Orini in the Waikato Region.

If Mainland Poultry get their way, they'll build a mega factory farm imprisoning 800,000 hens. Many of these hens will be kept in cruel colony cages and the rest will be kept in aviary systems.

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New Elephant for Zoo Criticised

03 November

The Auckland Council may just about to become the focus of SAFE's next major animal rights campaign.

The country's largest and best funded animal rights group says it is disgusted with the recent decision by the council to approve funding to relocate an elephant from Sri Lanka to Auckland Zoo, saying it is a cause for concern for local ratepayers and animals.

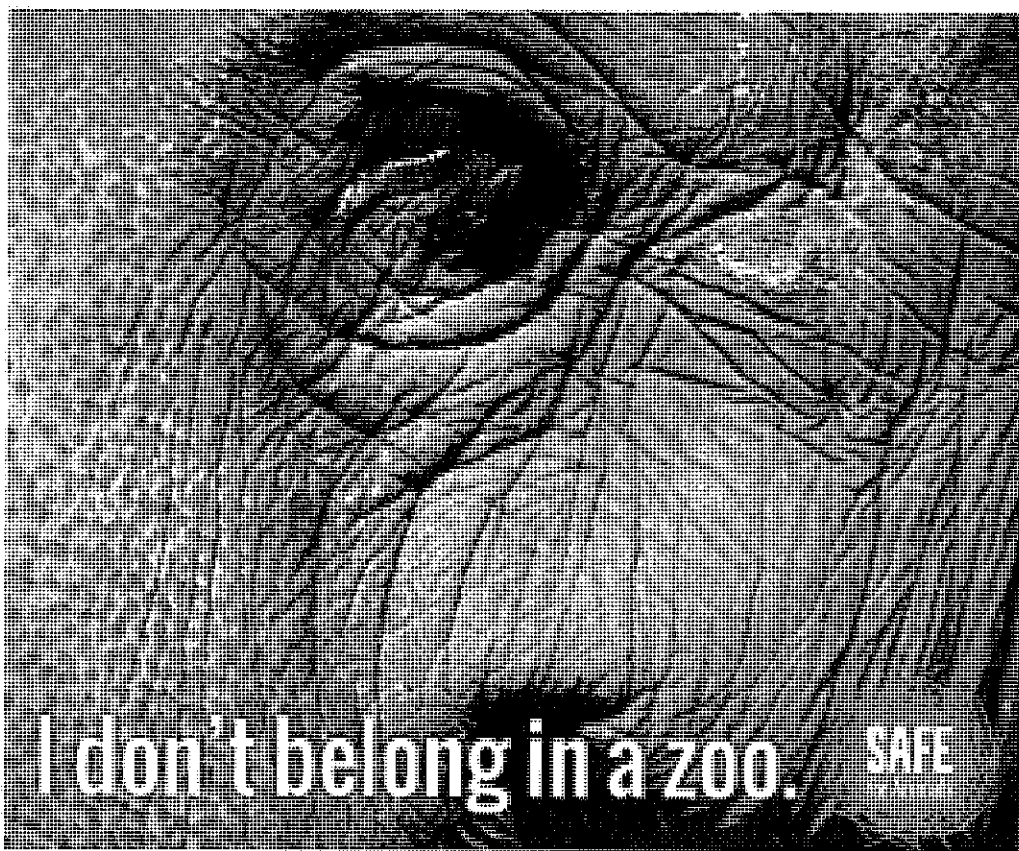
SAFE's Campaigns Director has made a case to Auckland councillors on the costs of this decision to both animal welfare - from bringing the elephant, Nandi from her home

in Sri Lanka to Auckland Zoo - and to local ratepayers who will be footing the bill for what SAFE claims is a short-sighted plan, which totals \$3.2 million for two elephants. \$1.6 million has already been spent on importing another elephant (Anjalee).

SAFE says there has been an outcry from 18 community organisations in Sri Lanka, who have been fighting to prevent the export of the elephant through their Court of Appeal for the past 18 months.

Auckland Zoo currently houses long-term 'resident' elephant Burma, plus another from Sri Lanka, Anjalee, who arrived in June 2015. New Zealand was gifted an additional elephant earlier this year by the Sri Lankan Government. Auckland Zoo ostensibly plans to start a breeding programme, at a cost of approximately \$13 million dollars. SAFE claims a consortium of over 20 highly respected leading elephant experts has called upon plans for more elephants to be imported, to be rejected.

SAFE also describes the planned breeding programme to be a money-sink in both the short and long-term, with no relevance to conservation.



Fed Farmers Abandons GMO Appeal

02 November

Federated Farmers says it has given up its legal battle against rulings allowing regional councils to decide whether genetically modified organisms (GMOs) can be banned in their districts, but still stands by its position that GMOs should not be regulated by local councils, but by central government.

The withdrawal by Federated Farmers occurred just weeks out from a scheduled hearing, after concluding recent amendments to the Resource Management Act (RMA) would likely have materially reduced its prospects of winning.

Those amendments have effectively blocked the Minister for the Environment from being able to permit GMO crops in regions that had elected to remain GMO-free or impose controls on the use of GMOs.

The move signals the end of a long-running legal challenge against Northland regional and district councils and issue motivated groups opposed to GMOs.

Earlier this year, Federated Farmers appealed to the Court of Appeal, after appeals to the Environment Court and the High Court failed.

Federated Farmers had contended that local government had no role in legislating GMOs and that the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act (HSNO), not the RMA was the overarching legislation that governs how GMOs are used in New Zealand.

That most recent ruling, in the High Court at Whangarei last August, found in favour of the Whangarei District Council, Northland Regional Council, the Soil & Health Association, GE Free Northland and other parties joined to the proceedings.

The High Court found that, while there was an overlap between the RMA and HSNO, that didn't mean GMOs should be required to be excluded from consideration in regional policy statements or plans.

But the withdrawal didn't change the group's view that citizens, including farmers, should be free to do things that have been approved by a central government agency, Federated Farmers' national president says.

"This type of technology must be used responsibly and be appropriately regulated, so it's important all decisions around GMOs are managed robustly at central government level, not regional council level," she said.

Federated Farmers continues to argue that there is an overwhelming case for economic, health and environmental benefits of GMOs, including pest eradication, agricultural technology to increase production while lowering methane emissions and

nitrate leaching, and new medical treatments such as the Pexa-Vec liver cancer trial, which received GMO release approval by the EPA last year.

NZBIO, which represents bioscientists in New Zealand, has also argued there is no risk around GMOs and has called on the Government to update the 20-year-old HSNO Act, and which is starting to show its age.

By not doing so could mean New Zealand becomes a bio-science backwater, says Federated Farmer's national president.

Although that said, genetic modification is already used here in many medicines to fight cancer and treat conditions such as diabetes. It is also used in animal vaccines and imported animal feed, and many, if not most, of our cheeses were made using genetically modified enzymes.

It was also revealed earlier this year that genetically modified petunias have been growing in gardens here for the last five years.

Nevertheless, rather than pursuing the appeal, Federated Farmers says it has concluded that it would be more productive to try to work out with Northland local authorities where the new boundaries on their jurisdiction to manage GMOs in Northland now lie.

Withdrawal Welcomed by Activists

The anti-GMO, Soil & Health Association, says it welcomed Federated Farmers' decision. "Both the High Court and Environment Court have ruled that regional councils have jurisdiction under the Resource Management Act to regulate the use of GMOs through regional policy statements or plans," the association's chairman says.

"The recent RMA amendments further entrench the legal rights of councils to do so. Challenging these decisions would only have cost both us, the other parties involved and Federated Farmers themselves a lot of unnecessary time and money," he said.

The Soil & Health Association argued there was no economic, health or environmental case for GMOs, which it said could threaten New Zealand's clean, green brand. Also New Zealand producers would be able to continue benefiting from a non-GMO food market currently valued at US\$250 billion (NZ\$360b), the association said.

Another anti-GMO issue motivated group, GE Free Northland, also welcomed Federated Farmers' decision to abandon the case.

The group's chairwoman, said last week, "We now urge Federated Farmers to withdraw their other outstanding vexatious appeals against the Whangarei District Council and Far North District Council excellent collaborative GMO plan changes, the Auckland Unitary Plan, and the Hastings District Plan in Hawke's Bay."



Auckland Halloween Protest

31 October

Auckland supporters of the New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society took to Auckland's streets in a Halloween themed protest to gather signatures for the society's petition calling on Otago University to stop construction of its new animal-based research centre. (See further item below.)



Dialogue Attempted with University

30 October

The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society says it sent its Christchurch-based Campaign Manager to Dunedin to work on the society's campaign to stop construction of Otago University's new \$50 million animal-based research centre.

In a report to members published on its website, the society says the visit included a meeting with the university's Deputy Vice-Chancellor.

The society says it is committed to finding the most effective method of working towards ending the use of animals in research, testing, and teaching at Otago University, and hopes the university would be willing to engage in a dialogue, as their commitment to the 3Rs principle, "Would suggest that they would be willing to move towards human-based research and humane teaching practices."

In particular, NZAVS said it was hoping to open a dialogue with the university about what the society sees as the high rates of live animals used in undergraduate teaching, and the unknown numbers of animals killed so their tissues can be used for teaching purposes.

According to the society, the problem with the use of live animals in undergraduate teaching is that every year there is a new cohort of students who will be required to do the same lab work, and the vast majority of animals used for this purpose will be euthanised afterwards.

The society argues that the problem with using animal tissues is that Otago University is not required to report how many animals they euthanize for this purpose, and so there is an unknown additional number of animals used for undergraduate teaching.

The society says to help the Deputy Vice Chancellor to understand why this change would be important not only for animals but for students also, a student representative also attended the meeting. The society's Campaign Manager says it was important to convey the message that students were missing out on attaining certain skills and learning outcomes due to unnecessary animal use.

The society says the student representative had actively avoided taking papers which required animal use, and which "may have meant they missed out on key learning outcomes." The society argues this is a problem with the use of live and deceased animals in undergraduate teaching: it alienates people from pursuing careers in the sciences if they are also animal lovers.

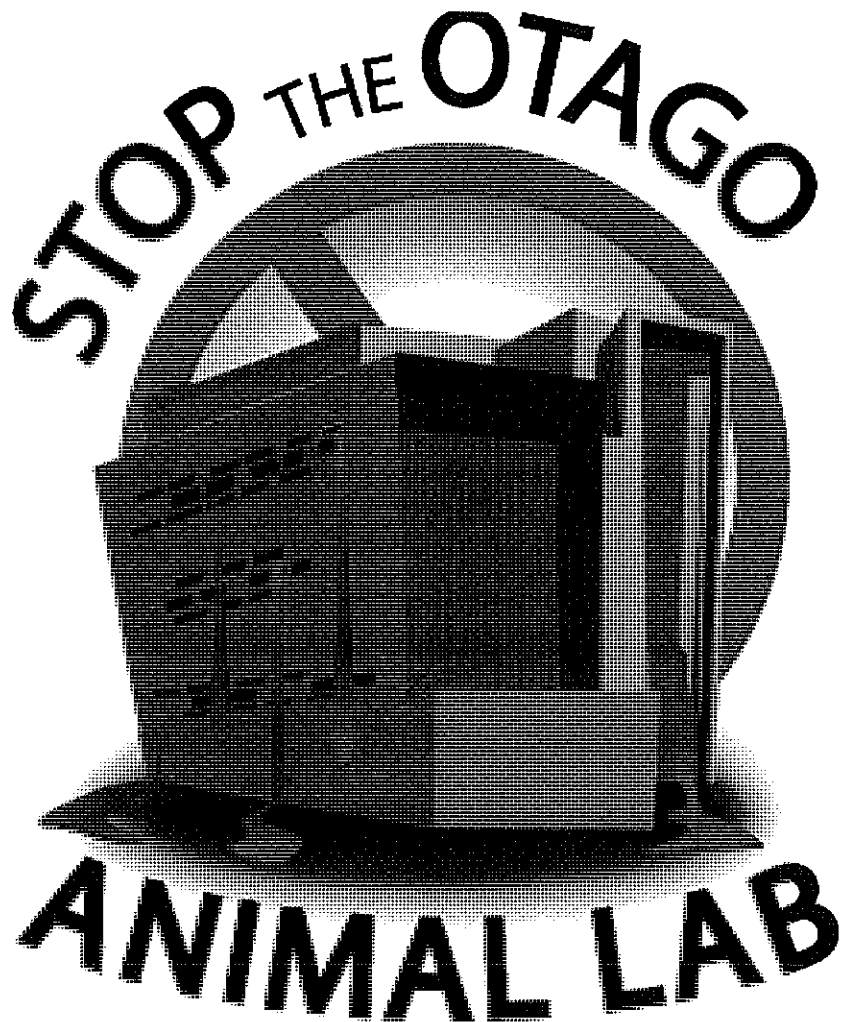
The society says its Campaign Manager made all these points and had even prepared a printed copy of the Science Bank catalogue full of humane learning tools including models, apps, and simulations that are currently available.

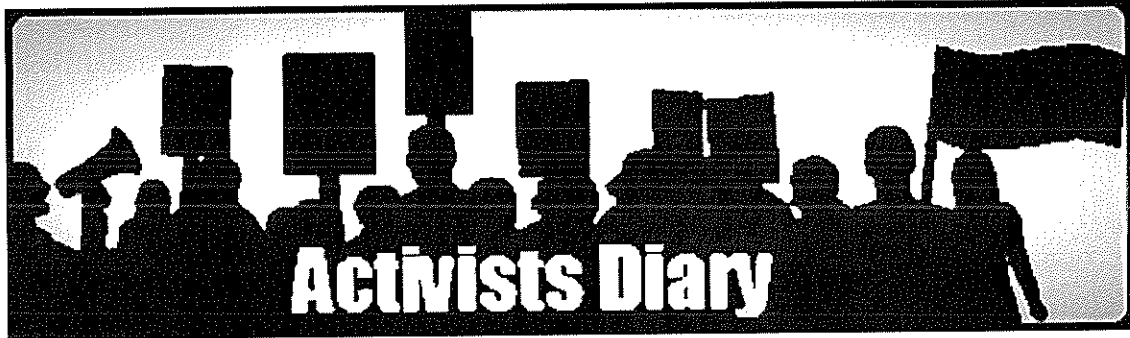
But it adds that, "Unfortunately [the Deputy Vice Chancellor] seemed more concerned

with imposing humane learning tools on his staff and kept on expressing his concern for academic freedom – and so this debate will have to continue with the university."

The society says that while in Dunedin, its Campaign Manager also held a think tank meeting with core supporters of the Stop the Otago Animal Lab campaign and, "came up with lots of ideas for the future of the campaign."

Also while in Dunedin, the society says that its Campaign Manager had a meeting with the Deputy Director of the Johns Hopkins Centre for Alternatives to Animal Testing to discuss how a Centre for Alternatives to Animal Testing might be established here.





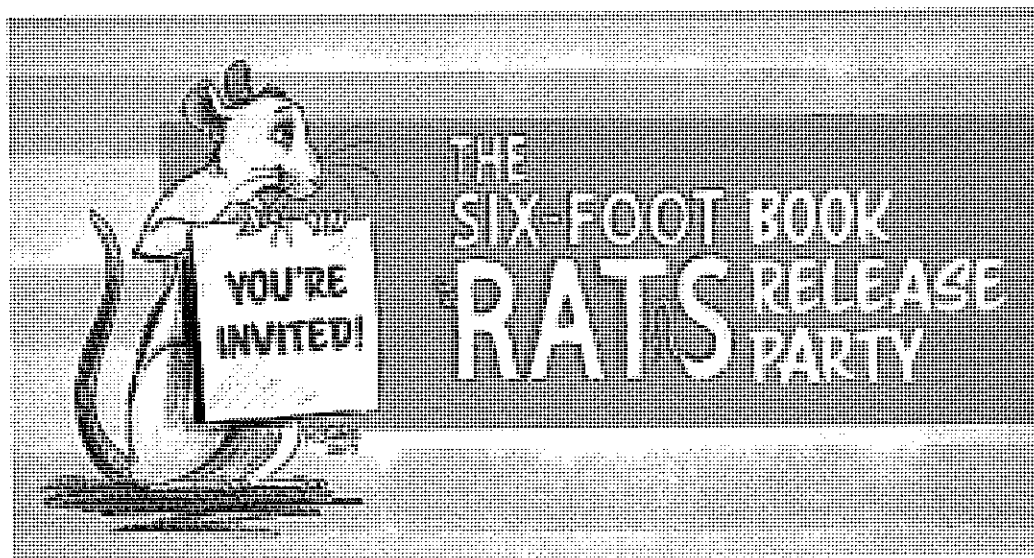
Animal Rights Book Release Party

11 November

The NZ Anti-Vivisection Society is holding a book release party at the Huntsbury Community Centre in Christchurch on 11 November to mark publication of its new children's book, 'The Six Foot Rats'.

The society claims the book, "Introduces children to the important, yet sensitive issue of animal testing in a light and engaging manner. Whilst this topic is a serious and often upsetting one, The Six-Foot Rats instead focusing on the fundamental truth (stressing the fun), as discovered by the lab rats in the book: animals are not humans and it is strange and bizarre to compare the two."

The society says the book, "Manages to convey the scientific invalidity of animal experimentation in a humorous way that is easy for children to understand, doesn't talk down to them, and most importantly, won't give them nightmares."



Animal Rights Law Seminars

14-15 November

The New Zealand Animal Law Association has organised two seminars providing practical advice to lawyers on the links between domestic violence and animal abuse. The first is being held in Auckland on 14 November at the University of Auckland at 6.15pm. The other is being held in Wellington on the following day at a venue yet to be advised.

The association says the two hours are designed to:

1. Upskill lawyers working with domestic violence issues about the link with animal abuse;
2. Upskill lawyers to identify animal abuse and how it can present in domestic violence cases;
3. Provide lawyers with the tools and practical advice to use this knowledge effectively in Court; and
4. Provide lawyers and their clients with the tools to identify when animals are in danger and some steps they may take to protect those animals.

The seminars are being led by a lawyer who has lobbied parliament for law reform on animal abuse and is published on the links between animal abuse and domestic violence. She will speak about the evidence and case law on the issue.



GMO Submissions to Regional Plan

17 November

GE Free Northland has appealed to its members and supporters to make submissions on the Northland Regional Council's proposed new regional plan.

The proposed regional plan sets out new rules and policies for how people use fresh water, land, air and the coast in Northland. It is open for submissions until 4pm Wednesday, 15 November 2017.

The group has asked its members and supporters to, "Please make a submission stating that you want strong precautionary and prohibitive GE provisions, policies and rules" and provided a suggested wording for their submission. See:

<http://putiputira.weebly.com/gefreenorthlandnews.html>



The Vegan Ball

02 December

Planning has already started for this year's annual Auckland Vegan Ball, a popular event with animal rights activists in the upper part of the North Island.

This year it is being held at the Western Springs Lakeside Park on 02 December.

This year's ball is in aid of raising funds for militant animal Auckland rights group Farmwatch which specialises in breaking into factory farms, and the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary in Otaki.



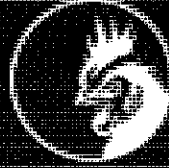
The Protest Rodeo Road Trip

28-29 December

The 'Rodeo Roadie' is being billed as a national event where animal lovers and anti-rodeo activists will converge in Taupō to take a stand against rodeo.

This event is being organised by the Wellington Animal Rights Network and is scheduled to coincide with the Taupo rodeo. Protesters will canvass public support in Taupō township on 28 December and then protest at the rodeo itself on 29 December.

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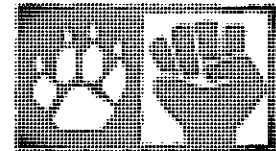
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Wellington Abattoir Protest

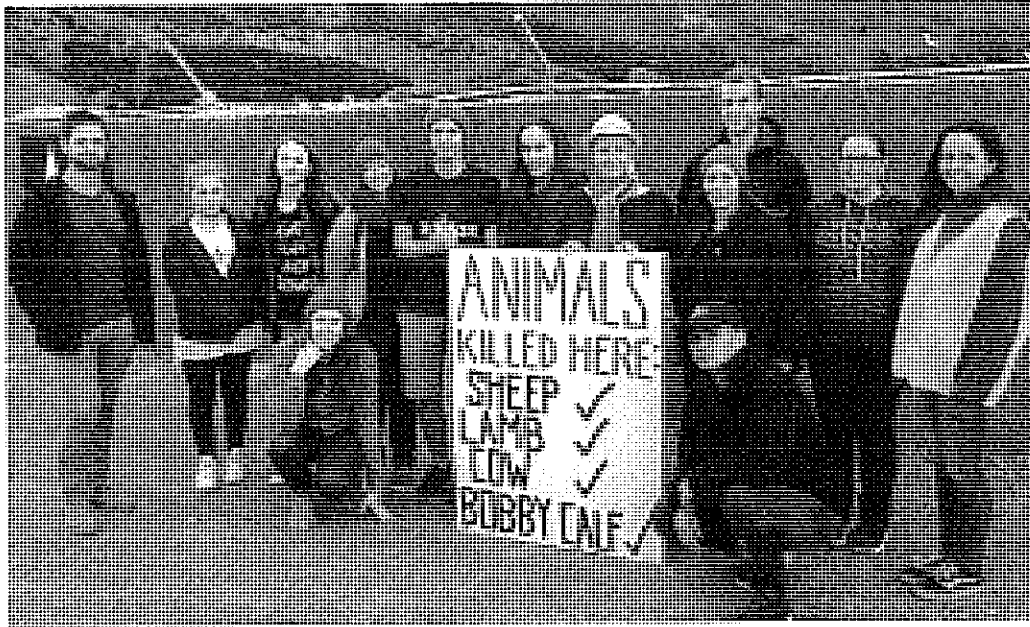
08 April

About 20 members of the animal rights group Wellington Animal Save held a protest outside the Taylor Preston meat processing plant in the Capital's Ngauranga Gorge at the weekend.

It was the group's third protest this year outside the plant. This time, the group says it split into two groups so it could protest at two sites at the plant.

One group, they said, protested at the plant's effluent station in an effort to "build rapport with truckies." The other protested on the road outside the plant.

The protest passed without incident and Wellington Animal Save says it will continue to hold regular protest vigils outside the plant until further notice.



Activists Lend Support to Stop Farm

08 April

At least two militant animal rights groups - Farmwatch and Direct Animal Action - are throwing their support behind opposition by local residents and a marae to plans by Tegel Foods to develop a large scale free range broiler farm near Dargaville.

Opposition to the farm by the committee for the Kapehu Marae and some local residents was featured in a recent episode of Newshub's 'The Hui' Sunday Maori current affairs programme (see image still below).

Commenting on the screening, Farmwatch said on its Facebook page, "Watch the full story about this shocking farm - including shocking Farmwatch footage inside an existing Tegel 'free range' farms. This must not be allowed to proceed."

Meanwhile, on its Facebook page Direct Animal Action (DAA) promoted 'The Hui' programme by stating "Tegel want to build New Zealand's largest broiler chicken farm right next to Kapehu Marae but the locals are saying "NO WAY!"

DAA is also promoting a Givealittle fund raising page set up by the Kaipara Community Association to fund its legal challenge to stop the farm being given consent.

The Givealittle page has been set up by the same woman who established a similar

page to fund opposition to Craddock Farms unsuccessful efforts to establish a large scale layer hen farm at Patumahoe last year.

However, the fund raising page has not been that successful to date, with only 13 people donating a total of \$730 in the one month it has been going.

The national animal rights group SAFE is also opposing opposing the farm, claiming on its Facebook page that, "You'll be shocked by what Tegel calls 'free-range' as the local community fights against a proposed chicken factory-farm in Northland" while urging its supporters to not "support a company that causes suffering to chickens and polluting [to] our environment."



Group Inspects Colony Cage Site

31 March

Over Easter, the Auckland animal rights group Direct Animal Action (DAA) posted video of an inspection it say it conducted of the construction site of a new egg laying farm while work was in suspension for the holiday weekend.

While DAA does not identify the construction site (presumably to avoid accusations of trespass) it links the footage to its campaign opposing Mainland Poultry's construction of a 400,000 hen egg laying farm near Orini, in the Waikato.

The Auckland female animal rights activist who heads DAA fronts the video and describes the scale of it as "pretty overwhelming." In the video she goes on to inspect the conditions for the birds inside one of the buildings, describing them as "a bit of a

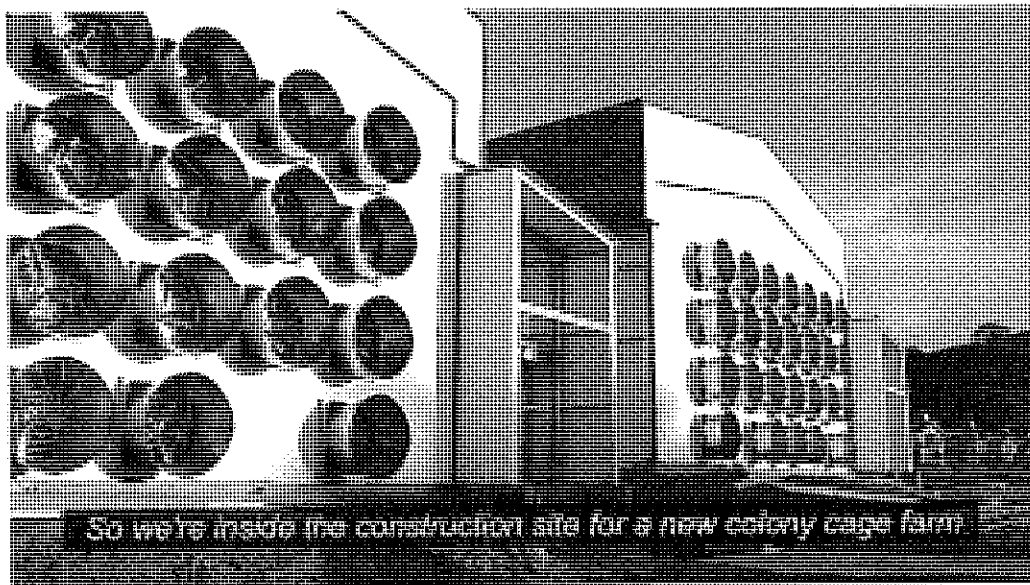
joke" in terms of animal welfare needs with "not much space for a chicken to stand up in."

She ends the video by saying her group will do whatever it can to stop such farms from being established in New Zealand.

Earlier last month, DAA posted footage of a break-in it made at Mainland's trial multi-tiered aviary egg farm near Dunedin to film conditions inside the complex.

DAA claims overseas research shows that multi-tiered aviaries have significant welfare concerns due to increased instances of broken bones, high death rates from cannibalism and reduced air quality because of a large moving flock.

Mainland has however maintained that DAA has got their facts wrong and the farm will be "100 per cent barn" not colony cages as DAA has alleged.



'Out of the Labs' Presentation

29 March

Representatives from two animal rights groups made an impassioned plea to Parliament's Primary Production Select Committee to change the law around animals used in laboratory research so it becomes mandatory that they are rehomed and not euthanized at the end of the research.

Spokeswomen for the NZ Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) and the HUHA (Helping You Help Animals) Charitable Trust addressed the Committee about their joint-petition signed by 16,000 supporters calling on the Government to make rehoming of lab

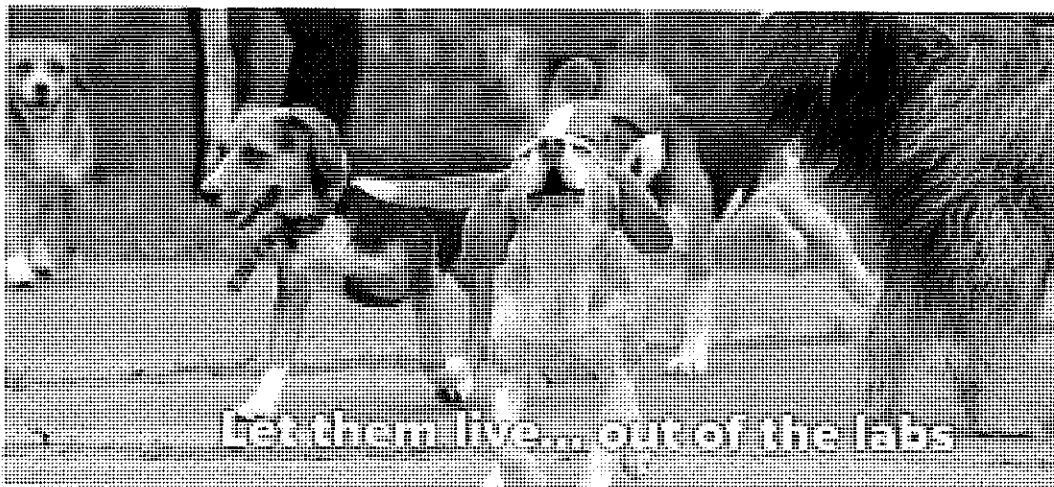
animals compulsory.

The two groups claimed in their presentation that approximately 300,000 animals are used In New Zealand each year for research, testing, and teaching (RTT). In 2015 (the most recent data available) 88,200 of these were euthanised. According to them, in recent years, the number has been between 80,000 and 110,000 lab animals euthanised each year.

The groups say there is currently no legislative incentives to encourage facilities and individuals using animals for RTT to rehome them instead of euthanising them.

NZAVS and HUHA told the committee that they are asking the Government to amend the Animal Welfare Act to include a mandatory retirement policy for ex-lab animals.

They say this would ask research facilities to make a good-faith attempt to rehome any animals who survive the research process – most likely this would simply involve a phone call or email to HUHA or NZAVS. The group's spokeswomen also asked the Committee that animals used for breeding animals for research also be included.



Greenpeace Stacks Submissions

01 April

Greenpeace New Zealand has used its large supporter base to stack the number of opposing submissions to an application by Tegel Foods to build a large scale, free range broiler hen farm near Dargaville.

Greenpeace New Zealand used its online petition website 'Toko' to set up an electronic submission form its supporters could use to remotely file a submission in opposition to the proposal, irrespective of where a person may live.

It is highly likely that the vast majority of the 2,287 submissions made through the

site to the Northland Regional and Kaipara District Councils were made by Greenpeace supporters outside the boundaries of both local bodies.


A total of 5,000 submissions were received by the cut off date - the vast majority of which were in opposition to the proposal. Kaipara District Council received 2234 submissions of which 10 were in favour of the farm while Northland Regional Council received 2458 submissions of which seven were in support.

Greenpeace's involvement in opposing the broiler farm is something new for the organisation, which while pro-vegan, does not normally engage in animal rights issues.

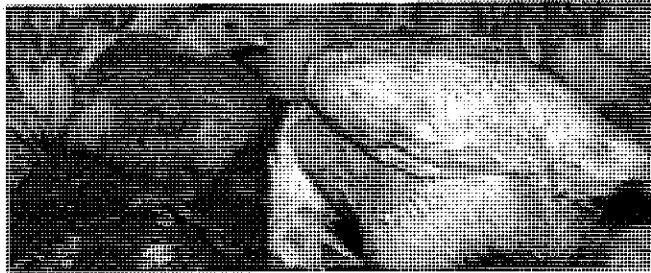
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Stop the Tegel Chicken Farm in Kaipara: Submission

 Campaign created by Kaipara Community Association Inc

This campaign has ended.



We believe that the proposed farm is not suitable for our local community, its people or its environment.

We would like to encourage all community members, all New Zealanders to complete a submission and oppose the construction of this industrial chicken farm in NZ.

2,287 of 3,000 signatures

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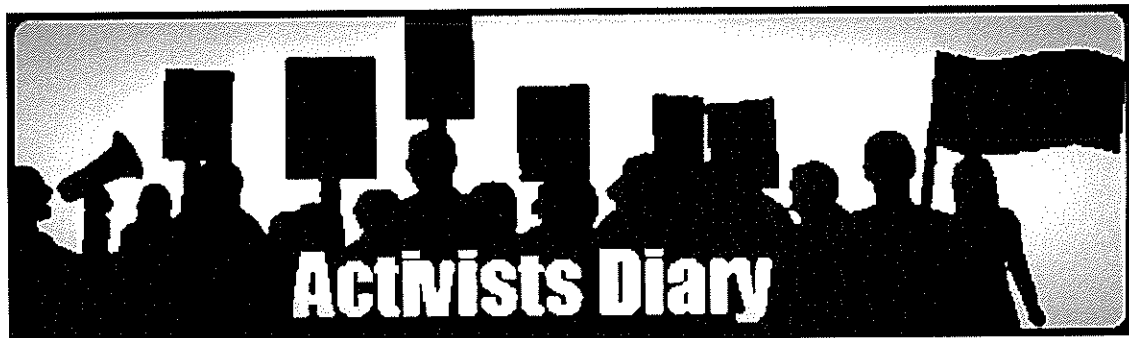
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This is a submission of opposition of the entire application for the Tegel Foods Limited KDC - RM170441 and NRC APP039494 01 01 for a resource consent.



Auckland Cube of Truth Protests

13 and 21 April

Auckland members and supporters of the international animal rights movement 'Anonymous for the Voiceless' will be holding another graphic public video screening of animal rights footage at 115 Queen Street, in downtown Auckland on 13 and 21 April. Although this protest is being held under the 'Anonymous for the Voiceless' banner, many of those attending appeared aligned with another animal rights group - Auckland Animal Save.



Auckland Broiler Hen Protest

27 April

Auckland members and supporters of the international animal rights group The Save Movement, and who call themselves Auckland Animal Save, say they will be holding another protest vigil outside Tegel Foods West Auckland processing plant on 27 April. This is the latest in a series of protests this group has been holding outside Tegel this year, and at another plant operated by Auckland Meat Processors Limited. Most have passed without serious incident.

As with previous protests, the group encourages supporters to bring water for the

birds and which can create safety issues if they approach the trucks. The group says in promotional material for the protest that one of their objectives is to document the arrival of the trucks and to, "bear witness to chickens entering a slaughterhouse in Henderson. We will acknowledge these animals as the thinking, feeling individuals that they are. Volunteers will stand by the entrance to this slaughterhouse with thought-provoking signs for passing traffic."

Another Auckland animal rights group which has previously been very involved in protests against the egg and broiler industries, Direct Animal Action, does not appear to be supporting these protests however.



Auckland Meat Processors Protest

06 May

Members and supporters of Auckland Animal Save say they will be holding another protest vigil outside Auckland Meat Processor's Mt Wellington plant on 06 May.

So far, 26 people have confirmed on the group's Facebook events page for the protest that they will be attending.

The group is advertising that it is "optional" for protesters to bring water for the animals in trucks being delivered to the plant.



AASA 2019 Animal Studies Conference

01-04 July

The New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies at Canterbury University says it will be hosting the 2019 Australasian Animal Studies Association's Biennial Conference in Christchurch next year.

The theme for the conference is 'Decolonizing Animals.' In a preamble calling for papers for the conference, the centre says, "Colonial politics and histories have shaped, and continue to shape, the contemporary worlds of humans and other animals. Languages, societies, cultures, species, landforms, ecosystems, waterways and climates all bear the marks of human imperialism, settlement, invasion, migration, translocation, globalization, colonialism and neocolonialism. What would it mean for humans to decolonize their relationships with each other and with other species? Could we ever become decolonizing animals?"



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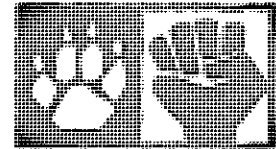
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SAFE to Launch VR Factory Farm

17 January

The national animal rights group SAFE says it is about to launch an online virtual reality (VR) factory farm as part of its ongoing campaign to have factory farming banned in New Zealand.

SAFE has yet to provide more details, but in a message to supporters this week announcing the initiative said, "Just imagine what life is like for an animal on a factory farm. No sunlight. No fresh air. No room to move. Stay tuned for more news coming soon, as we introduce our brand new initiative."

The initiative begs the question as to where SAFE has sourced, or will be sourcing, the 360-degree footage needed for VR.

However, a clue as to the source lies in the fact in July last year SAFE claimed to have obtained "ground-breaking virtual reality images" of a pig farm taken by its frequent collaborator, Farmwatch.

Known for its illegal practice of secretly breaking into farms to install hidden cameras to film suspected animal abuse, Farmwatch claimed in July last year it had installed secret cameras to capture conditions inside a Waikato pig farm.

The footage obtained was shot using 360-degree virtual reality cameras. SAFE said at the time, "[This] allows the public to gain a powerful insight into what life is like for sows imprisoned in farrowing crates. With the innovative use of a virtual reality headset, viewers are transported inside the farm shed, trapped alongside the pigs."



'Dark Side of the Dairy Industry'

15 January

Militant animal rights group Farmwatch has relaunched its 'Dark Side of the Dairy Industry - There is Cruelty in Every Glass of Milk' campaign.

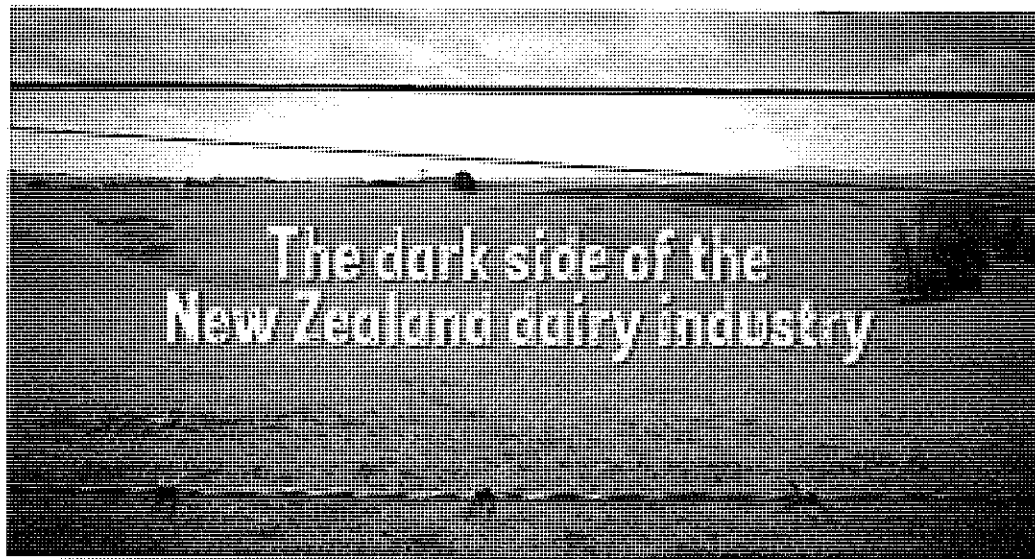
The group is again drawing attention its graphic and distressing video of footage it took secretly in 2015 of animal abuse occurring on a small number of dairy farms and abattoirs it targeted.

The footage has been edited into a four and a half minute video posted on the Vimeo social media video site - presumably because it is too graphic for YouTube's community standards.

Although credited to Farmwatch, the video also bears branding from national animal rights group SAFE. The video has had more than 121,000 views since it was posted on Vimeo in 2015.

In a post on its Facebook page on 15 January, Farmwatch again drew attention to the video on the Vimeo site, saying, "Think drinking milk doesn't harm animals? What we found when we investigated the dairy industry in New Zealand was deeply disturbing. This is what Fonterra don't want you to see. Love animals? Ditch dairy."

The video can be seen at <https://vimeo.com/146749967> but viewers are warned its contents are highly graphic and may be distressing to some viewers.



Activists Claim Rodeo on 'Last Legs'

14 January

Direct Animal Action (DAA) which conducted its latest rodeo protest at the weekend near Whangarei says it believes public opposition has reached a new level whereby

rodeo in New Zealand is now on its "last legs."

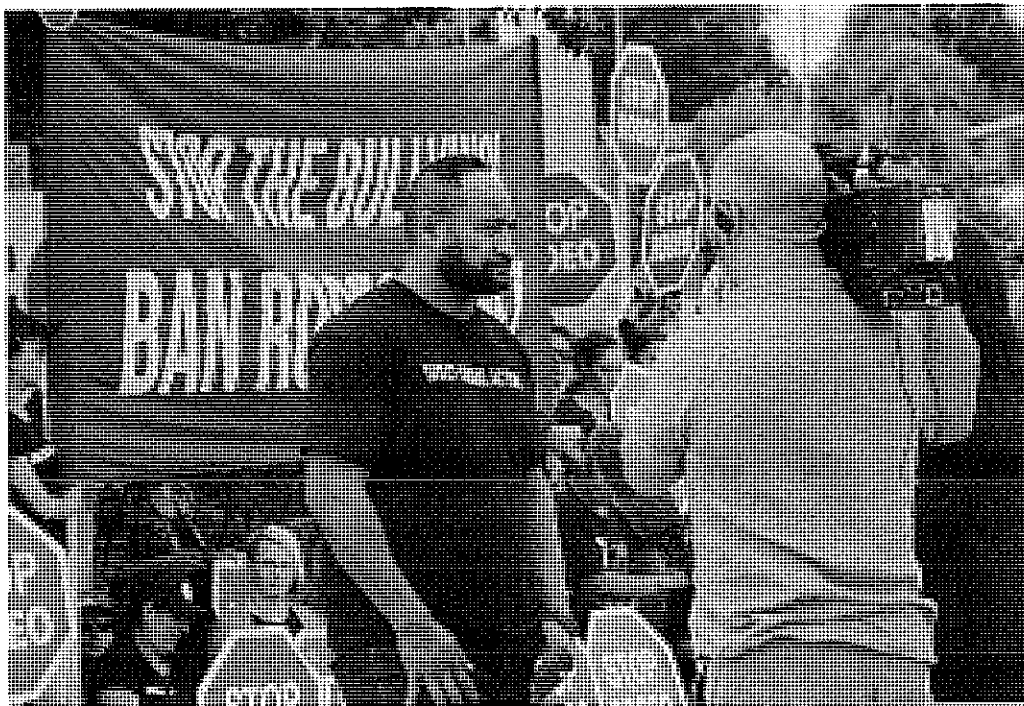
"Since last year's protests, the number of people attending ban rodeo protests have doubled, especially amongst rural communities who are equally shocked by the animal cruelty," says DAA's spokesman.

Commenting on the growing conflict that exists between protesters and organisers of rodeos, DDA's spokesman claimed the NZ Rodeo Cowboys Association has responded to criticism by restricting the use of videoing rodeos.

"This is an attempt to censor distressing images of animals suffering from the general public," he claims.

"We're pleased the Greens have a Private Members Bill that will get rid of the worst aspects of rodeo like calf roping. But we're calling on the new Government to take stronger action by banning rodeo full stop," he says.

"We urge all New Zealander's who care about ending animal cruelty to join us for our final protest of the year on Saturday 17th February, Te Awamutu in the Waikato. NZ Rodeo is on its last legs, we must and can end this," his statement concludes.



Rodeo Protests Draw Large Support

13 January

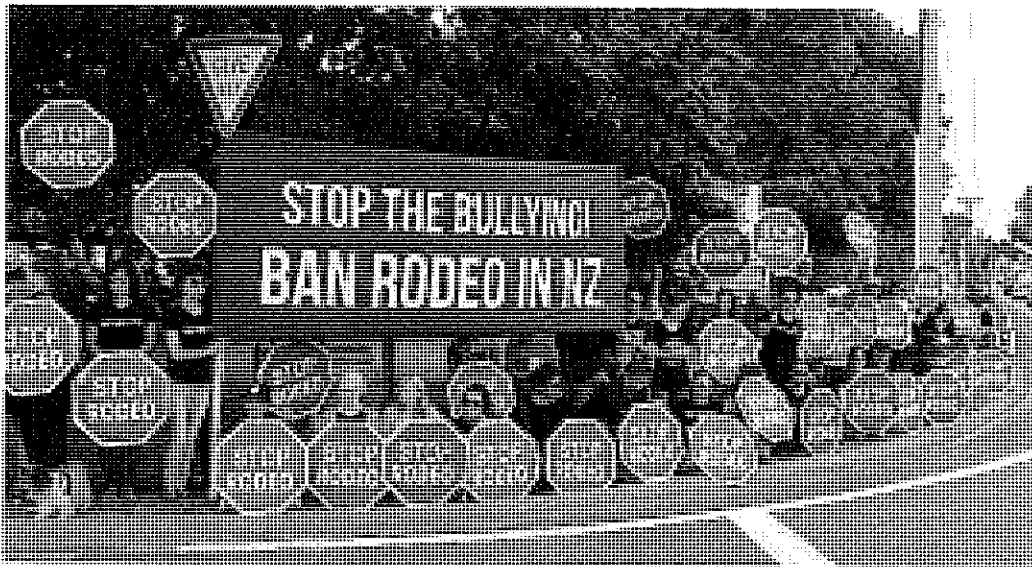
Two protests against rodeo over the holiday period by animal rights group Direct Animal Action drew larger numbers of supporters than previously.

The group's protest against the Warkworth Rodeo on New Year's Day attracted about 100 protesters; while a second protest it staged against the Mid Northern Rodeo at Whangarei on 13 January drew a crowd of about 70 protesters.

Both rodeos went ahead despite a pre-Christmas announcement by one of rodeo's previous biggest supporters - the Lions Club of New Zealand - withdrawing its support from any future involvement with rodeo events nationally.

The Lions Club previously managed car parking and collection of entrance fees at rodeo events but says it won't do this any more in acknowledgement polls say a majority of New Zealanders believe the sport promotes animal cruelty.

Both protest passed peacefully, although protesters have complained at these and other rodeos around the country that they have been automatically banned from entering the events to film and document the condition and treatment of the animals. Many have now put a blanket ban on any filming at rodeos, with the protesters claiming this is an attempt by the Rodeo Cowboys' Association to censor criticism.



NZAVS Follows up on Lab Petition

12 January

The New Zealand Anti-Vivisection Society says it is continuing to lobby Parliament after presenting its 'Out of the Labs' 17,000 signature petition which calls on the House of Representatives to legislate to make it mandatory that researchers be legally bound

to hand over animals used in their research to rescue organisations for re-homing at the conclusion of all research programmes.

The society's petition calls for the practice of euthanizing them to cease.

Last week, the society's Christchurch-based Executive Director says she travelled to Hamilton to meet with Opposition MP David Bennett who is the Chair of the Primary Production Selection Committee, and which is currently considering the society's petition (see photo below).





Animal Rights Street Protest

27 January

The Auckland animal rights group 'Anonymous for the Voiceless' says it will be holding another 'Cube of Truth' audio-visual street protest in Auckland on 27 January.

These peaceful but controversial street protests involve the group standing wearing masks while holding laptops screening graphic scenes of animal cruelty.

The group has already been warned once not to screen R16+ violent scenes in public by the Chief Censor. This protest is being held in Auckland's Queen Street.

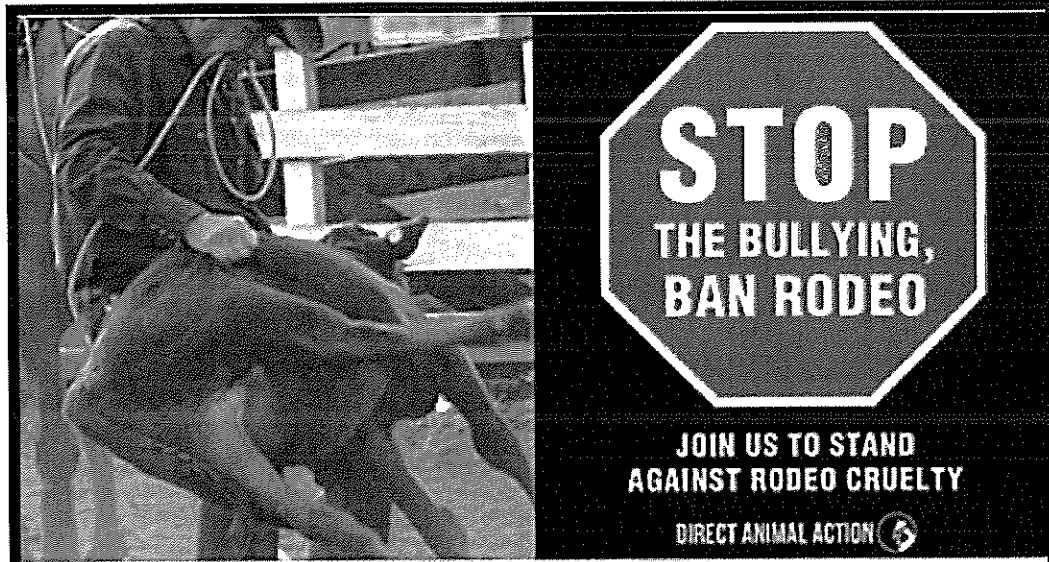


Waikato Rodeo Protest

17 February

The Auckland animal rights group Direct Animal Action says it will be staging its last protest for the summer against rodeo on 17 February.

The group says its third and final protest for the summer will be at Kihikihi against the Waikato Rodeo. So far, 30 supporters of the group have said on the group's Facebook page that they will be supporting the protest.



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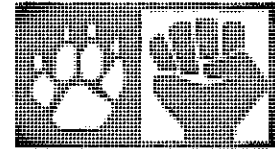
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Animal Rights & GE Issues

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SAFE Keeps its Charity Status

23 April

The national animal rights group SAFE has kept its charity status after a protracted examination of its suitability by the Charities Registration Board.

Unlike Greenpeace, which was recently refused charity status because it was shown that both it and its members were involved in illegal protest activities and from which the Board said, "an illegal purpose can be inferred that disqualified it from being a registered charity," SAFE has managed to convince the Board that its members however stay on the right side of the law.

Although the Charities Registration Board did not say so, this is because SAFE relies

on another animal rights group (Farmwatch) to conduct the illegal behaviour needed to acquire covert and secret camera footage of alleged animal abuse SAFE frequently relies upon to attack intensive farming practices in New Zealand. There is no evidence in its decision that the Board considered this aspect in reaching its decision, although it says it rejected a number of arguments SAFE put up, notably that there was no automatic presumption of charity status

Farmwatch and SAFE have had a long, very close and collaborative working relationship (see photo below), but remain separate - something that clearly works in SAFE's favour in order to bat away the accusations of illegality that sunk Greenpeace's chances of getting charity status

SAFE's charity status was put under review in 2015 when a complaint was laid and a petition signed by almost 11,000 people demanding SAFE be stripped of its charitable status.

However, after a three year hiatus, the Board now says it has now decided that, "SAFE has a charitable purpose to advance education and also considers that SAFE has a charitable purpose to advocate on animal welfare issues."

The Board says it considers SAFE's main advocacy provides a public benefit in a way previously accepted as charitable by the courts. The Board has not made a determination on the rest of SAFE's advocacy pertaining to animal welfare laws, regulation, and industry practice, as the Board says it considers that this advocacy is ancillary to SAFE's charitable purposes.

In its decision, the Board says it, "recognises that purposes to advocate points of view on animal, environmental, and other issues are capable of being charitable, and have held to be so by the courts. SAFE advances education on animal welfare and the focus of SAFE's advocacy is to raise public awareness of cruelty to animals, help the public make decisions that reduce animal cruelty, and promote the upholding and enforcement of animal welfare regulation. The Board considers this advocacy provides a public benefit similar to charitable purposes recognised by the courts, and other registered charities."

The Board has been at pains to say the decision is distinguished from its recent decision to refuse Greenpeace charity status because, "Greenpeace's main focus is to advocate its own particular views on environmental issues that cannot be determined to be for the public benefit in a way previously accepted as charitable by the courts. This is different from the focus of SAFE's advocacy."

The Board says it found that Greenpeace and its members are involved in illegal activities from which an illegal purpose can be inferred that disqualified it from being

a registered charity. However, it says there is no evidence that SAFE is involved in illegal activities from which an illegal purpose can be inferred, and so has held that its charity status may remain.

See: <http://www.charities.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/SAFE-Review.pdf>



World Week for Animal Labs

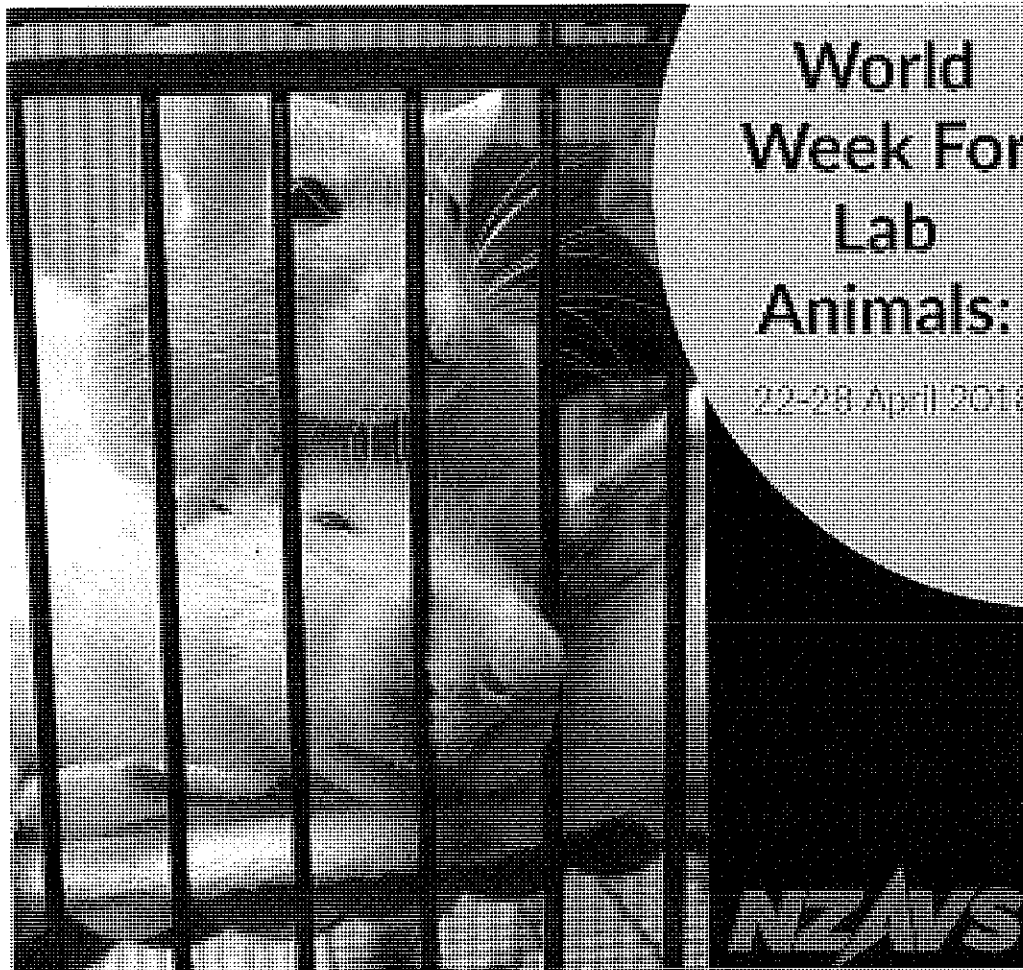
22 April

The NZ Anti-Vivisection Society has used the World Week for Animal Labs (22-28 April) to tell its members and supporters that, "This week is a reminder of the existence of the thousands of animals who are still in laboratories all around NZ, who will never know a life free from confinement, fear and pain."

The society is asking that people use this week to write to the members of Parliament's Primary Production Select Committee asking them to support the society's

submissions to the House of Representatives introducing a mandatory retirement policy for ex-lab animals so that facilities using animals have to at least try and rehome lab animals before euthanising them.

To assist its supporters do this, the society has posted the names and email addresses of all members of the committee on its Facebook page.



Northland GMO Battle Finally Over

22 April

The issue motivated group GE Free Northland says it is celebrating persevering through "five years of conflict" to secure a ban of all trials or the growing genetically modified organisms in Northland.

The battle has included local councils having to fight off three unsuccessful appeals by Federated Farmers to the Environment Court seeking to argue that the Northland

councils do not have jurisdiction to regulate GMOs, and saying it was a central government role under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act.

It has also involved two of the councils fighting amongst themselves over the wording of the Regional Policy Statement, stating whether the wording should not specify plants only. With the Environment Court ruling in favour of the Whangarei District Council's case against the Northland Regional Council this month, all reference to "plants only" has been removed, effectively making the statement cover all living organisms.

Many groups, including GE Free Northland, Tai Tokerau iwi authorities, Northland primary producers, the Far North District Council and health and other professional bodies, supported the district council's case to strengthen the policy's wording.

Following the outcome of the latest litigation, the chairwoman of GE Northland has gone on record saying the Regional Policy Statement can now become operational as all appeals on the GE/GMO issue have finally been resolved.



Farmwatch Focuses on Broilers

20 April

Referring to broiler hens as a "grotesquely over-sized babies" the militant animal rights group 'Farmwatch' put its focus back on the broiler hen industry this month; claiming the birds spend the last few weeks of their "short lives...sitting uncomfortably in faeces soaked bedding."

The post below on the group's Facebook page has invoked a barrage of abusive posts directed at the industry from Farmwatch's supporters.

On its page, Farmwatch claimed that, "all free-range chicken in NZ uses the same genetics as factory farmed chicken...as long as this genetic stock is being used in NZ it's a sick joke to refer to the hens as 'free range...added to these problems are the inherent cruelty involved in transport and slaughter of hens. There is no evidence that this is any less cruel on free-range farms."



Farmwatch

April 20 at 8:49am · 🌐

A grotesquely over-sized baby.

'Meat' chickens on factory farms grow to an enormous size in their short, six week long, lives. They grow so fast that their skeletons can't support their weight. Instead of running around like normal chickens they spend their last weeks uncomfortably sitting in faeces soaked bedding.

The stench inside this shed was overwhelming. The ammonia chokes the air and leads to painful, irritated patches, on the hens. Walking through the hens you find the occasional hen whose heart has given out on it. This is life for 100 million chickens every year in New Zealand.



Opposition to Waikato Egg Farm

19 April

A petition by Auckland animal rights group Direct Animal Action to the Waikato District Council demanding they decline Mainland Poultry's proposed mega egg farm at Orini has reached over 10,000 signatures.

The proposed farm would house 400,000 egg laying hens in a new indoor production system called multi-tiered aviaries. If approved, the farm would be the first of its kind in New Zealand on such a scale.

Direct Animal Action claim multi-tiered aviaries are simply an adjustment to colony cages. Each building will contain 50,000 hens that will be kept in a stacked arrangement that reaches almost to the ceiling.

The hens will have no access to the outdoors," says a spokeswoman for Direct Animal Action. "Overseas, these systems have been described as high rises for chickens."

She claims Mainland Poultry want to establish multi-tiered aviaries in New Zealand because they can sell these eggs as 'cage-free'.

She says her group is concerned about the establishment of these systems in New Zealand because they haven't been thoroughly considered by animal welfare regulators. Overseas, multi-tiered aviaries have been shown to produce significant animal welfare issues including high instances of cannibalism, she claims.

"If Waikato District Council won't decline Mainland's application outright, we're calling on them to make it publicly notified so that all New Zealanders can have their say about what the future of the egg industry looks like in our country," she says.

Our petition reached
10,000 signatures!

Thank you!



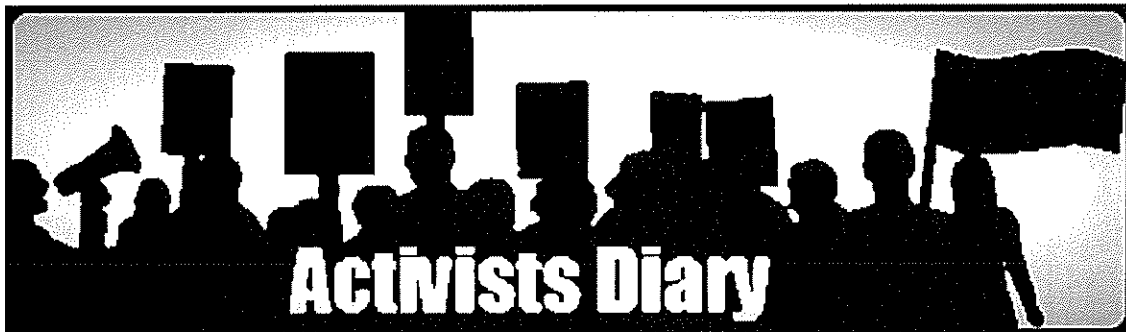
No Apology for Hidden Cameras

17 April

Farmwatch has justified its practice of breaking into premises and covertly installing hidden cameras after the former owner of a Waikatpet food company pleaded guilty last week to four charges laid against him and his former company of animal cruelty. The man was the owner of a pet food company subject to allegations of animal cruelty in 2015 after animal rights activists from Farmwatch broke into his premises and installed hidden cameras that captured instances of his employees abusing bobby calves.

Two of the man's employees have already been convicted of similiar charges, with one being sentenced to 18 months imprisonment after successfully appealing his origin sentence of two and a half years last year.

The owner is due to be sentenced at the Huntly District Court on 22 June. He closed the business down after he and his two workers were charged.



Auckland Broiler Hen Protest

27 April

Auckland members and supporters of the international animal rights group The Save Movement, and who call themselves Auckland Animal Save, say they will be holding

another protest vigil outside Tegel Foods West Auckland processing plant on 27 April. This is the latest in a series of protests this group has been holding outside Tegel this year, and at another plant operated by Auckland Meat Processors Limited. Most have passed without serious incident.

As with previous protests, the group encourages supporters to bring water for the birds and which can create safety issues if they approach the trucks. The group says in promotional material for the protest that one of their objectives is to document the arrival of the trucks and to, "bear witness to chickens entering a slaughterhouse in Henderson. We will acknowledge these animals as the thinking, feeling individuals that they are. Volunteers will stand by the entrance to this slaughterhouse with thought-provoking signs for passing traffic."

Another Auckland animal rights group which has previously been very involved in protests against the egg and broiler industries, Direct Animal Action, does not appear to be supporting these protests however.



Auckland Meat Processors Protest

06 May

Members and supporters of Auckland Animal Save say they will be holding another protest vigil outside Auckland Meat Processor's Mt Wellington plant on 06 May.

So far, 26 people have confirmed on the group's Facebook events page for the protest that they will be attending.

The group is advertising that it is "optional" for protesters to bring water for the animals in trucks being delivered to the plant.



AASA 2019 Animal Studies Conference

01-04 July

The New Zealand Centre for Human-Animal Studies at Canterbury University says it will be hosting the 2019 Australasian Animal Studies Association's Biennial Conference in Christchurch next year.

The theme for the conference is 'Decolonizing Animals.' In a preamble calling for papers for the conference, the centre says, "Colonial politics and histories have shaped, and continue to shape, the contemporary worlds of humans and other animals. Languages, societies, cultures, species, landforms, ecosystems, waterways and climates all bear the marks of human imperialism, settlement, invasion, migration, translocation, globalization, colonialism and neocolonialism. What would it mean for humans to decolonize their relationships with each other and with other species? Could we ever become decolonizing animals?"



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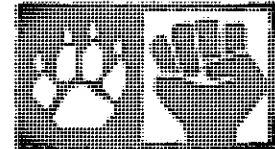
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Farmwatch Releases Covert Footage

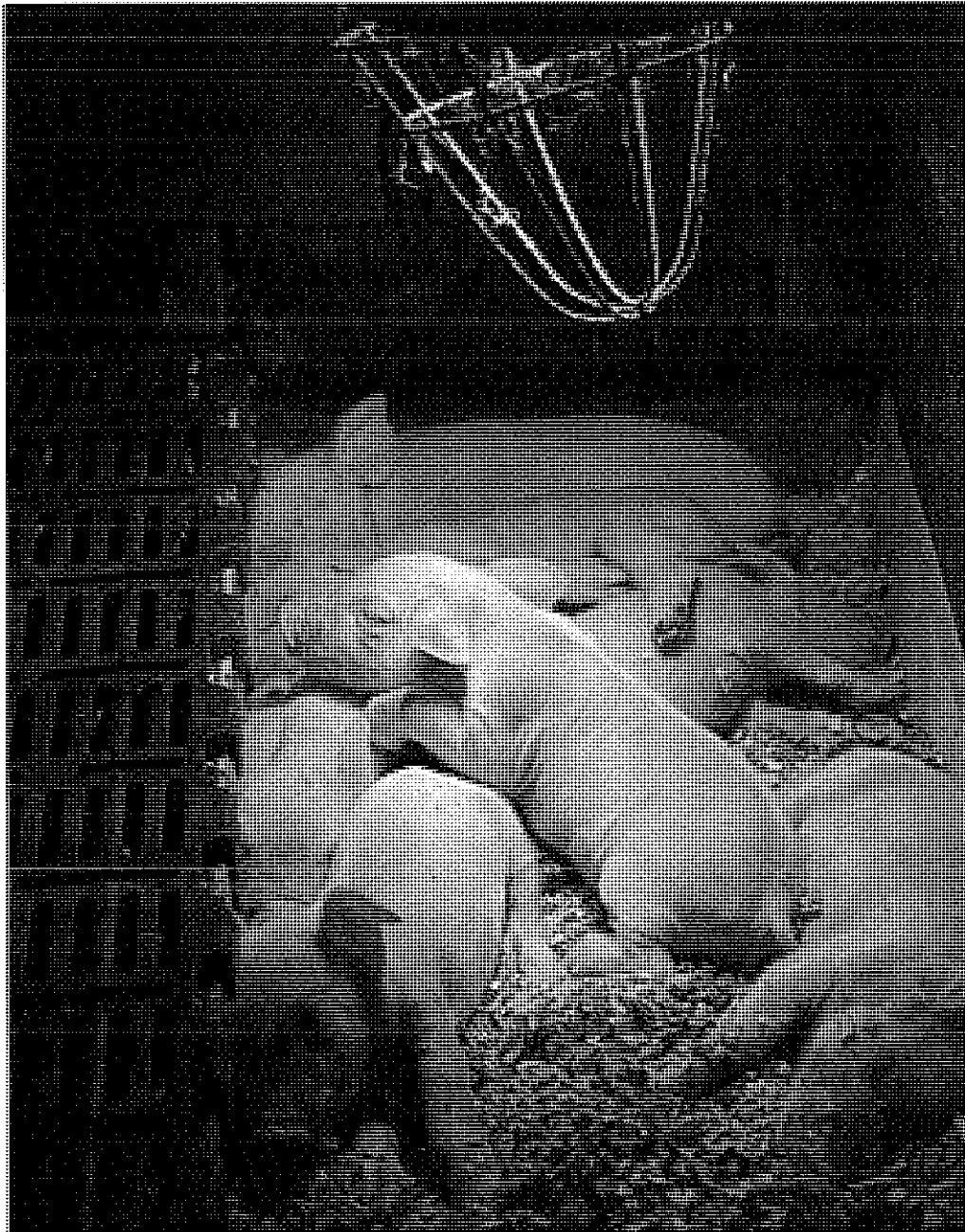
11 May

Animal rights group Farmwatch has released new covert footage it says it took inside a Waikato pig farm last year after it broke in and installed secret cameras. Farmwatch claims the footage captured farm workers abusing piglets. The footage, which Farmwatch says it captured in 2017, shows the farm workers pulling piglets out of pens by the legs and dumping them into plastic bins.

However, Farmwatch says although it referred the footage to the MPI, the Ministry refused to prosecute the farm as it did not detect any cruelty in the

footage supplied.

Farmwatch has also complained that it is finding it harder for the news media to also take an interest in the footage they capture on their secret cameras .Despite this, the footage Farmwatch has posted on its Facebook page has been shared more than 1,000 times on social media and attracted almost 500 likes.



Lab Animals Petition Considered

10 May

Parliament's Primary Production Select Committee met this week to discuss a petition from two animal rights groups seeking a legislative requirement that research laboratories, universities and any other organisations that use animals in research adhere to a mandatory retirement policy for ex-lab animals so that facilities have to at least try and rehome animals before any other options are considered (i.e. euthanasia).

The campaign by the NZ Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) and HUHANZ has continued to received sizable media coverage as both groups assertively promote their campaign.

This has included the Christchurch-based Executive Director of NZAVS directly lobbying the Committee's chairman, National MP David Bennett, in his home electoral in the Waikato, and giving a lengthy presentation to the Committee at Parliament itself.



Rodeo Cleared of Wrongdoing

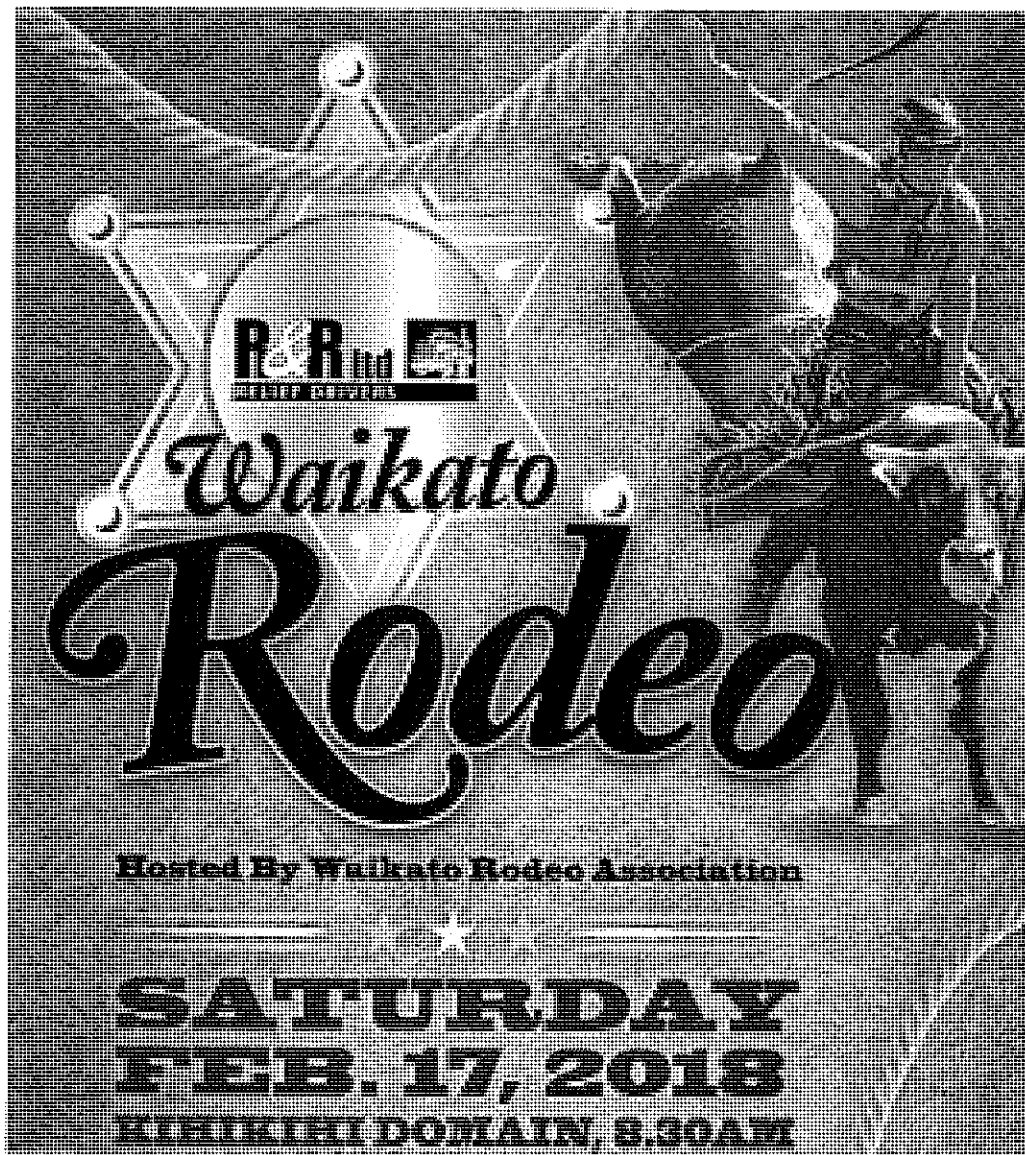
08 May

The Waikato Rodeo Association has been cleared of any wrongdoing after a horse was injured at the Kihikihi rodeo this year and a complaint laid by animal rights activists.

A complaint by the animal rights group, Anti-Rodeo Action, was laid with the Ministry of Primary Industries in April after a horse was injured during a bucking bronco event. The horse suffered an eye injury while exiting the chute.

To the chagrin of the complainant, the MPI has concluded as a result of its enquiries it was found the injury was dealt with promptly and in accordance with both the Rodeos' Code of Welfare 2014 and the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Therefore no offence was committed.

Anti-Rodeo Action, however, released a statement on the decision claiming, "The point is that the horse was injured during the commission of a crime because rodeo is already illegal under the animal welfare act as a report from the New Zealand Animal Law association showed in March this year."



A Week of Dunedin Activism

07 May


Two Otago groups, Anonymous of the Voiceless Dunedin, and the Dunedin Animal Rights Network (DARC), organised a week of animal rights events last week around a visiting high profile American animal rights activist with the group 'Anonymous for the Voiceless.'

The events included staging two 'Cube of Truth' protests on 08 and 10 May at the Dunedin Museum Reserve; a 'Secrets to Sustainable Activism and Potluck Dinner' also on on 08 May; and a 'Vegan Outreach' at the University of Otago

on 10 May. None of the events involved actual protest.

The activist is on a world tour promoting veganism and the 'Cube of Truth' protests, and has helped stage these in other New Zealand centres this month.

**Week of Activism with
AV Dunedin & Joshua Entis**



**ANONYMOUS
for the
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Auckland Meat Processors Protest

06 May

The animal rights group Auckland Animal Save held another protest outside the Great South Road works of Auckland Meat Processors for several hours last week. About 40 protesters attended (see photo below).

As with previous protests at the plant by this group, it passed reasonably incident-free after management approached and engaged with the protesters to establish a few ground rules for safety reasons.

During the protest, the protesters stayed predominantly on the verge, although occasionally one or two broke the agreed protocol by entering the roadway as delivery trucks arrived to try photograph the stock inside.

It was pleasing to note, however, that the majority of the protesters respected the safety guidelines and only the behaviour of a small percentage continue to require oversight in order to ensure their safety from the moving trucks.



Tegel Broiler Farm Opposition

04 May

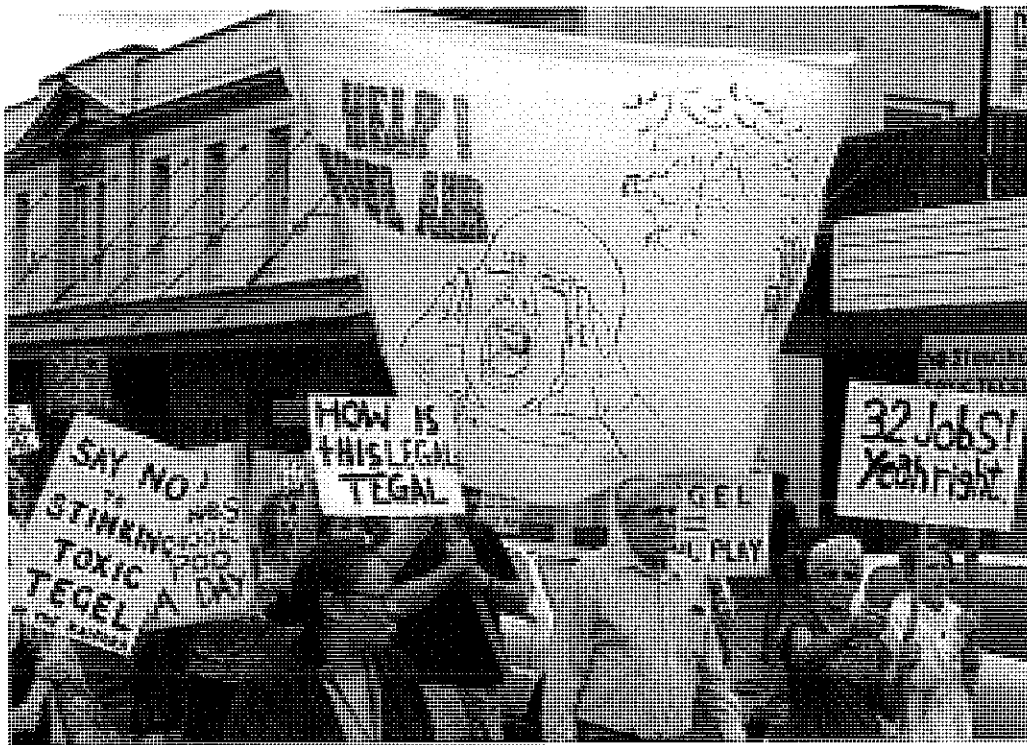
The group opposing plans by Tegel Foods to build a large scale free range broiler hen farm near Dargaville has released a short summary of the

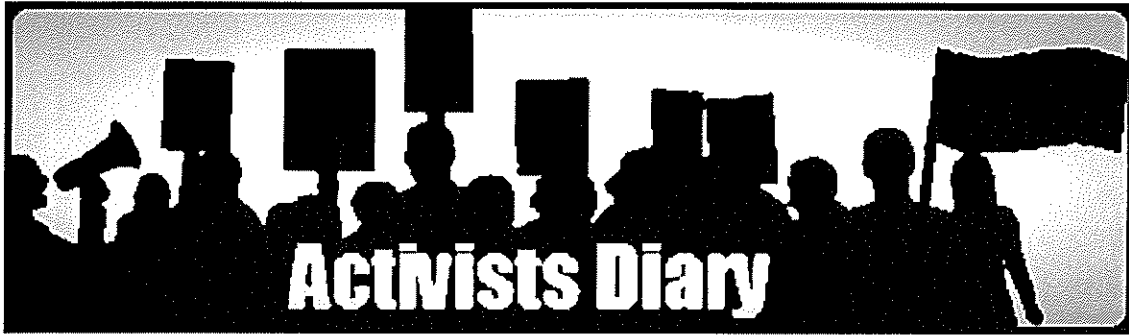
arguments it says it will present in legal action it is taking in an attempt to stop the project.

The Dargaville Chicken Farm Community Information Group claims, "This acquisition could result in further cost cutting measures (to increase shareholder profit) that increases the risks to our community. All organisations under financial pressure look for ways to save money and in the case of the proposed broiler farm this could mean opening sheds for ventilation rather than using the exhaust fans/stacks to save power."

Saying "these are some of the unknowns we will go to court with, the groups claims the project, "would cause uncontrolled levels of emissions over our community. Or finding cheaper ways to incinerate the litter, [which are] not necessarily symbiotic with improving the process."

The group has set up a Givealittle page to help fund its legal costs, although this has only raised \$730 since it was set up in March.





Cube of Truth Protest: Auckland

13 & 19 May

Auckland animal rights group Anonymous for the Voiceless has announced it will be holding two more public protests in central Auckland on Sunday 13 May at 1pm and Saturday 19 May at 3.30pm. Both are being held in Queen Street. The group describes these regular Cube of Truth protests as being a "peaceful static demonstration akin to an art performance. This demonstration operates in a structured manner that triggers curiosity and interest from the public; we attempt to lead bystanders to a vegan conclusion through a combination of local standard-practice animal exploitation footage and conversations with a value-based sales approach."

One of the striking features of the protest is that all participants are anonymous and wear Guy Fawkes masks normally associated with the decentralized international hacktivist group 'Anonymous' widely known for its various DDOS cyber attacks on governments and corporations.



Auckland Protest Vigil

27 May

The animal rights group Auckland Animal Save has announced it is holding another protest vigil outside the South Auckland works of Auckland Meat Processors, this time on Sunday 27 May at 11.30am. It will be the second protest held at the company's Mount Wellington works by the group this month. The group says it wants people supporting this protest to, "take photos, videos, and live-streams of animal transport trucks as they arrive."

Auckland Animal Save also says it will have a special international guest at this protest, visiting American animal rights campaigner Joshua Entis who operates his own YouTube animal rights channel and is on a world tour attending protests organised by member groups of the 'Animal Save Movement.'



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Vigil at Auckland Meat Processors |

Auckland Animal Save

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Tegel Foods Protest Vigil

08 June

Auckland Animal Save has announced it is holding another protest vigil outside Tegel Food's West Auckland processing plant on Friday 08 June between 7.30am-10am. So far, nine people have indicated they will be attending this protest. The group says signs and high visibility clothing will be provided to anyone protesting.



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Vigil at Tegel Slaughterhouse | Auckland Animal Save

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01-04 July

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Activist Warned of Trespass

16 May

A Whanganui animal rights activist has been warned to stop trespassing during her weekly Sunday afternoon protests at Affco's Land Meat Works in Castlecliff.

It appears that for six weeks the woman and her supporters have been climbing onto stock trucks arriving at the works and singing to the animals inside in an effort to "calm them" before slaughter.

The woman has admitted in an article published in the Whanganui Chronicle

that she knew she was trespassing and has promised the works' Processing Manager that she and her half-dozen supporters will to stay on the footpath in future.

However, she says she still wants Affco to agree to let her and her supporters approach the trucks when they arrive and give the animals water, and pat and comfort them through the sides of the truck.

The activist is only a recent arrival to Whanganui, having moved there for cheaper housing and previously operated a weekly animal rights Radio Access show broadcast out of Palmerston North. She also has a history of staging protests outside abattoirs in Hamilton when she lived in Otorohanga for three years.



Criticism of Broiler Industry

15 May

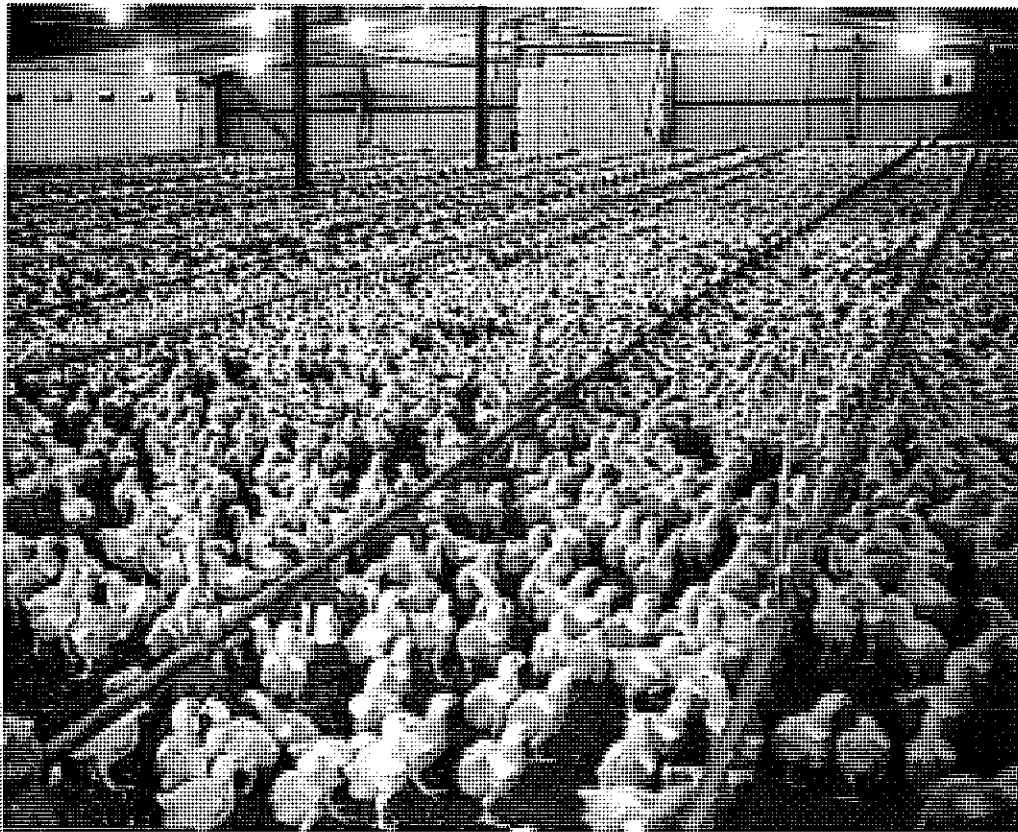
The Auckland-based animal rights group Direct Animal Action has posted the photograph below on social media which it claims was taken inside a "Tegel factory farm in NZ" as the latest shot by the group against the broiler meat industry.

Direct Animal Action accompanied the photograph with the comment, "Around 100 million chickens are raised and killed for meat each year in New Zealand. These chickens have been bred for rapid growth so they can be killed at just 6

weeks old by companies like Tegel Foods (New Zealand)."

The post has attracted a number of negative comments on the group's Facebook page directed at Tegel Foods, including some calling for a boycott of the company's products and including such statements as:

- Shameful.
- Revolting.
- Disgusting waste of resources and inhumanity. No surprise that campylobacter flourishes in those conditions.
- This is what "free range" "cage free" is.
- Will no longer be purchasing Tegel products. We were told that their poultry were all free range 😞😞😞



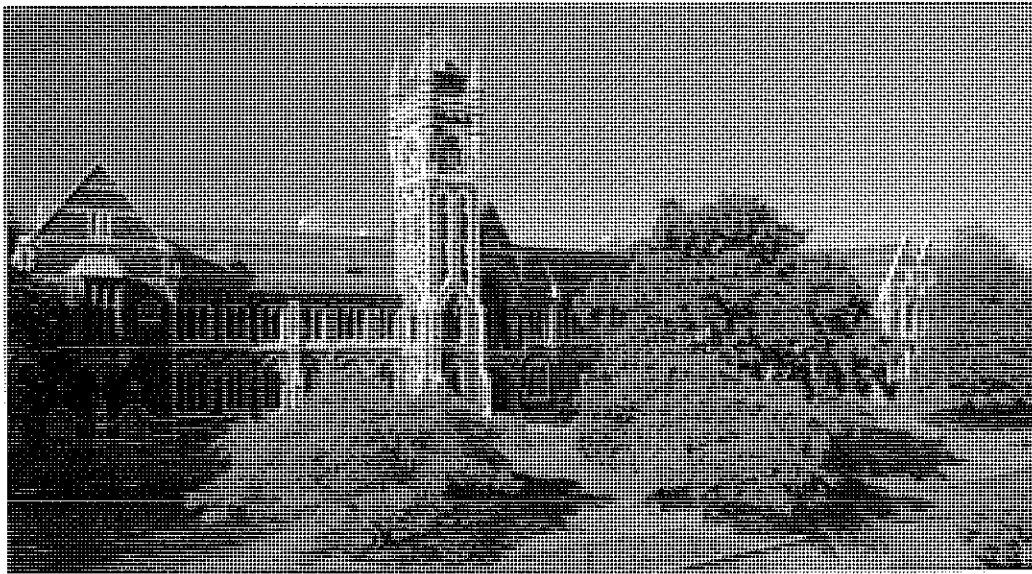
Medical Researcher Challenged

15 May

Two animal rights groups have challenged a Senior Lecturer in animal and environmental ethics at Otago University over his advice that most animals used in research have been bred specifically for research purposes, and its not clear they are going to be well suited to rehoming.

The lecturer was commenting on Parliament's decision to reject a call by animal rights activists for the introduction of a mandatory rehoming policy for animals used in research.

However, the NZ Anti-Vivisection Society and Helping You to Help Animals (aka HUHA) have responded by sending the lecturer a challenge to test his belief by releasing a small number of laboratory-bred rabbits or rodents into HUHA's care to see if the rehabilitation and socialization programme HUHA offers will allow the animals to integrate into homes as happy and healthy pets. HUHA claims it can integrate the animals to become domestic pets within 12 weeks utilising a special programme it has developed.





Activists 'Outraged' Petition Rejected

14 May

Two national animal rights groups say they are "outraged" Parliament has rejected their 16,000 signature petition calling for the rehoming of laboratory animals.

The NZ Anti-Vivisection Society (NZAVS) and Helping You Help Animals (HUHA) say they are outraged over the "lack of understanding and compassion" shown by Parliament's Primary Production Select Committee rejecting a mandatory rehoming and retirement policy for laboratory animals once they are no longer needed for research. The two groups say a mandatory rehoming policy would avoid unnecessary euthanasia.

After accepting the petition and listening to oral submissions from both HUHA and NZAVS, the Select Committee responded by releasing a report stating that

did not consider that a mandatory retirement policy is necessary for animals used in RTT (research, testing and teaching), and that "at present, there is nothing in the Animal Welfare Act to preclude a research facility from offering animals to rescue centres once the research is complete."

However, the groups have fired back saying in a statement, "The issue isn't that there is anything preventing facilities from rehoming ex-lab animals in the Act, it's that there is nothing encouraging the rehoming of these animals which is clearly needed."

The activists say that in 2015 88,200 animals were euthanased during or after experimentation in New Zealand. "It is evident," they argue, "that the government need to step in and at least encourage these facilities to try and adopt these animals out to loving homes, where they can."

They claim to be "incredibly disappointed by the Select Committee's decision" and, "outraged by the lack of understanding and compassion that they have shown." The groups claim the Committee could have easily made a recommendation for a "very small amendment but have chosen to turn a blind eye to the needless death of thousands of animals across NZ."

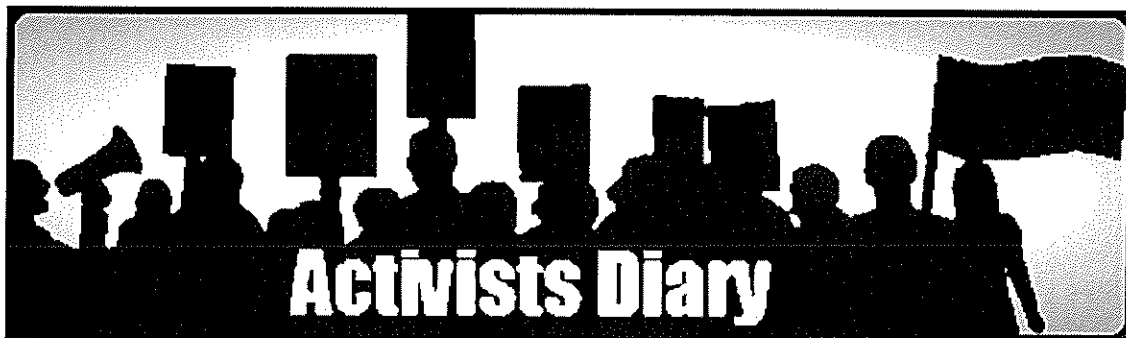
The activists claim that the Committee's reasons, "for not supporting our petition are not good enough and they suggest that the committee did not listen to us or read any of the material that we sent them. If they did they would see that their concerns have already been addressed within our well thought out campaign."

The two groups now say that they will be taking their campaign to the "next level" and will be making direct representations to the Minister himself now.

Concern There May Be Protest

The Select Committee's decision to reject the groups' petition and their threat to take their protest to the "next level" raises the concern that protest may be planned against research facilities in order to attract publicity to the campaign. The Executive Director of NZAVS this week told the AUT Journalism School's magazine 'Te Aha Nui' that "A lot of people want to march and protest this."

MPs don't think his life is worth
a small legislative change.



Cube of Truth Protest: Auckland

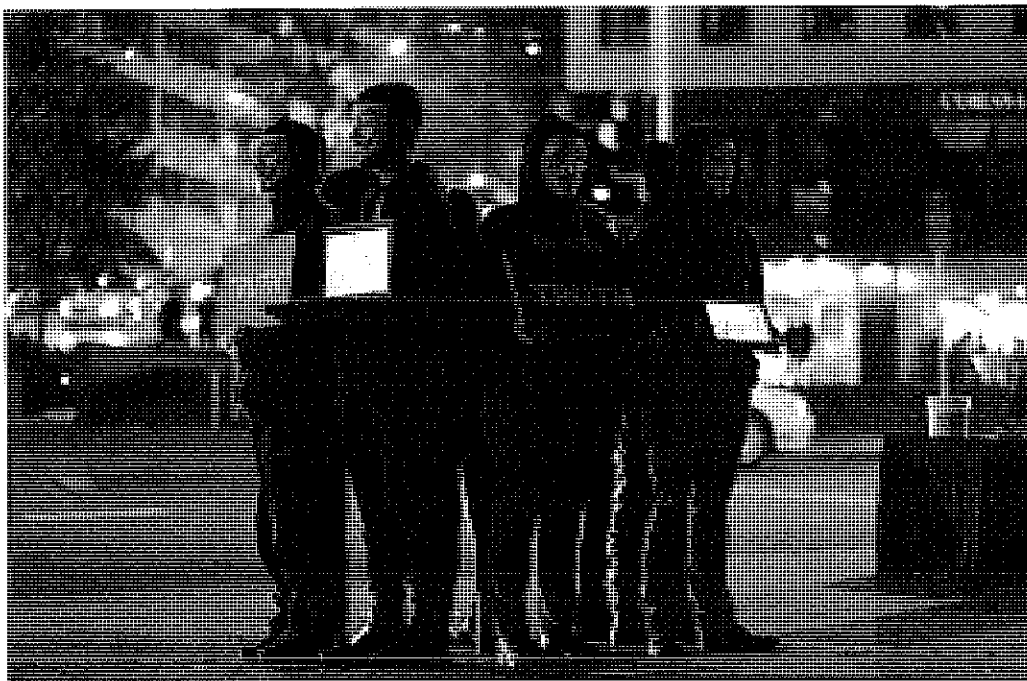
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One of the striking features of the protest is that all participants are anonymous and wear Guy Fawkes masks normally associated with the decentralized international hacktivist group 'Anonymous' widely known for its various DDOS cyber attacks on governments and corporations.



Auckland Protest Vigil

27 May

The animal rights group Auckland Animal Save has announced it is holding another protest vigil outside the South Auckland works of Auckland Meat Processors, this time on Sunday 27 May at 11.30am. It will be the second protest held at the company's Mount Wellington works by the group this month. The group says it wants people supporting this protest to, "take photos, videos,

and live-streams of animal transport trucks as they arrive."

Auckland Animal Save also says it will have a special international guest at this protest, visiting American animal rights campaigner Joshua Entis who operates his own YouTube animal rights channel and is on a world tour attending protests organised by member groups of the 'Animal Save Movement.'



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Tegel Foods Protest Vigil

08 June

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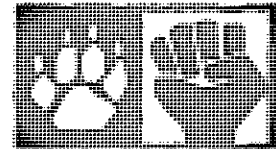
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Crowd-Funding Animal Rights Film

28 May

A young Auckland couple (see image below) who are two of the principal organisers of the animal rights groups Auckland Animal Save and Auckland Anonymous for the Voiceless, are crowd funding to make a video publicising their work.

Specifically, the video will focus on the regular 'Cube of Truth' protests the two activists help to organise in the Auckland CBD by the group Anonymous for the Voiceless and which controversially screen graphic scenes of animal abuse, and which have been the subject of criticism from the Chief Film

Censor.

The video has been selected as one of 10 stories for the 2018 Loading Docs collection (Loading Docs won the NZ On Air Best Web Series award at the 2017 TV Awards).

The video follows the two activists as they prepare for one of their regular 'Cube of Truth' protests, which involves a group of masked volunteers standing silently in an outwards-facing square, showing the public a graphic montage of modern animal industry practices on their laptops. They aim to trigger curiosity and interest in veganism, but they also often have to deal with angry outbursts and ridicule from the public.

The two activists hope to raise \$4000 to finance the video and have already collected \$2140 of that target, with just over another month to go.





Protesters Block Stock Truck

27 May

Auckland animal rights protesters who have been regularly protesting outside Auckland Meat Processors' Otahuhu plant stepped up their level of protest at the weekend when they deliberately blocked a truck from leaving the plant by standing in its way.

Up 60 protesters aligned with the group Auckland Animal Save took part in Sunday's protest and were mainly co-operative except for the one incident when three protesters blocked a truck from leaving for a few minutes so other protesters could approach the truck and film the animals inside.

The protesters have for some time been asking that all trucks at the plant stop for several minutes during the protests so that the protesters can 'bear witness' to the animals inside by filming them and offering them water. This has been refused for safety reasons.

Despite this refusal, however, one of the protest organisers, wearing a hi-viz vest, put himself at risk by running across Great South Road and up to a truck as it was turning into the plant and filming inside it.

It was the second protest against the plant by the group this month. The

group has promised to hold more, including one a week unless management agrees to their demand for the trucks to stop. The same group has also been targeting Tegel Foods West Auckland plant for regular protests as well. Sunday's protest was the first time the protesters breached a good faith agreement reached with management to protest within accepted boundaries. The reason for this breach may have been in response to the presence at the protest one of the group's American founders who is currently touring New Zealand. Time will tell.







Fed Farmers Abandons GE Challenges

26 May

Anti-GE issue motivated groups have greeted with delight an announcement from Federated Farmers that they are abandoning (for now) their ongoing legal challenges against several local bodies regulating against genetically modified organisms (GMOs).

Federated Farmers had initiated a number of appeals challenging territorial authorities' rights under the Resource Management Act to set their own policies and rules controlling the use of GMOs.

The results of the appeals to date have not been successful, and after recent criticism by the Principal Environment Judge Federated Farmers announced at the weekend that they would be abandoning all current appeals before the courts, but would "continue to assess" the situation.

Federated Farmers says their opposition stemmed from the appropriateness of having both the EPA and regional councils "double dipping" on GMO regulation, questioning whether regional councils had sufficient resources to devote to those decisions and why they should "go through all the same things on whether it's safe to have in their district when it's already done by the

government."

The issue motivated group GE Free Northland said the withdrawal of legal challenges was a significant milestone in the fight to protect Northland's existing valuable GE Free status.

Meanwhile, another anti-GE group, the Soil & Health Association said the withdrawal of legal proceedings meant a reprieve from what had been a constant and expensive legal fight, and describing the announcement as a "victory for rural communities" and "in the interest of all NZ farmers and primary producers."



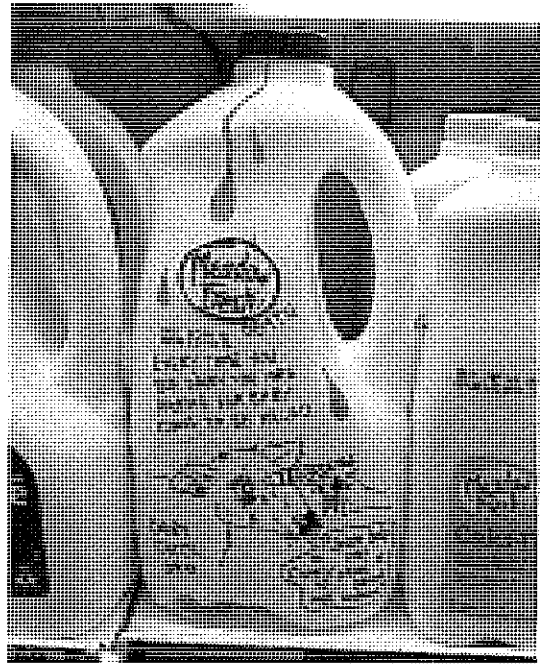
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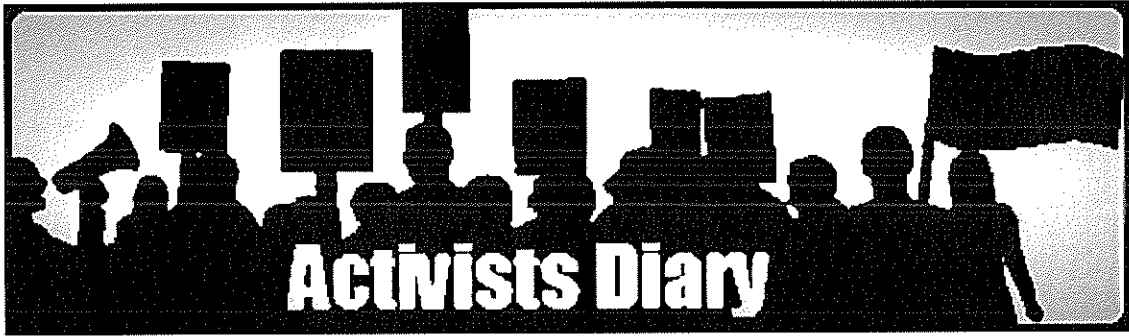
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A Christchurch-based animal rights activist, who has already been trespassed from one Auckland processing plant for filming illegally on the premises, has started a food tampering campaign where she sneaks protest messages in amongst meat and milk products in supermarkets (see images below).

The protest messages are written in felt pen on empty milk containers she says she collects from outside supermarkets, or are printed on stickers she then places on meat in the supermarket's chilled section. Once placed, she then photographs the images and posts them on Instagram.







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