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Ingevolge artikel **62** van de Wet Inlichtingen en Veiligheidsdiensten deel ik het volgende mede:

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er geen interesse meer zijn in de overzichten, gaarne bericht.
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Summary

Founded by the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS), the 24th April has become the accepted day to protest against the use of animals in research and has been named World Day for Laboratory Animals. During the 1980's, over 20,000 people attended the march and rally from Hyde Park to Trafalgar Square, however, in the early and mid 90's the NAVS event was hijacked by the more extreme elements of the animal rights movement and support fell away. What remains now is a global week of action which this year takes place in the UK from 22nd to 29th April.

Actions are best identified from NAVS itself. It says it's supporters should involve themselves in 'a whole host of activities dedicated to raising awareness of the suffering of laboratory animals such as national street collections, publicity events, vigils outside laboratories, distribution of campaigning materials.'

In reality, with the exception of the days around 24th April, there is little or no increase in direct action during the month. It is however an opportunity for animal welfare supporters to involve themselves in low-key issues and also an opportunity for the major animal welfare groups, such as Animal Aid, to raise their profiles.

This year, there has been no single major event bringing together the more extreme groups. Instead they are each holding their own actions. SHAC's main action takes place on Friday 27th April. SHAC held a similar event last year which again was directed against financial institutions which are named secondary targets in its campaign against HLS.

Surprisingly, PETA in the UK has become involved in the campaign against the building of the animal research laboratory in South Parks Rd, Oxford. The group is supporting the 87 year-old veteran campaigner, Joan Court, who says that from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th April 07 she will be holding another of her 72-hour hunger strikes in Oxford. Her action forms the central rallying point for protest during the week. The three-day event is likely to attract substantial support on the final day.

On 24th April 07, SPEAK supporters are gathering in Oxford and activists targeting Wickham Laboratories will be holding an action at the premises.

At present, SHAC have not announced any actions for World Day for Laboratory Animals but it would be highly unlikely that SHAC would not be involved in some form of protest on one of the main days in the animal rights calendar. The usual surprise protests could be expected in and around any of the London and South East regions. Any updates will be reported upon accordingly.

Announced protests are taking place in support of the SHAC campaign in Holland and Belgium from 23rd to 27th April 07. The full list of times and locations are included below.

Last week a nasty paedophile letter campaign emerged. On Thursday 12th April 07, a director of a large pharmaceutical company and resident in the Chester area, reported that a number of his neighbours had received letters claiming that he was 'a paedophile.' The director had not been previously targeted. The following day police reported that similar letters had been received by members of the public in Greater Manchester, Northamptonshire and Sussex. In each case, the individuals named in the letters were the directors or employees of companies with links to lawful animal testing.

Future Events

Wednesday 18th to Sunday 29th April 2007

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Weekly anti-armament protest in Brighton

Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulscroomb, Brighton. The protest, organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place between 4pm and 6pm every Wednesday outside the premises.

EDO MBM has been the target of sustained protest and direct action since 2003 from a local group - actions outside the weekly event still continue.

Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7, every Wednesday evening. At present, only three or four regular protestors are showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention.

SSAT supporters Court appearances

It is believed that the twelve activists from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) campaign, who are charged with offences under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, will be appearing for a hearing at Worcester Crown Court on Wednesday 18th April and Friday 20th April 07. All twelve remain on unconditional bail.

AR Nottingham demonstrations

Anti-Circus protestors say they will be holding demonstrations at 6pm on Tuesday 17th, Thursday 19th and Fri 20th April 07 against Martin Lacey's Lincolnshire-based Great British Circus while it is performing at the Japanese Water Gardens, near Nottingham.

Nottingham Animal Rights will be holding its regular fortnightly meeting at 7.30pm on Thursday 26th April 07 at the Sumac Social Club in Nottingham

Thursday 19th April 2007

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance.

Canadian Seal Hunt Protest

Local London campaigners are calling for support for a protest on Thursday 19th April 07 outside Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2.

The protest, which takes place between noon and 3pm, is to highlight attention to the ongoing Canadian seal hunt in Newfoundland. It is once again likely to be peaceful with the display of banners and leafleting members of the public.

Friday 20th April 2007

Weekly Protest at HLS

The weekly protest at HLS in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction. Protest is usually held on a Friday by less than five protestors. Protest at HLS' premises in Eye, Suffolk is not expected.

Saturday 21st April 2007

Anti-Fur protests in London

The usual anti-fur protestors in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from around 20 anti-fur protestors.

Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request ...it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets.

Anti-Greyhound Racing action in Coventry

Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon.

This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

Protest in Hull against GM Crops

Anti-GM campaigners have called for actions against plans to plant genetically modified potatoes in Humberside and Cambridgeshire. Currently BASF is 'testing the water' with attempts to introduce GM Potatoes, at two sites, one in Cambridgeshire and the other in Hull. The trials are the first in the UK for nearly three years.

On Saturday, 21st April there will be a rally in Hull to highlight the issue by demonstrating. It starts at 1pm in the Preston Road Community Centre, Marfleet, Hull HU9 5UY. with speakers and music. Organisers say this will be followed by a 'stroll to the field (where the potatoes are due to be planted) for a picnic and general harrumphing around.'

Speakers include campaigners from the Permaculture Association, Friends of the Earth, GM Freeze and local farmers.

'Harrumphing' may lead to some of confrontation on the day – future actions can be expected.

Monday 23rd April 2007

Anti Dierproeven Coalitie / SHAC protests in Holland and Belgium

Holland and Belgium -- The Anti Dierproeven Coalitie group will again be holding protests in Holland and Belgium in support of the SHAC campaign and the 'World Week for Laboratory

Animals'. All the premises have been the subject of previous actions from the group which at present does not appear to be attracting any additional support.

The group has announced its week's actions, which is from 23rd to 27th April 07, as follows -

In the Netherlands -

Monday 23rd April 2007

07.30 - 10.00 Bayer, Energieweg 1, Mijdrecht
 11.00 - 12.30 Astellas, Elisabethhof 1 en 19, Leiderdorp
 13.00 - 14.30 Dangerous Goods Management, schipholweg 307, Badhoevedorp
 16.00 - 19.00 Euronext, Beursplein 5, Amsterdam

Tuesday 24th April 2007

07.30 - 10.00 GSK, Huis ter Heideweg 62, Zeist
 10.30 - 11.30 GSK, Van deventerlaan 20, Utrecht
 12.30 - 14.00 Teva, Computerweg 10, Utrecht
 15.00 - 19.00 Sandoz, Veluwezoom 22, Almere

Wednesday 25th April 2007

07.30 - 10.00 Novartis, Raapopseweg 1, Arnhem
 11.30 - 12.30 Actelion, Beneluxlaan 2B, woerden
 13.30 - 14.45 Astrazeneca, Louis Pasteurlaan 5, Zoetermeer
 15.30 - 19.00 Sanofi-Aventis, Kampenringweg 45 D-E, Gouda

In Belgium -

Thursday 26th April 2007

08.00 - 10.00 GSK, Rue du Tilleul 13, Genval
 11.00 - 12.30 AstraZeneca, Egide Van Ophemstraat 110, Ukkel
 13.00 - 14.30 Novartis, Troonstraat 108, Elsene
 15.00 - 18.00 Euronext, Beursplein, Brussel

Friday 27th April 2007

11.00 - 13.00 Bayer, Wakkensesteenweg 47, Tielt
 13.30 - 15.00 Bayer, Zwijndrecht
 15.30 - 18.00 AstraZeneca, Schaessestraat 15, Destelbergen

Anti-armament protestors in Brighton trial

On Monday 23rd April 07 a trial commences at Brighton Magistrates' Court against three protestors from the smash EDO MBM campaign. They are appealing for their supporters to attend the Court.

Possible protest at Sequani

Regular unannounced protests have taken place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group.

Despite charges against twelve of the group, relating to incidents and protest at secondary targets, the occasional protest continues at Sequani by committed members of the group. None of the group is now involved in secondary targeting but many continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties.

Tuesday 24th April 2007

Activists targeting Morini laboratory and breeding centre

Italy -- On 24th April 07, World Day for Laboratory Animals, activists targeting the Morini laboratory and breeding centre ask that supporters telephone their protests to the Company

throughout the day and evening. Actions are dedicated to an animal, 'Stefano' which died in the centre.

Protest against Wickham Laboratories

Members of Stop Wickham Animal Testing (SWAT) have announced that they will be holding a demonstration against Wickham Laboratories in Winchester Road, Wickham, Hampshire at 4pm on Tuesday 24th April 07. It is believed that as well as protest at the site some 'street-theatre' may take place in the nearby Square. Police are aware and will be in attendance although it is expected that on this occasion protest will be of a more peaceful nature.

SPEAK action in Oxford

On Tuesday 24th April 07 SPEAK will mark World Day for Laboratory Animals by gathering at noon at the Martyrs Memorial, on St Giles, Oxford. Protest is expected to take the form of the display of placards and banners and leafleting. Police will be present and will again dictate the level of protest allowed.

SHAC actions

At present, SHAC have not announced any actions for World Day for Laboratory Animals but it would be highly unlikely that Greg Avery and his counterparts would not be involved in some form of protest on one of the main days in the animal rights calendar. The usual surprise protests could be expected in and around any of the London and South East regions. Any updates will be reported upon accordingly.

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Weekly anti-armament protest in Brightonplease see 18th April 2007

Wednesday protest at NIMR in Londonas above

Thursday 26th April 2007

Oxford actions in support of 'World Day'

Surprisingly, PETA in the UK has become involved in SPEAK's campaign against the building of the animal research laboratory in South Parks Rd, Oxford.

The group is supporting the 87 year-old veteran campaigner, Joan Court, who says that from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th April 07 she will be holding another of her 72-hour hunger strikes, possibly as near to the site as possible.

The event, which commences at 1pm on the Thursday, takes place during World Week for Laboratory Animals and may form one of the central rallying points during the week. She is calling on campaigners 'worldwide to join the fast.'

PETA also say that following her fast on April 28th in Oxford, there will be a 'Peace for the Animals' march and rally 'with a vegan food share afterwards'

The three-day event is likely to attract substantial support on the final day but under the watchful eye of the Thames Valley Police.

'World Day' demonstration at Harlan in Leicestershire

Loughborough Animal Concern (LAC) says it is organising a vigil from 2pm to 6pm on Thursday 26th April 07 outside the gates of Harlan's Hillcrest premises in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leicestershire in support of 'World Day for Animals in Laboratories'.

Regular protest is made at the premises from the small group of LAC supporters but on this occasion the event is likely to attract support from Leicestershire and the surrounding counties.

McDonalds Protest in London

The monthly McDonalds demonstration is held on the last Thursday monthly at McDonalds, 25-27 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1, from 6pm. April's protest takes place on 26th. Usually a handful of protestors attend but higher numbers can be expected during 'World Week' - however no problems are expected.

Friday 27th April 2007

SHAC march and protests in London

On Friday 27th April 07, SHAC says it will be holding a march and rally in London entitled 'March against the Money Men 2'. Meeting takes place at 10-45am Finsbury Square, in London. SHAC held a similar event last year. Once again it will be their main event for World Week for Laboratory Animals.

As well as the demonstration in London, protestors are also expected to gather in the Berkshire and Cambridgeshire areas and hold unannounced actions.

These actions are as yet unconfirmed but companies who have been the subject of recent secondary targeting by SHAC activists in these regions should be aware of this possibility.

SHAC has announced out of London transport from Reading, Littlehampton, Brighton, Pease Pottage Services (M23), Rochester, Chatham, Portsmouth, Southampton and Bedford. SARC have transport details from Portsmouth and Southampton, and West Sussex.

The situation is being monitored and will be the subject of further report.

Actions in support of SHAC campaign in Italy

Italy -- Activists supporting the SHAC campaign say that on Friday 27th April 07 they will be holding protests at the following times and locations -

11.30am - Institute of Pharmacology in Square Aspari, Milan.

15.30pm - Sanofi-Aventis in via Piranesi 38, Milan.

The organising group is Laboratory Antispecista who are based at Via Sals Predis, 9 Milan
A noisy banner demonstration can be expected.

Weekly Protest at HLS in Huntingdonplease see 20th April 2007

Saturday 28th April 2007

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 21st April 2007

Anti-Greyhound Racing action in Coventryas above

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 11th to 18th April to 2007

Item of Note

BUAV report criticises Universities use of animals in tests

UK -- On 12th April 07 the BUAV (British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection) published a report entitled 'Creatures of Habit—Animals in recreational drug research'. The report, based on its findings on figures obtained under the Freedom of Information Act, claimed that 'over the past ten years millions of pounds taxpayers' money had been used to fund cocaine, ecstasy and cannabis tests on animals at UK universities.'

BUAV chief executive Michelle Thew said that the BUAV is calling on the Government to put an end to this entirely unnecessary animal suffering and divert funding where it is sorely needed."

The media reported BUAV's findings and the *Independent* reported that the BUAV also attacked the Home Office for granting licences for the research.

Cambridge University was singled out for conducting a "frivolous" test on mice and another Cambridge study, funded by the Medical Research Council. The report also cited research at the University of Birmingham designed to see if rats given cannabis got "the munchies" - a hunger-inducing effect well known in humans. That study would have cost the university up to £100,000, BUAV estimated. Similar tests had also taken place at Liverpool, Nottingham, Aberdeen University, as well as De Montfort University in Leicester.

Criminal Offences

Paedophile Letter Campaign

UK -- On Thursday 12th April 07, a director of a large pharmaceutical company and resident in the Chester area, reported that a number of his neighbours had received letters claiming that he was 'a paedophile.' The director had not been previously targeted.

The following day police reported that similar letters had been received by members of the public in Greater Manchester, Northamptonshire and Sussex. In each case, the individuals named in the letters were the directors or employees of companies with links to lawful animal testing.

Police reassured the local communities that there was no truth in the accusations. The investigations into these letters is now being coordinated by the ACPO National Domestic Extremism Team (NDET).

Description - The exact descriptions vary, but the letters and addresses tend to be typed on plain white paper and sent by 2nd class mail.

Advice - In the unlikely event that similar letters are received naming staff from your organisation, local police should be informed immediately. Anyone receiving a malicious letter of this type should minimise handling and retain it for forensic examination.

Criminal offences reported on Bite Back

In the past seven days the section on the extremists' website Bite Back, which is used for posting animal rights and environmental criminal actions, was again been updated with a number of anonymously reported offences. They are as follows -

UK -- A report, dated 11th April 07, claimed that a number of vehicles (an animal transporter, two trailers and a caravan) were damaged by activists at a 'farm in Dorset'. The vehicles were reported to have been damaged by having their "tyres slashed, sand poured into the gas tank, locks glued, windscreen wipers glued to windscreen, door mirrors covered in black spray-paint on the windcreens".

This report was also dedicated to convicted activist Don Curry, who is currently serving a 12-year sentence for possessing explosive substances with intent to endanger life and seriously damage property.

Czech Republic -- Michal Kolesar, who describes himself as a pen rescue activist, says that over 50 hens were 'rescued' within the [www. realita.tv](http://www.realita.tv) project between August 2006 and April 2007. He provides a photograph of himself and one of his hens in the communiqué.

Italy -- On 8th April 07 local media reported that 15 meat and fish shops in Modena were damaged during the same night, spray-painting messages, gluing locks and throwing paint on buildings.

Russia -- A simple communiqué stated that on 7th April 07 the windows of the Snow Queen fur shop in Moscow were broken.

Spain -- Catalan anti-fur activists painted fur shops in Barcelona on 14th April 07 with slogans such as 'la pell es mort' (fur is dead)

Activists target GSK worker – report update

UK -- The *Bucks Free Press* reported on the fact that animal rights activists targeted the Buckinghamshire home of a GSK professor on 25th March 07. They daubed slogans including 'murderer' on roads surrounding the house and covered two of his cars in paint stripper. The incident was also boasted about on *Bite Back* afterwards.

A GSK spokesman, who did not want to be named, said: "We have referred the matter to the police and urge anyone who thinks they might have information to contact the police." A spokesman for Thames Valley Police, said: "An investigation into this incident is still ongoing. The force takes such crimes very seriously and will not tolerate any illegal activity no matter what the motive."

Arrest and Court Updates

SPEAK trial expected to commence

UK -- Cambridge Animal Rights report that the trial of fifteen SPEAK supporters, who were charged with various public order offences after a sit-down protest in Oxford last year, will be commencing in Newbury on Monday 30th April 07.

The charges are related to an investigation into the behaviour of SPEAK supporters during the University of Oxford Encaenia event held at the Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford on Wednesday 21st July 06, which saw five arrests on the day and twelve in the weeks afterwards.

NETCU reported that all the defendants previously appeared at Wantage Magistrates' Court on Monday 29th January 07 and were as follows -

Emma Speed, 38, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex,
Shelia English, 63, of Turvey, Bedfordshire,
Antony Morrison, 42, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
Brett Gordon, 41, of Woodman Court, Oxford,
Deborah Scicluna, 45, of London,
Anna Cooke, 30, of Honeysuckle Road, High Wycombe,
Michael Haines, 59, of Cirencester,
Trevor Holmes, 49, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
Eileen Kinghorn, 52, of Bow, London
Melanie Bates, 34,
and Joanne Robertson, aged 28, both of Shaftesbury Avenue, Reading,
all charged with breaching Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 and obstructing the highway.

Mel Broughton, 46, of Semilong Road, Northampton, - charged with inciting others to breach Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, breaching Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, obstructing the highway and obstructing a police officer.

Pauline Broughton, 70, of Welford Road, Northampton,
- charged with breaching Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, obstructing the highway and obstructing a police officer.

Rachel Nelson, 39, of North Wootton, Somerset,
- charged with breaching Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, inciting others to breach Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986 and obstructing the highway.

Fran Cornwell, 58, of Porlock Gate, Milton Keynes,
- charged with breaching Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, inciting others to breach Sections 12 and 14 of the Public Order Act 1986, obstructing the highway and assaulting a police officer.

Animal rights activist sentenced after DNA match

NETCU provided an insight into the continuing efforts of Staffordshire Police's Public Order and Protest Unit in bringing to justice the animal rights extremists who were involved in criminal actions during the six year campaign against David Hall, the farm which lawfully bred guinea pigs for medical research.

It reported that DNA technology had linked an animal rights extremist to threatening letters more than two years after they were sent.

Wayne Bunch, 27, of Bloys Mews in Colchester, Essex, posted the intimidating letters to two workers at Darley Oaks Farm in Newchurch, near Burton, in July 2003.

Bunch was arrested in Colchester in November 2005 for an unrelated public order offence for which he received a fixed penalty ticket. However, DNA taken from the 27-year-old while he was in custody was added to the national DNA database.

This matched previously unidentified DNA found on the envelopes of the letters in which Bunch warned the workers to leave their jobs and threatened to set fire to their homes.

Officers from Staffordshire Police's Public Order and Protest Unit arrested Bunch at his home on 26 September 2006. They found literature about Darley Oaks Farm and the Animal Liberation Front (ALF) at the address. Bunch's name had also been discovered on an animal rights mailing list at the home of John Smith in Wolverhampton. Smith was jailed for 12 years in May 2006 for co-ordinating the Darley Oaks campaign.

Bunch admitted writing the letters and pleaded guilty to two charges of blackmail at Stafford Crown Court in February. At the same court on 11th April 07 he was sentenced to 12 months for each offence, to run concurrently.

The *Burton Mail* reported that Bunch said he remembered sending the letters but not writing them, as he was suffering from depression and a serious drink problem at the time. The prosecutor told the court that in July 2003 Bunch sent two letters, one to Simon Turner, the other addressed to the partner of Nicholas Saunders. In them Bunch wrote: "Given up your day job yet? Hope you both burn in hell or at home."

Inspector David Bird, head of the Staffordshire Police Public Order and Protest Unit, said: "Today's conviction re-affirms our message that, while we facilitate lawful protest, people who break the law will be arrested and prosecuted. These abusive and threatening letters were part of a prolonged criminal campaign of intimidation against people associated with the farm. Investigations into the six-year campaign did not end when the business closed in January 2006. We will use all the tools at our disposal, such as the national DNA database, to bring to justice those involved."

Updates on Animal Rights Campaigns

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- On Thursday 12th April 07 ten SHAC protestors arrived at HLS in Huntingdon at 7.00am for an announced demonstration. On seeing that HLS had closed their main entrance and that vehicles were using another smaller entrance, the activists left immediately without holding any protest.

The group of ten protestors, which included Greg Avery and his former wife Heather Nicholson, were travelling in at least two vehicles believed to be a red Citroen ZX, registration M101 OTF and a red Citroen Xantia, registration believed to be R459 LPR.

During the day they held several more demonstrations (see below). They briefly returned to HLS to hold a protest which caused no problems.

HLS - secondary targeting

UK -- On Wednesday 11th April 07, a group of 10 SHAC protestors, including Greg Avery, held protests at targeted companies in the Central London area.

Their first protest, at 8.15am, was held at General Atlantic Partners on Pall Mall, London SW1. Further noisy protests were held throughout the day at the London offices of Pakistan

Airlines, Investcorp, the London offices of the NYSE at 3 Old Burlington Street W1, the offices of the Novartis Foundation in Portland Place, Hubnet Express in Holborn with a final demonstration taking place at Goldman Sachs in the City of London.

The report of their actions posted on the SHAC website also stated:

"We do not see these shareholders as puppy killers but we do expect them to use their influence on the NYSE Euronext and over the next few weeks we will be writing to all the NYSE Euronext shareholders asking to meet with them and explain our position and why they should help us get HLS kicked off the NYSE Euronext."

UK -- On Thursday 12th April 07 ten SHAC protestors arrived at HLS in Huntingdon at 7.00am for an announced demonstration. The group of ten protestors, which included Greg Avery and his former wife Heather Nicholson, later arrived at the offices of Interfauna in Kings Ripton at 7.40am where they staged a noisy protest as staff were arriving for work. Police attended after 30 minutes, at which point the protestors moved off to their next destination.

The group then crossed into Hertfordshire and staged a noisy protest outside the offices of Schering-Plough Ltd, Shire Park, Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire. Police were in attendance and the protesters left the area at approximately 11.00am.

After a brief return to HLS in Huntingdon, the group, still numbering ten, travelled to Novartis in Frimley, Surrey where they staged a noisy protest for 45 minutes before moving to another Novartis site in Borden, Hampshire, where they ended their day of protest at 6.30pm.

UK -- Around six SHAC protesters held a demonstration at Novartis in Hedge End, Southampton on Friday 13th April 07 commencing at 7:50am. There were no incidents.

UK -- Five activists were involved at a protest at Novartis in Horsham, Sussex during the afternoon of 16th April 07. The group chanted from behind fencing. Police were present and prevented the use of the group's megaphone.

Croatia -- A group of between 12-15 activists in Croatia held two days of SHAC protests against companies in Zagreb. The group were quite aggressive in their protest using a large number of banners, megaphones and chanting outside the venues.

On the first day, the protests began at 8:00am at a GSK facility followed by demonstrations at offices of Sanofi-Aventis and Novartis.

A second day of protests was reported by the same group in Zagreb. The protests began at 8:00am at a Lek (Novartis) facility followed by a protest at a building in which both Abbott and Schering-Plough have offices. Once again, the group were very noisy and aggressive using drums, whistles, megaphones and displaying placards and banners.

Italy -- Activists supporting the SHAC campaign said they would be holding a few days of protest in Milan, Italy on Friday 13th April 07.

The locations were listed as follows -
Novartis, Largo Boccioni, Origgio (Varese)
GSK, Via Zambelletti, Baranzate di Bollate (Milan)
Bayer, Viale Certosa 131, Milan
Sanofi-Aventis, Via Piranesi 38, Milan

On the same day, SHAC Italy announced a planned demonstration in Florence. It was announced to take place outside the offices of Sartorius, Via Delle Antelle Bagno a Ripoli, from 8.00am to 10.00am. A noisy banner demonstration was expected.

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)



UK -- On 11th April 07 five regular protestors were involved in the weekly Wednesday protest at the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) in the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. The low-key demonstration was held during the early evening as the employees left the premises.

Oxford University

UK -- The SPEAK Campaign published a brief account of their week of action with the group claiming its supporters spent a total of fifty hours on the road "taking the 'Fight for Felix' to twelve different towns in Oxfordshire."

The group claim they received much support over the week, in particular from younger people. They complained that Thames Valley Police attended each of the demonstrations and photographed protesters.

Actions were as follows - On Monday 9th April a handful of activists visited Banbury and Chipping Norton and the following day similar action took place in Witney, Carterton, Faringdon and Eynesham. Campaign organisers said they would be visiting Wantage, Abingdon and Didcot on Wednesday 11th April and on 12th they would be in Aylesbury and Thame. On Friday 13th April 07 actions were due take place in Bicester and Kidlington.

UK --The SPEAK website carried a report of a campaign banner being draped over Putney Bridge for a short period during the Oxford versus Cambridge Boat Race which took place on 7th April 07

UK -- On Thursday 12th April 07, SPEAK held their regular weekly protest at the South Parks site of the new Oxford University laboratory. The demonstration, which took place between 1:00pm and 5:00pm, took place with a group in the designated protest zone or within the exclusion zone. Another group protested just outside the exclusion zone on South Parks Road, allowing them to use their megaphones. In all, around a dozen protestors were involved.

Sequani

UK -- On Friday 13th April 07, six regular protestors from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group held a lunchtime protest outside the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire. A couple of the group were warned by the police for their verbal excesses but no further action was taken. A further protest took place at the premises on Monday 16th April 07 when three of the group demonstrated during the period employees were leaving the site.

Wickham Laboratories

UK -- There were no reported actions against Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire during last week.

Miscellaneous AR Items

Anti-horseracing protests

UK -- At noon on Thursday 12th April 07 Animal Aid held their announced protest at Aintree Racecourse against the 2007 John Smith's Grand National meeting - the opening day of the three-day event.

The demonstration was relatively peaceful with a number of protesters chanting, displaying banners and leafleting.

The *Liverpool Daily Post* reported that one of the protest groups involved was Fight Against Animal Cruelty in Europe (FAACE), which protests outside Aintree every year, was critical of an advertisement for online gambling giant Betfair which showed a jockey falling from his mount. FAACE chairman Tony Moore of Southport said: "This appears to relish the prospect of horses dying in the name of entertainment and gambling. They seem to be suggesting that the terrible carnage at Aintree, in which at least one horse dies nearly every year, is all part of the fun."

Animal Aid also co-ordinated a number of demonstrations during their advertised 'Horse Racing Awareness Week' with a small number of demonstrations held outside local betting shops from Saturday 7th to Saturday 14th April 07.

The *Sentinel* reported that the North Staffordshire branch of campaign group Animal Aid demonstrated outside bookies in Newcastle, including the Coral bookmakers in Hartshill Road on Saturday, handing out leaflets to punters and members of the public. Becky Stevenson, led the protest and also Kate Gurney, 33, of Keele Road, Wolstanton was also involved.

Protests at West Midlands greyhound tracks

UK -- West Midlands Animal Action (WMMA) and Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) organised protests at four greyhound stadiums in the West Midlands, with demonstrations taking place outside each of the tracks to coincide with the greyhound racing taking place there.

The dates and places were as follows :-
Thursday 12th April - Monmore Green (Wolverhampton)
Friday 13th April - Perry Barr (Birmingham)
Saturday 14th April - Hall Green (Birmingham)
Sunday 15th April - Coventry (Brandon)

Lively support was expected at all the locations from the two groups who contain some of the more established and long-term animal rights protesters. To date, there have been no reports of any incidents and so far any media attention they were hoping to attract has not come to fruition.

Circus protests

UK -- Captive Animals' Protection Society (CAPS) supported local protests at performing circuses over the past fortnight. Occasional protest was held at Zippos Animal Circus which was at Blackheath, A2 Shooters Hill Road, Lewisham, London SE3 from Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 15th April 07.

Demonstrations also took place at the Great British Circus performing with animals at Laceby Road, Grimsby. Among the group of 20 animal circus opponents was Simon Naylor (34), of Manor Avenue, Grimsby according to *This is Grimsby*.

Bobby Roberts Circus which was at the Wolverhampton Racecourse, Dunstall Park from Tuesday 10th April until Sunday 15th April 07 also attracted protest from West Midlands activists.

CAPS offer free leaflets and posters to those wishing to hold demonstrations. It also encourages the removal of 'illegal posters' and to persuade shops not to display posters. It is believed that the demonstrations were confined to protest at the Circus venues.

Anti-Fur protests

UK -- On Saturday 14th April 07 Harrods was again the subject of demonstrations from the usual group of London anti-fur protestors. Around 20 supporters held a relatively low-key protest.

CAFT updated its website with more details of its general anti-fur campaign and in particular against Harrods, Joseph, Kurt Geiger and Atlantic Fashions.

National Zoo Awareness Day

UK -- As in previous years, the Captive Animals Protection Society (CAPS) group, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, appealed for organised protests on Easter Monday, 9th April 06 at various Zoos and theme parks around the UK.

The *BBC* reported that members of the Captive Animals' Protection Society (CAPS) picketed outside Dudley Zoo on Bank Holiday Monday criticising conditions in the Zoo. Richard Brown was the spokesperson for the group. The allegation was denied by the chief executive of the Zoo who said animal welfare "was of the highest standard" and its conditions had been approved by the DEFRA, Dudley Council and vets.

Sabotage attempt on Spirit of the Horse show

UK -- Last week, the *York Press* reported that two unknown women have been visiting places displaying posters for the Spirit of the Horse, which comes to York at the end of April, telling the proprietors that the show had been cancelled and the animals impounded by the RSPCA.

It was reported that 3,000 of the 4,000 posters the company has distributed have been taken down. York Police have been informed of the removal of the posters and a spokesman said they were investigating the issue.

The show is described as a theatre show which features attractions including Mongolian stunt riders, Spanish dancing horses and "dance, singers and hilarious equine antics."

York Action for Animals (YAFA) intends to demonstrate against Spirit of the Horse and is calling on City of York Council to ban all circuses which use animals from its property. The spokesperson is Matt Gibbons of Haxby. He said he had no knowledge of any members of YAFA removing posters from shops. But he added: "I can fully understand why individuals would do such a thing."

Environmental

Protest and arrests at prior to M1 widening protest

UK -- The *BBC* reported that on Monday 16th April 07, eight people from the Climate Camp group were arrested prior to a protest against work to widen a stretch of the M1 motorway in South Yorkshire. The group of Climate Camp activists were planning to stop work on the M1 widening scheme between junctions 31 and 32 by locking themselves to machinery. Lucy Wainwright spoke for the group.

Friends of the Earth had previously reported that M1 widening costs have "spiralled out of control" as it noted that a from the National Audit Office revealed that the Government has

"seriously underestimated the cost of road schemes, with plans for the M1 widening having increased to £5.125 billion pounds - up from £3.7 billion. Over the next few months the No Widening M1 Alliance will be "working to reveal why this expensive and unnecessary white elephant will be costing us more than just money". More actions can be expected.

Protest against GM Crop trials in Cambridge

UK -- Campaigners organised a rally on Saturday 14th April 07 to protest against the NIAB and BASF plans to plant GM potato trials in fields just North of Cambridge. Around 50 / 60 Protestors gathered at Histon Baptist Church, Cambridge and walked through the town and near the field. There were no incidents.

Arrests during protest at Power Station

UK -- On Tuesday 10th April 07, a number of 'climate activists' from around the East Midlands managed to stop some operations at Radcliffe on Soar Power Station after climbing onto conveyor belts and dumper trucks inside the plant. The blockade lasted for 3 hours and 11 people were arrested all of which were later released.

CAAT peaceful protest at Reed Elsevier AGM

UK -- On 17th April 07 the publisher Reed Elsevier was the subject of a peaceful protest from Campaign Against Arms Trade (CAAT) activists both inside and outside its AGM at the Millenium Hotel in Grosvenor Square, London. Protest was made because Reed Elsevier runs arms fairs through its subsidiary company Reed Exhibitions

Amongst the critics of Reed's arms fairs were Richard Smith, former editor of the British Medical Journal and Jenny Jones, secretary of healthcare students' group Medsin. Anna Jones was CAAT's spokesperson.

The Defence Services and Equipment International (DSEi) which takes place from 11th-14th September 07 in London will also be the subject of CAAT's future attention.

Swedish activists arrested in airport runway demonstration

Sweden -- On Saturday 14th April 07, a Swedish group, inspired by the UK's Plane Stupid and Rising Tide broke onto and occupied a runway at Stockholm airport.

Activists broke into Bromma Airport in Stockholm to occupy the runway for half an hour. A scheduled flight to Gothenburg was delayed and some planes had to divert their landing.

The ten activists, linked by chains and carrying a large banner which read "Stop domestic flights", managed to enter the airport and runway without being detected. Police were called and the activists were arrested and informed of the formal charge of aggravated trespass.

The action was carried out by Climax, a group in Stockholm formed two weeks ago. The action was the first of its kind to occur in Sweden.

Protest at Shell refinery site in Co Mayo

Ireland -- The *Irish Times* reported that on 14th April 07 Shell to Sea protesters were thwarted in attempts to chain themselves to lorries at the Shell gas refinery site in Co Mayo. Minor skirmishes involving gardai officers and demonstrators marked an otherwise relatively peaceful day at the Bellanaboy plant.

Around 10 women managed to briefly gain access to the secured site. Six people were arrested and taken to Belmullet Garda station. Five of the six were subsequently released without charge. The sixth protester, a Polish citizen, was required by Gardai to produce certain identification papers. Up to 50 protesters in total were involved in the attempts to block lorries removing peat from the site.

Meanwhile, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) commenced an appeal hearing on 16th April 07 into the granting of a pollution control licence for the refinery. The EPA has already given the plant the green light but several groups opposed to it are to voice their concerns at the hearing in Belmullet.

News Headlines

17th April 2007

EU to quiz Russia foreign minister on violence

EU - The European Commission plans to quiz Russian foreign minister Sergei Lavrov on why police beat up peaceful protesters in Moscow and St Petersburg over the weekend, but EU criticism of the crackdown has been low-key so far. (Source – EU Observer)

16th April 2007

Climate change takes centre stage in Singapore

Singapore -- More than 600 business executives and experts will gather in Singapore this week for a UN-backed meeting to discuss how the corporate world can help tackle the growing threat of climate change. (Source – Yahoo)

University to reduce animal tests

UK -- Aberdeen University has said it is committed to reducing animal testing in laboratories after criticism from campaigners. (Source - BBC, Scotland)

Fur auction boycott

Jersey -- Health Minister Stuart Syvret, who has long argued for a ban on the fur trade, is calling on Islanders to boycott the auction in Jersey of two tiger skin rugs. (Source - Jersey Evening Post)

15th April 2007

Thousands of Spanish farmers protest against EU policies

Spain -- Thousands of Spanish farmers marched through the streets of Madrid on Saturday (14 April 2007) to demand higher prices for their produce and protest against the European Union's common agricultural policy. (Source – EU Business)

Italian animal rights group asks pope to stop wearing fur

Italy -- An Italian animal rights group is asking Pope Benedict XVI to give up his fur, including an ermine-trimmed red velvet cape and papal hat, in "a choice of high religious and ethical value." (Source – AZStar Net)

14th April 2007

Animal rights extremists target farmers

UK -- Animal rights extremists are targeting farmers at a rate of one incident every nine days, raising fears that they are widening their scope. (Source - Sunday Telegraph)

In the name of science

UK -- Laurie Pycroft braves the threat of letter bombs from animal-rights activists to campaign in favour of vivisection. But he's still just a teenage geek at heart. (Source - The Times)



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Weekly Digest **11th April 2007**

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Summary

Early in April, two events stand out as strategic indicators of changes in the matrix of the world-wide animal rights movement.

In Washington DC last weekend at a gathering of activists, a small group of animal rights extremists secretly circulated to like-minded supporters, a new instructional document on the commission of serious crimes.

In Frankfurt, Germany, an intimidating and noisy group of about 400 animal rights marchers were supported by a group of about 40 'Black Bloc' anarchists bent on causing violence against targets related to the 'Class War' struggle and 'Anti-Corporatism'.

The document circulated in DC is entitled 'As Darkness Falls'. The content looks very familiar to that which was circulated in 1989 in the UK in a booklet entitled 'Into the Nineties'. That document was a precursor to a campaign of arson attacks across Europe for the next six years. Circumstances are different in the USA today and it is unlikely that an extremist campaign would be so intensive or effective. But, the document does serve as a warning to avoid complacency.

We have a copy of the document which should be treated as sensitive for the time being. It is a tactical guide for extremists giving explicit details on the preparation of crime and how to avoid detection. It lists the most effective means of causing damage to property including some unique examples. Categories include: windows, shutters, vehicles, locks, paint, telephone lines, toilets, security cameras and construction sites. The sections on tactics include the details and diagrams for the preparation of incendiary devices. There is a section giving legal advice on dealing with the Police, Federal Agents and Grand Juries.

The other event in Germany has significance. For the last three years there has been growing support for the animal rights demonstration against the annual Fur and Fashion show at Frankfurt in Germany. This year the March of about 400 demonstrators was supported by a group of about 40 anarchists, complete with black flags and anti-globalization banners.

The anarchists were attracted to the demonstration primarily, by the image of fur fashion as a symbol of class and wealth. Once involved in the March they regularly deviated from the column for a short display of violence against popular anti-globalization targets along the route including fast food outlets, Starbucks and Deutsche Bank.

It is worrying that 'Black Bloc' anarchists are joining up with animal rights demonstrators in Europe. The last major anti-globalization demonstrations in the USA were in Seattle in November 1999 at the WTO Ministerial Conference. Lowest estimates put the crowd at 40,000. After 9/11, the main anarchist cause shifted to Anti-War. If Anarchism is now moving back to anti-globalization and anti-corporatism - and aligning itself with animal rights and environmental issues, there is a potential for an escalation of violence.

In the USA on Sunday 8th April, there was another example of animal rights activists taking on the persona and encouraging the support of anarchists. The demonstration was against the Santa Monica Police Department (SMPD). The original issue was the arrest of two activists for conduct whilst protesting in public. SMPD have now responded strongly to a 'Home Visit' by activists protesting at the home of a scientist from UCLA and the issue has become the 'Right to Protest'.

Activists in the UK are presently trying to gain media support to protest against the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005.

The situation will be monitored in Europe and North America over the Summer months to assess whether the 'Right to Protest' becomes the dominant issue of the activist groups.

Future Events

Wednesday 11th to Sunday 22nd April 2007

Wednesday 11th April 2007

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brighton

Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulescoomb, Brighton. The protest, organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place between 4pm and 6pm every Wednesday outside the premises.

EDO MBM has been the target of sustained protest and direct action since 2003 from a local group - actions outside the weekly event still continue.

Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7, every Wednesday evening. At present, only three or four regular protestors are showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention.

West Midlands activists in Circus protest

The Bobby Roberts Circus is at the Wolverhampton Racecourse, Dunstall Park from Tuesday 10th April until Sunday 15th April 07 and will attract protest from West Midlands

The protest group are involved in all aspects of animal rights protest in the area. However, it is expected that any demonstrations, outside protest against the circus, will be against fur, fast food and restaurants selling *foie gras* rather than the research industry.

Speak Campaign - 'Speaking out for Felix' tour of Oxfordshire

The SPEAK campaign announced that supporters will be visiting towns in the Oxford area to "raise awareness of their saving Felix campaign". *On Monday 9th April a small group of activists visited Banbury and Chipping Norton and the following day similar action took place in Witney, Carterton, Faringdon and Eynesham*

Campaign organisers say they will be visiting Wantage, Abingdon and Didcot on Wednesday 11th April and on Thursday 12th they will be in Aylesbury and Thame. On Friday 13th April 07 actions will take place in Bicester and Kidlington.

It is expected that protest will consist of small groups of supporters holding stalls in the area and leafleting. The events will be reported as they develop.

Thursday 12th April 2007

Week of Action against West Midlands greyhound tracks

West Midlands Animal Action (WMMA) and Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) have organised a Week of Action against the four greyhound stadiums in the West Midlands, with demonstrations taking place outside each of the tracks to coincide with the greyhound racing taking place there.

The dates, places and times are as follows :-

Thursday 12th April - Monmore Green (Wolverhampton) from 6.30 to 7.30pm
 Friday 13th April - Perry Barr (Birmingham) from 6.30 to 7.30pm
 Saturday 14th April - Hall Green (Birmingham) from 6.00 to 7.30pm
 Sunday 15th April - Coventry (Brandon) from 6.00 to 7.00pm

Lively support is expected at all the locations from the two groups who contain some of the more established and long-term animal rights protestors. Despite their 'dedication' they are unlikely to cause any undue problems. They will hope to attract some media attention

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance.

Possible Protest at HLS

UK – Protesters have contacted police to confirm their intention to hold a protest outside HLS in Huntingdon at 7.00am on Thursday 12th April 07.

Possible Circus protests in the UK

Captive Animals' Protection Society (CAPS) has been informing its supporters that Zippos Animal Circus will be at Blackheath, A2 Shooters Hill Road, Lewisham, London SE3 and protests were to be announced.

From Tuesday 3rd to Saturday 15th April 07 there will be an ongoing protests against the Great British Circus performing with animals at Grimsby. Protests will be held near Morrison Supermarket, Laceby Road, Grimsby. Demonstrations are likely on most days and are expected to be confined to the Circus.

Protest times are 1pm and 5pm during the week.

CAPS offer free leaflets and posters to those wishing to hold a demonstration. It also encourages the removal of 'illegal posters' and to persuade shops not to display posters.

Friday 13th April 2007

Actions in support of SHAC campaign in Italy

Italy -- Activists supporting the SHAC campaign say they will be holding a few days of protest in Milan, Italy from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13 April 07. However, at present, the only day listed for protest is Friday 13th April 07.

The times and locations are listed as follows -

8.00am to 10.00am - Novartis, Largo Boccioni, Origgio (Varese)
 10.30am to noon - GSK, Via Zambelletti, Baranzate di Bollate (Milan)
 1.30pm to 3pm – Bayer, Viale Certosa 131, Milan
 3.30m to 6pm - Sanofi-Aventis, Via Piranesi 38, Milan

On Friday 27th April 07 protest has been announced at the following times and locations -

11.30am - Institute of Pharmacology in Square Aspari, Milan.
 15.30pm - Sanofi-Aventis in via Piranesi 38, Milan.

The organising group is Laboratory Antispecista who are based at Via Says Predis, 9 Milan

On 24th April 07, World Day for Laboratory Animals, activists targeting the Morini laboratory and breeding centre ask that supporters telephone their protests to the Company throughout the day and evening. Actions are dedicated to an animal, 'Stefano' which died in the centre.

Weekly Protest at HLS

The weekly protest at HLS in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction. Protest is usually held on a Friday by less than five protesters. Protest at HLS' premises in Eye, Suffolk is not expected.

Saturday 14th April 2007

Animal Aid protest at Grand National Meeting

Thursday 12th April sees the start of the 2007 John Smith's Grand National meeting at Aintree Racecourse. As in previous years, Animal Aid is planning a protest outside the course at noon on the opening day of the three-day event.

The demonstration is usually noisy with a number of protesters chanting, displaying banners and leafleting. The race meeting is heavily policed and it is unlikely the demonstration will cause any undue concern.

Animal Aid also co-ordinate a number of demonstrations during their advertised 'Horse Racing Awareness Week'. A small number of demonstrations are likely to be held outside local betting shops. These are likely to take the form of banner protest and leafleting.

Animal Aid's Horse Racing Awareness Week

Animal Aid co-ordinate a number of demonstrations during their advertised 'Horse Racing Awareness Week' which this year takes place from Saturday 7th to Saturday 14th April 07.

A small number of demonstrations are likely to be held outside local betting shops. These are likely to take the form of banner protest, leafleting and petition tables. Passions may run higher if there is an increase in racing horses through the week. Last week, the joint favourites to win the Grand National had to be destroyed within days of each other.

Anti-Fur protests in London

The usual anti-fur protesters in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from around 20 anti-fur protesters.

Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request ...it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets.

Monday 16th April 2007

Possible protest at Sequani

Regular unannounced protests have taken place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group.

Despite charges against twelve of the group, relating to incidents and protest at secondary targets, the occasional protest continues at Sequani by committed members of the group.

None of the group is now involved in secondary targeting but many continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties.

Wednesday 18th April 2007

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brightonplease see 11th April 2007

Wednesday protest at NIMR in Londonas above

Thursday 19th April 2007

SPEAK action in Oxfordplease see 12th April 2007

Friday 20th April 2007

Weekly Protest at HLS in Huntingdonplease see 13th April 2007

Saturday 21st April 2007

Anti-Greyhound Racing action in Coventry

Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon.

This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 14th April 2007

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 4th to 11th April to 2007

Items of Note

Criminal Offences

Criminal offences reported on Bite Back

The section on the extremists' website Bite Back which is used for posting animal rights and environmental criminal actions has again been updated with a number of anonymously reported offences. They are as follows -

Austria -- A claim was made on 3rd April 07 that cars belonging to two Kleider Bauer executives had butyric acid poured through their windows. Damage was also caused by paint stripper and etching fluid being poured over them and the fact that the tyres were slashed.

Ireland – Activists operating against the meat industry said that 'last week a butchers van, parked on a main thoroughfare in County Kildare, was paint-stripped.'

Italy -- On 27th February 07 activists reported that they painted slogans on the house of a senior executive of Actelion Pharmaceutical Italia. On the same night, it was claimed that a company called GM Service, who the activists link to Actelion, had their office daubed with slogans.

On March 5th, the office of another executive linked to Actelion had sewage dumped on the doorstep and slogans spray painted on the walls.

Italy – A report, dated 21st March 07, claimed that the following fur shops in Milan had 'locks glued and slogans spray-painted on them' - Mece Gregory's, Pellicceria Barbara, Pellicceria Cherichetti, Pietro Marchetti, F.L. Conti, Pellicceria R.V. Furs, Pellicceria Collini, Tivioli and Rossi.

Italy -- Local media reported that on the night of 31st March 07 the Moira Orfei Circus in La Spezia was the subject of a criminal damage attack when activists spray-painted slogans on the tents, vans, entrance, trucks and cars. According to an interview with the owner of this circus, the most famous in Italy, damage amounted to 50.000 euros.

New Zealand -- Activists, describing themselves as the Vegan Balaclava Pixies, say they carried out several attacks directed against the NZ meat industry who were having a conference in Wellington to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the first frozen meat exports from New Zealand.

Their report to *Bite Back* included claims that they had smashed five butchers shop windows, slashed a Meat Direct truck's tyres, 'glued its locks and paint-stripped the whole vehicle, glued Randwick meats locks and spray-painted their building and freezer containers with anti-meat slogans and also spray-painted two meat billboards with more anti-meat slogans.'

Switzerland – In the early hours of 1st April 07 a fur shop in Lausanne had windows smashed and anti-fur slogans 'spray-painted in red next to the shop.'

Arrest and Court Updates

Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) 12

UK – The twelve activists from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) campaign charged with offences under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005.

It is believed that the group will all now be appearing for a hearing at Worcester Crown Court on Wednesday 18th April 07 and Friday 20th April 07. All 12 remain on unconditional bail.

Updates on Animal Rights Campaigns

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- No protest has taken place at HLS in Huntingdon since Friday 16th March 07. The last protest to take place at the HLS site at Eye in Suffolk was on Friday 23rd March 07 – as reported in last week's .Digest

HLS - secondary targeting

UK -- Shortly after 7am on Thursday 5th April 07, around six SHAC supporters, armed with a megaphone, drum, banner and placard began a day-long series of unannounced protests in the Oxfordshire and Berkshire regions.

The premises subjected to the surprise protests were as follows –

Harlan UK, Shaw's Farm Blackthorn, Bicester, Oxon OX25 1TP
Abbott Diabetes Care Ltd, Windrush Trading Estate, Range Road, Witney Oxon OX29 OYL
Sanofi Aventis, Mallards Reach, Bridge Avenue, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1QP
Abbott, Vanwall Business Park, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4UD

Unusually, the group also joined forces in the early afternoon who were displaying their banners on one of the main roads out of Oxford.

At the end of the report of its day's action SHAC appealed for supporters, living in the Oxfordshire, Surrey, Berkshire, Hampshire, London and Hertfordshire areas in particular, to 'get in touch' for future weekday protests.

It was reported that at 8.00am on Tuesday 10th April 07, six SHAC supporters including Greg Avery arrived at the Basingstoke offices of Cardinal Health. Noisy protest ensued with megaphones, drums and banners before the group turned their attention to nearby Steris. At 2:45pm, the group held a noisy protest at MDS Pharma in Wokingham, Berkshire before their final protest of the day at Abbott Labs in Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Croatia -- SHAC reported on 5th April 07 that ten activists held a protest at Bayer's premises in Zagreb in support of the SHAC campaign.

France -- Earlier this week, around a dozen SHAC supporters held two consecutive days of protests at secondary targets in and around the Paris area. There was a UK influence in the protests which included Greg Avery.

Throughout the two days there was a heavy police presence for the announced protests but from photographs provided by the group it would appear that at some locations protestors were still able to carry out intimidating protests close to vehicles entering and leaving the sites.

Protest began at Euronext at the Paris Bourse with the usual battery of megaphones, placards and banners.

The style of protest continued throughout the day at Sanofi-Aventis, 50, quai Rápée, 75012, the Sanofi offices at 9 Boulevard Romain Rolland and Penauille Servisair at 22 Avenu des Nations ZI.

On the second day, protests began at Bristol Myers Squibb's premises at 33, av Mar de Lattre de Tassigny, 94120 Fontenay sous Bois.

This was followed by later protest at Novartis, 2, r Lionel Terray, 92500 Rueil Malmaison, Phenomenex at Parc des Grillons and GSK at Marly-le-Roi, 100 route de Versailles where it was reported that one arrest was made.

The rhetoric and description of the days' actions was again confrontational and with the threat of similar action in the future.

Holland & Belgium-- On Thursday 5th April 07, SHAC UK published a report of protests in Belgium by the Dutch-Belgian coalition 'Stop Dierproeven'. It was reported that the group staged demonstrations at Euronext offices in Brussels, a Syngenta facility just outside the city and a final protest of the day at a Novartis site in central Brussels. The activists displayed banners and made noisy protest with megaphones.

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- On 4th April 07 a handful of regular protestors were involved in the weekly Wednesday protest at the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) in the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. The low-key demonstration was held during the early evening as the employees left the premises.

Oxford University

UK -- Supporters of the SPEAK campaign held their weekly protests in Oxford on Thursday and Friday of last week. The weekly Thursday protest took place in South Parks Road, Oxford on Thursday 5th April 07 when around ten protestors were present. The following day a dozen protesters displayed banners near the junction of the London Road and Oxford ring road.

On Friday 6th April 07, fourteen protesters held roadside protests in Oxford as part of their 'Fighting for Felix' campaign. Protest was also held at the South Parks Road site of the new Oxford University Laboratories.

On Saturday 7th April 07, as previously planned, SPEAK supporters gathered at several places in, around and outside Oxford today in a coordinated day of demonstrations for Felix and all the other animals imprisoned at Oxford University.

Protesters were at several places in the City Centre, on the ring road and at the Oxford and Cambridge boat race.

Sequani

UK -- On Saturday 7th April 07, five regular protestors from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group held a low-key protest outside the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire. There were no incidents during their action which lasted from 12.30pm to 3.00pm.

Wickham Laboratories

UK -- Shortly after 4:30pm on Tuesday 10th April 07 three regular protestors held a noisy two-hour demonstration outside Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire. The three used a megaphone and police arrived very quickly.

During the week four customers/suppliers of Wickham Labs have been subject to secondary targeting, leading to at least two of them ending their associations with the company.

Miscellaneous AR Items

Circus protest

UK -- On Friday 6th and Sunday 8th April 07 activists in the West Midlands held demonstrations outside the Bobby Roberts Circus while it was performing at the Rugby Football Club, Swindon Road, Wall Heath DY6 0AW.

Anti-Fur protests

UK -- On Saturday 7th April 07 Harrods was again the subject of demonstrations from the usual group of London anti-fur protestors. Around 12 supporters held a relatively low-key protest. Numbers were slightly down on the usual as a number of the regular protestors had travelled to Oxford to attend the SPEAK demonstration.

Qinetiq protests

UK -- On Tuesday 10th April 07, the small group of protestors who form the 'Southern Animal Rights Coalition' reported a further demonstration at the Qinetiq Alverstoke Laboratory near Gosport, Hampshire, where a number of goats are being used in MOD experiments.

The noisy banner protest lasted for approximately two hours and passers by were leafleted.

National Zoo Awareness Day

As in previous years, the Captive Animals Protection Society (CAPS) group, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year, appealed for organised protests on Easter Monday, 9th April 06 at various Zoos and theme parks around the UK. Easter Monday is the traditional start of the zoo season.

As well as protest at various venues CAPS suggest that information stalls are held in towns and supporters 'write letters to local newspapers asking people not to visit zoos'. None of the Easter Monday demonstrations are reported to have caused any problems.

Environmental

Greenpeace anti-nuclear protest

Finland -- On Wednesday 11th April 07, *Planet Ark* reported that ten Greenpeace activists, who had set out from their ship, Arctic Sunrise, chained themselves to the gates of the construction site of Finland's fifth reactor and demanded a halt to construction.

The reactor, commissioned by utility Teollisuuden Voima (TVO), has been hit by delays and Greenpeace's spokesperson, Lauri Myllyvirta, said safety has been compromised to catch up with the work and cut costs. The deputy head of TVO, said police detained seven activists.

The 1,600 megawatt plant, which is the first reactor to be built in western Europe in more than a decade, was originally scheduled to start up in 2009 before being put off to the second quarter of 2010, and then to early 2011 due to slower than expected construction work. The plant is being built by a consortium led by France's Areva and Germany's Siemens.

Protest against Esso

UK - A protest took place at the Esso HQ in Leatherhead on the afternoon of Friday 5th April 07 with over 100 protestors attending. Organisers said that this will be the final action of 24-hours of protest against the Company.

In the past few years, similar actions have been dealt with by police and security without any problems arising and there were no reported incidents.

News Headlines

Recent headlines from articles, shown in full, in Global Open's News column.

10th April 2007

Animal rights activists target employees of Euronext stock exchange

Holland -- The homes of several managers of Euronext NV were vandalized in March, the stock exchange said Tuesday, apparently by animal rights activists who wanted to punish them for perceived links to a British company that carries out scientific testing on animals. (Source -- International Herald Tribune)

Balaclava men chased by police

UK -- Police chased two balaclava-clad men driving a stolen Mini Cooper after they were spotted acting suspiciously at a business park in Harrogate. (Source -- Harrogate Today)

9th April 2007

Life Behind Bars: The truth about Britain's zoos

UK -- If you are thinking of spending today peeking at penguins or gasping at gorillas, you won't be alone. But what's the truth about Britain's zoos? Can they honestly claim to be champions of animal welfare? (Source -- The Independent)

8th April 2007

Billions face climate change risk

UK -- Billions of people face shortages of food and water and increased risk of flooding, experts at a major climate change conference have warned. (Source -- BBC)

Legal battle: My son, the chimp

UK -- A British woman has launched a court challenge to become the legal guardian of a 160lb chimpanzee in a test case that could confer basic rights on apes across Europe. (Source -- The Independent)

6th April 2007

Link between bird flu and factory farming claim

UK -- On the first anniversary of the first known outbreak of bird flu in the UK, a new report reveals the links between factory farming and bird flu. (Source -- Arkangel)

5th April 2007

Asbo plan for religious extremists

UK-- Religious extremists could be given Anti-Social Behaviour Orders under a new crackdown on those suspected of radicalising others. (Source -- This is North Wales)

Students in transport protest In Chile - 93 Arrested

Chile -- Hundreds of students marched through the centre of Santiago and 93 people were arrested Wednesday in protests against a new transport plan in the Chilean capital, according to local media. (Source - Playfuls News)

Lenovo Tops Greenpeace Eco-Friendly Poll

UK -- Some may remember in my CeBIT 2007 Final Words which said this year "there is a new buzz about being environmentally friendly" and wouldn't you just know it...Environmental campaigner/protestor/industrial saboteur Greenpeace has published a table ranking the world's most eco-friendly electronics companies and suddenly everyone is taking notice. (Source -- Trusted Reviews)

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On the Circus Picket Line

UK -- Protestors have vowed they will return every year to the Great British Circus to make their feelings known. (Source – This is Grimsby)

Green Activists Beach at Finnish Nuclear Site

Finland -- Protesters in inflatable boats landed near the site of Finland's new nuclear power station on Wednesday, chaining themselves to the gates and demanding a halt to construction, Greenpeace and plant officials said. (Source – Planet Ark)

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Weekly Digest **25th April 2007**

Summary

There is no intelligence available at present to suggest any serious increase in animal rights activity for the remainder of this week.

The World Day for Laboratory Animals, which was held yesterday, 24th April, was marked by relatively peaceful actions in the UK and Europe, many of which are contained in this Digest.

One action of note was in Holland where Greg Avery and at least one other person from the UK attended an announced protest. In Belgium, around 20 protestors from the Global Action in the Interest of Animals (GAIA) held unannounced but peaceful protests at two GSK facilities. It is believed that the protest was held in support of 'World Day' rather than supporting the SHAC campaign.

SHAC's main action takes place on Friday 27th April. It takes the course of an organised march and rally in London, starting at Finsbury Park at 10.45am. It is followed by further actions against financial institutions in London, as well as unannounced protests at the gates of secondary targets in Berkshire and an announced demonstration at HLS in Cambridgeshire.

Announced protests are also taking place in support of the SHAC campaign in Italy, Holland and Belgium for the remainder of the week.

Despite an increase in animal rights / animal welfare activity during the past week no incidents of damage have been reported against the research industry.

This year, there was no single major event for 'World Day' which united the more extreme groups. However, it is noticeable that there has been willingness for some of the leading figures to bring their groups closer together. In the past month SHAC has supported SPEAK in Oxford; correspondingly Mel Broughton will be a speaker at the SHAC rally and the campaign for Felix, which is part of the SPEAK campaign, has attracted the attentions of PETA in the UK.

PETA in the USA is a rich and powerful campaigning body but in the UK, apart from anti-fur, KFC and vegan campaigns, it had not, up to now, entered into the more extreme arena. However, the group is supporting the veteran campaigner, Joan Court, who, on Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th April 07, will be holding another of her hunger strikes. Although not advertised as such, her action in Oxford forms the central rallying point for the SPEAK protest during the week. The event is likely to attract substantial support on the final day.

The links and the shifts in support between the groups are being monitored and any significant changes will be reported upon accordingly.

There are no major animal rights actions taking place next week. Cambridge Animal Rights report that the trial of fifteen SPEAK supporters, who were charged with various public order offences after a sit-down protest in Oxford last year, will be commencing in Newbury on Monday 30th April 07. Last week, the twelve activists from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) campaign, pleaded 'not guilty' to 'interfering with contractual relationships between Sequani and its suppliers' and the case will now be for trial on 23rd July 07.

May Day protests and celebrations again take place around the world on Tuesday 1st May 07. The event has fallen back into its original format with mainly peaceful rallies taking place by the Trades Unions and workers. A number of events are identified below.

Future Events

Wednesday 25th April to Sunday 6th May 2007

Wednesday 25th April 2007

Anti Dierproeven Coalitie / SHAC protests in Holland and Belgium

Holland and Belgium -- The Anti Dierproeven Coalitie group will again be holding protests in Holland and Belgium in support of the SHAC campaign and the 'World Week for Laboratory Animals'. All the premises have been the subject of previous actions from the group which does not appear to be attracting any additional support at present.

The group held announced actions in Holland on 23rd and 24th April 07. Protest continues today, 25th, in Holland before the group ends the week with two days of demonstrations in Belgium. The remaining announced protests are as follows -

Netherlands -

Wednesday 25th April 2007

07.30 - 10.00 Novartis, Raapopseweg 1, Arnhem
11.30 - 12.30 Actelion, Beneluxlaan 2B, woerden
13.30 - 14.45 Astrazeneca, Louis Pasteurlaan 5, Zoetermeer
15.30 - 19.00 Sanofi-Aventis, Kampenringweg 45 D-E, Gouda

Belgium -

Thursday 26th April 2007

08.00 - 10.00 GSK, Rue du Tilleul 13, Genval
11.00 - 12.30 AstraZeneca, Egide Van Ophemstraat 110, Ukkel
13.00 - 14.30 Novartis, Troonstraat 108, Elsene
15.00 - 18.00 Euronext, Beursplein, Brussel

Friday 27th April 2007

11.00 - 13.00 Bayer, Wakkensesteenweg 47, Tielt
13.30 - 15.00 Bayer, Zwijndrecht
15.30 - 18.00 AstraZeneca, Schaessestraat 15, Destelbergen

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brighton

Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulescoomb, Brighton. The protest, organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place between 4pm and 6pm every Wednesday outside the premises.

On Monday 23rd April 07 a trial commenced at Brighton Magistrates' Court against three protesters from the smash EDO MBM campaign. They have been appealing for their supporters to attend the Court. If the trial continues the level of protest at EDO may remain low for this week.

Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7, every Wednesday evening. At present, only three or four regular protestors are



showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention. A larger demonstration is expected next week.

Thursday 26th April 2007

Oxford actions in support of 'World Day'

PETA is supporting the 87 year-old veteran campaigner, Joan Court, who says that from Thursday 26th to Saturday 28th April 07 she will be holding another of her 48-hour hunger strikes, which this time is against the building of Oxford University's animal research laboratory in South Parks Rd, Oxford.

The event, which commences at 1pm on the Thursday, takes place during World Week for Laboratory Animals and may form one of the central rallying points during the week. She is calling on campaigners 'worldwide to join the fast.'

The main thrust of her protest is against brain experiments on Felix, a macaque monkey, being conducted at Oxford University. *Arkangel* reports that Court will don a prisoner costume, sit in a small cage and launch a two-day "Fast for Felix".

PETA members will also hold signs reading, "Save Felix – Oxford, Stop Primate Torture" and hand out leaflets. People from Latvia, Ireland and Italy are joining Court in the fast in their own countries.

The protest will begin at 1PM in front of St Michael's Church, Cornmarket near Oxford University

PETA also say that following her fast on Saturday April 28th in Oxford, there will be a 'Peace for the Animals' march and rally 'with a vegan food share afterwards'

The event is likely to attract substantial support on the final day but under the watchful eye of the Thames Valley Police.

SHAC protest in Taunton, Somerset

The Taunton Animal Rights Activists (TARA) group is planning a demonstration in support of the SHAC campaign outside the Mendip House offices of UBS in Taunton High Street on Thursday 26th April 07 between 1.00pm – 4.00pm. They claim that UBS currently holds shares in Euronext - a present secondary target in the campaign.

A handful of activists are expected to hold a SHAC-style protest with the display of placards and banners with the additional use of megaphones.

'World Day' demonstration at Harlan in Leicestershire

Loughborough Animal Concern (LAC) says it is organising a vigil from 2pm to 6pm on Thursday 26th April 07 outside the gates of Harlan's Hillcrest premises in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leicestershire in support of 'World Day for Animals in Laboratories'.

Regular protest is made at the premises from the small group of LAC supporters but on this occasion the event is likely to attract support from Leicestershire and the surrounding counties.

ALF film and activist in Dublin

Ireland -- The ALF film 'Behind the Mask' is to be screened at 8pm on Thursday 26th April 07 at the Buswells Hotel, Molesworth Street in Dublin 2.

Keith Mann, described as a former ALF activist' will be presenting the film. The film was shown for the first time in Ireland on Tuesday 24th April at the NUIG, University Road, Galway.

The two events have been organised by Bernie Wright, the Press officer for AFAR. He says there will be a chance to challenge Mann personally at both locations on his controversial views that 'sometimes the end justifies the means'.

The 'Behind the Mask' film tour has visited various locations throughout the UK and is being shown in an effort to bring new supporters to the movement, while retaining existing supporters. Mann has accompanied the tour at many of the screenings.

Most events have passed off peacefully with no apparent related protest activity. However, on 8th March 07, members of Brighton Animal Action staged a demonstration at the University of Sussex prior to a screening of the film in Brighton.

Although the events do invariably increase the possibility of protests or nearby 'home visits', none have been advertised and it is thought the risk of such is fairly low.

Background - Mann was jailed in 1995 for 14 years for arson, possessing explosives and escaping from custody all relating to a campaign against the meat industry. He was released but received a further 18 months in 2005 for a burglary at Wickham Laboratories and for making threats against a senior director of the firm at the end of the trial.

Global Day of Action against Abbott Laboratories

Global -- Complaints against Abbott's actions in the claim that it is 'denying Thai people life saving medication' rolls on and demonstrations are heightened this week with a request from the Thai network of People Living with HIV/AIDS group, for rallies outside Abbott offices globally and / or outside US embassies or consulates on the 26th April 07. Protests are also coupled with an online petition.

In Bangkok, activists say they will 'march to the Ministry of Commerce in Bangkok on April 26th to submit a complaint to the Trade Competition Commission'. The protests have been planned to coincide with Abbott's AGM to be held on the 27th April in Chicago.

McDonalds Protest in London

The monthly McDonalds demonstration is held on the last Thursday monthly at McDonalds, 25-27 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1, from 6pm. April's protest takes place on 26th. Usually a handful of protestors attend but higher numbers can be expected during 'World Week' - however no problems are expected.

Friday 27th April 2007

SHAC march and protests in London

On Friday 27th April 07, SHAC says it will be holding a march and rally in London entitled 'March against the Money Men 2'. Meeting takes place at 10-45am Finsbury Square, in London. SHAC held a similar event last year. Once again it will be their main event for World Week for Laboratory Animals.

Following the demonstration in London, the SHAC organisers say they will be splitting into 'three teams' as follows -

Team 1: Staying in the City to continue demonstrations at financial targets.

Team 2: Travelling to secondary targets in Berkshire.

Team 3: Protesting at HLS in Huntingdon, Cambs – with return transport to Central London.

Companies who have been the subject of recent secondary targeting by SHAC activists in these regions should be aware of this possibility of unannounced protests during the day.

SHAC has announced out of London transport from Reading, Littlehampton, Brighton, Pease Pottage Services (M23), Rochester, Chatham, Portsmouth, Southampton and Bedford. SARC have transport details from Portsmouth and Southampton, and West Sussex.

Actions in support of SHAC campaign in Italy

Italy -- Activists supporting the SHAC campaign say that on Friday 27th April 07 they will be holding protests at the following times and locations -

11.30am - Institute of Pharmacology in Square Aspari, Milan.
15.30pm - Sanofi-Aventis in via Piranesi 38, Milan.

The organising group is Laboratory Antispecista who are based at Via Sals Predis, 9 Milan. A noisy banner demonstration can be expected.

On the same day, activists are also planning a demonstration at the Bayer offices 40013 Castelmaggiore (BO), Via Saliceto 26/A. They say protest will take place between 10:00am and noon and is in support of World Week for Laboratory Animals.

Saturday 28th April 2007

Threat of protest at equestrian show in York

Animal rights activists from the York area plan to stage a protest on Saturday 28th April 07 during the performance of the Spirit of the Horse being staged at the Yorks Knavesmire Racecourse. The two-hour production is Europe's largest equestrian touring theatre show. *Sheffield Today* reported that animal rights activists from Sheffield Animal Friends planned to stage a protest during last Saturday's final performance.

Anti-Fur protests in London

The usual anti-fur protestors in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from around 20 anti-fur protestors.

Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request ...it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets.

'Behind the Mask' screening at Festival in Brighton

Brighton Animal Action has been invited to participate in the 'Between the Lines' Festival and will be showing the animal rights propaganda film, *Behind the Mask*, on Saturday 28th April 07 at 5pm with a questions and answers session afterwards.

'Between The Lines' is a three-day 'DIY hardcore punk' event of daytime workshops and night time 'hardcore' at the Crowley Club, Brighton, from Friday 27th - Sunday 29th April 07.

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions

Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon.

This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

Greyhound Action supporters in South-West London have also begun holding actions outside Wimbledon Stadium, Plough Lane, London SW17 0BL every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. At present, the protest only consists of leafleting before the main race night.

Monday 30th April 2007

SPEAK trial expected to commence

UK -- Cambridge Animal Rights report that the trial of fifteen SPEAK supporters, who were charged with various public order offences after a sit-down protest in Oxford last year, will be commencing in Newbury on Monday 30th April 07.

The charges are related to an investigation into the behaviour of SPEAK supporters during the University of Oxford Encaenia event held at the Sheldonian Theatre, Broad Street, Oxford on Wednesday 21st July 06, which saw five arrests on the day and twelve in the weeks afterwards.

NETCU reported that all the defendants previously appeared at Wantage Magistrates' Court on Monday 29th January 07. The full list of defendants and charges were shown in last week's Digest and were as follows -

Possible protest at Sequani

Regular unannounced protests have taken place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group.

Despite charges against twelve of the group, relating to incidents and protest at secondary targets, the occasional protest continues at Sequani by committed members of the group.

None of the group is now involved in secondary targeting but many continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties.

Tuesday 1st May 2007

May Day Rallies

UK / EU -- May Day protests and celebrations again take place around the world on Tuesday 1st May 07. The event has fallen back into its original format with mainly peaceful rallies taking place by the Trades Unions and workers. The years of the event being hijacked by large numbers of anti-globalisation and anarchists now appear to be confined to history. The rhetoric still exists but the passion by the extremists to demonstrate in large numbers on the UK streets appears to have waned.

Last year, in the UK, protest numbers were low and successfully contained by the police. There was no evidence of any particular companies being targeted.

A half-hearted attempt at disruption is being made by the 'Space Hijackers' who have given an advance warning of a 'party right in the heart of the Corporate Financial Centres of London.' Organisers have asked supporters to bring 'instruments and radios, hidden in briefcases/suitcases, and drinks, cakes and smiles to share' and to sort out a 'city worker disguise'. This is likely to cause difficulty for would-be protestors.

An early Critical Mass is expected in London and other cities and not expected to attract any confrontation.

The main TUC London May Day demonstration assembles in Clerkenwell Green, EC1 at noon, moving off at 1pm to Trafalgar Square.

Similar actions take place around the UK. The Sheffield Trades Union Council has called a Mayday march and rally, assembling at 11am at Moorfoot with a march and rally at noon to Sheffield Town Hall with the support of the PCS, the NUJ and Sheffield Keep Our NHS Public.

There is also a Merseyside May Day March and Rally which assembles at 11.30am and marches to Derby Square for speeches and live music.

Similar events have been announced in Barcelona, Berlin, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Helsinki, Liege, Lisbon, London, Madrid, Magdeburg, Malaga, Milan, Naples, Nuremberg, Sligo, Stuttgart, Thessaloniki, Tokyo, Tübingen, Vienna, and Warsaw. Some of the rallies announcements do include the words 'autonomous, independent and radical' and a few rallies may provide some lively action.

On 29th April 07 actions take place in Barcelona and the following day in Helsinki, Tokyo and Tübingen. May Day in Malaga is actually a series of events running from April 28 through to 1st May 07.

Wednesday 2nd May 2007

Demonstration announced at NIMR in London

Campaigners are calling for an evening demonstration at The National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Mill Hill at 6:30pm on Wednesday 2nd May 07.

A special effort is being made by the organisers to gain support for their campaign and the event has been widely advertised. The demonstration, which is scheduled to last until around 10pm, is expected to attract more than the usual group of five or six protestors but it will be a surprise if more than 25 demonstrators attend.

Police do not usually attend the weekly demonstrations but on this occasion it is likely that will be present to ensure that no undue problems occur.

Demonstration at QinetiQ

Protestors from the Southern Animal Rights Coalition (SARC) are planning a protest on Wednesday 2nd May at 10am at HM Naval Base, Saltash Road, Devonport, Plymouth PL2 2BG. The reason for the protest is that QinetiQ, a defence research organisation with premises in the naval base, carries out experiments on goats for the MOD.

Qinetiq has also been the subject of regular noisy demonstrations from the group at their offices in Hampshire.

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brightonplease see 25th April 2007

Thursday 3rd May 2007

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance.

Friday 4th May 2007

Weekly Protest at HLS

The weekly protest at HLS in Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction and usually held on a Friday. Following last week's main protest the demonstration is again expected to be made by a handful of local protestors. Protest at HLS' premises in Eye, Suffolk is not expected.

Saturday 5th May 2007

Live Exports protest in Dover

CIWF (Compassion in World Farming) and KALE (Kent against Live Export) are holding a demonstration to mark the one-year anniversary of the resumption of calf exports with a protest from noon to 3pm on Saturday 5th May 2007 at the Dover Eastern Docks roundabout.

They hope to make it an eye-catching event to gain valuable media attention for their cause. Gwyn Prosser MP is reported to be joining the protest to show his support.

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 28th April 2007

Anti-Greyhound Racing action in Coventryas above

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 18th to 25th April 2007

Arrest and Court Updates

SSAT supporters Court appearances

UK -- The twelve activists from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) campaign, charged with varying offences under the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005, appeared at Worcester Crown Court on Wednesday 18th April and Friday 20th April 07.

All twelve pleaded 'not guilty' to 'interfering with contractual relationships between Sequani and its suppliers' and the case will now be for trial on 23rd July 07. . All remain on unconditional bail.

GSK injunction

UK -- Because of the escalation of animal rights protest and criminal actions against GSK, the company launched a bid in the High Court judge to grant an injunction to curtail the campaign by creating "exclusion zones" around 18 of its premises in the UK and banning harassment of workers.

GSK confirmed that on 3rd April 07, an interim injunction was obtained under the Protection from Harassment Act 1997, against extremists responsible for persistent harassment and

intimidating protests at its sites in the UK. It also followed significant increase in animal extremist incidents against GSK and its employees between January and March 2007. GSK wanted to extend the order, which if granted would restrict protests at 18 of the company's sites.

The proposed order would prevent any campaigners from "assaulting, harassing, molesting, threatening or otherwise interfering" with any workers or their families and from knowingly "picketing, demonstrating or loitering" within 50 yards of their homes. It would restrict protests at the company's premises to once every 28 days, between 10am and 4pm, and with a maximum of either 20 or 30 participants, depending on the particular site. Megaphones, klaxons, sirens, whistles, drums and amplifiers would also be banned.

Mr Justice Teare adjourned the case saying: "I will obviously have to reserve my judgment in this matter and, pending the giving of the judgment, the injunction remains in place." He gave no date for when he will rule on the case.

A statement from the Company described how it deplored the actions of the extremists and in Court cited some particularly nasty events against some of its employees.

It also said, "For ethical, regulatory and scientific reasons, research using animals remains a small but vital part of the research and development of new medicines and vaccines. GSK supports legitimate animal welfare concerns, and the law-abiding organisations that represent them.

"GSK deplores the long-term campaign of violence, intimidation and harassment which has been run against people associated with Huntingdon Life Sciences and will continue to work with HLS as long as they continue to meet their current high standards of animal welfare and Home Office requirements."

Greg Avery was in Court to contest the application.

Criminal Offences

Offences reported on Bite Back

The extremists' website, *Bite Back*, has again been updated with only a few anonymous reports of criminal damage and minor incidents.

The most serious of these reports detailed an incident on April 10th 07 where activists committed criminal damage to a vehicle at the Portland, Oregon home address of the vice president of a section of Wachovia Securities. The incident will be fully reported in our USA Digest

France – Activists say they have once again broken the windows of a pet shop in Toulouse in the South of France. They say that previously the pet store had to be closed for one month because of their actions.

Spain – A simple communiqué stated that on 17th April 07 the 'FLA painted anti-fishing slogans in an area on the Henares river frequented by fishermen.'

Updates on Animal Rights Campaigns

Harlan

UK --Three members of Loughborough Animal Concern (LAC) held their regular protest outside the gates of Harlan's Hillcrest premises in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leicestershire on Friday 20th April 07.

The group have held a protest on each Friday this year but to date have caused no problems. Police have been present on each occasion.

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- On Friday 20th April 07 six local SHAC supporters held a low-key protest at HLS in Huntingdon. There were no incidents.

HLS - secondary targeting

UK -- Shortly after 8am on Tuesday 24th April 07, seven SHAC protestors arrived at Abbot Laboratories in Witney, Oxfordshire and proceeded to hold an unannounced demonstration. They later held a similar protest at Harlan's premises in Blackthorne in Bicester.

Belgium -- On 24th April 07, around 20 protestors held two unannounced protests at the GSK facilities in Rixensart and Genval in Belgium. The group, who described themselves as being from the Global Action in the Interest of Animals (GAIA), first went to the Rixensart site before holding a protest from 11.30am to 1pm at the Genval premises. It is believed that the protest was held in support of 'World Day for Laboratory Animals' rather than just supporting the SHAC campaign. Both actions were peaceful. The media was present.

Global -- On 24th April 07, SHAC-UK circulated an email urging supporters to contact the employees of Bristol-Myers Squibb. The email contained a 'sample letter' for activists to use and an extensive list of staff contact details and office locations.

Holland -- It was reported that at 8:00am on Thursday 19th April 07, a group of 10-15 protestors staged a demonstration outside the offices of GSK in Zeist, Holland. The group were aggressive in their manner using banners and megaphones and surrounding cars entering the facility. The early demonstration was followed by a protest at another GSK site in Utrecht.

Later in the morning, the group protested outside the offices of Teva Pharmaceuticals in Utrecht before holding an early afternoon demonstration at Sartorius in Nieuwegein.

Their final protest of the day took place at 4:00pm outside the offices of NYSE Euronext in Amsterdam, where they staged another noisy, aggressive demonstration which continued until 7:00pm.

Holland -- The Anti Dierproeven Coalitie group held announced protests in Holland on 23rd and 24th April 07 in support of the SHAC campaign and the 'World Week for Laboratory Animals'. Protests continue through the week.

On Monday 23rd April protest took place at the following locations -
Bayer, Energieweg 1, Mijdrecht
Astellas, Elisabethhof 1 en 19, Leiderdorp
Dangerous Goods Management, schipholweg 307, Badhoevedorp
Euronext, Beursplein 5, Amsterdam

The following day protests took place at the following sites -
GSK, Huis ter Heideweg 62, Zeist
GSK, Van deventerlaan 20, Utrecht
Teva, Computerweg 10, Utrecht

Sandoz, Veluwezoom 22, Almere

Noisy protests were made by around ten activists. On the second day two UK activists, one of whom was Greg Avery, were present within the group.

Sweden -- On 24th April 07, AstraZeneca was singled out by Swedish protestors to hold their 'World Day for Laboratory Animals.' A large group of demonstrators held their protest at AstraZeneca's Södertälje site near Stockholm.

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- On 18th April 07 a handful of regular protestors were involved in the weekly Wednesday protest at the National Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) in the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. The low-key demonstration was held during the early evening as the employees left the premises and caused no problems.

Oxford University

UK -- On Thursday 19th April 07, SPEAK held their regular weekly protest at the South Parks site of the new Oxford University laboratory with around fifteen protest involved. There were no incidents.

UK -- On Monday 23rd April 07, around half a dozen SPEAK supporters displayed their banners and placards on one of the main Oxford ring roads. Their peaceful action caused no problems.

UK -- On Tuesday 24th April 07 30 / 40 SPEAK supporters marked World Day for Laboratory Animals by holding a gathering at the Martyrs Memorial, on St Giles, Oxford. Some placards and banners were displayed as well as leafleting during the peaceful action.

Sequani

UK -- On Saturday 21st April 07, ten protestors from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group held a lunchtime protest outside the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire. Police were present throughout and there were no reported incidents,

Wickham Laboratories

UK -- 18 Members of Stop Wickham Animal Testing (SWAT) held an announced demonstration against Wickham Laboratories in Winchester Road, Wickham, Hampshire at 4pm on Tuesday 24th April 07. As well as protest at the site some 'street-theatre' took place in the nearby Square. Police were in attendance throughout in what was a relatively peaceful action.

Miscellaneous AR Items

World Day for Laboratory Animals

UK -- Animal Aid claimed it would hand out information packs in 150 towns on 24th April 07. Its claim was that many of the experiments on monkeys are "needless and horrific". The People reported that Andrew Tyler, director of Animal Aid, said: "Testing on animals is a vicious habit and that evidence is building that these tests do not relate to humans."

Meanwhile, Animal Defenders International and the National Anti-Vivisection Society (NAVS) called for MEPs to back a European test ban.

Italy -- On 24th April 07, World Day for Laboratory Animals, activists targeting the Morini laboratory and breeding centre asked that supporters telephone their protests to the Company throughout the day and evening. Actions were dedicated to an animal, 'Stefano' which died in the centre.

Anti-Fur protests

UK -- On Saturday 21st April 07 Harrods was again the subject of a relatively low-key protest from the usual group of London anti-fur protestors. Harrods was the only anti-fur venue targeted by the 20-or-so supporters during the day.

Switzerland / Poland -- On 10th April 07 a small PETA demonstration took place outside the Burberry outlet in Geneva which entailed the usual pretend killing of a rabbit. The protest was not widely reported. Police did not attend. The following day the same style of protest occurred in Warsaw. No problems were caused.

Italy -- The Anti-Vivisection league (LAV) in Italy asked Pope Benedict to stop wearing fur in a sign of respect for the "sacredness of all living species." The appeal was made ahead of an April 22 visit by Benedict to Pavia, a northern town where Italy's best-known fur makers are based.

Reading Greyhound Stadium Protest

UK -- Greyhound Action supporters said they would be holding a demonstration outside the greyhound stadium in Reading on 24th April 07. It coincides with a race meeting taking place at the stadium. Peaceful banner and leaflet protest can be expected.

Lloyds TSB / Qinetiq Protest in Somerset

UK -- TATA planned a demonstration outside Lloyds TSB in Fore Street, Taunton on Wednesday 25th April 07 between 11.00am and 1.00pm. Once again the reason for their protest was that Lloyds TSB hold shares in and provides a bank for QinetiQ, who have been contracted by the MOD to conduct tests using goats. Banner protest and leafleting was expected.

Circus protests

UK -- Members of London Animal Rights protested in Blackheath, where Zippo's Circus held its show from 3rd to 15th April 07. According to *News Shopper* a dozen members protested on Easter Monday, among them computer programmer Brendan 'Jones', 40yrs from Bromley, who dubbed the circus a "cruelty roadshow".

Protest, consisting of leafleting members of the public attending the shows, also continued when Zippo's performed in Watford between 19th to 24th April 07.

Anti-Circus protestors also said they would be holding demonstrations from 17th to 20th April 07 against Martin Lacey's Lincolnshire-based Great British Circus while it is performing at the Japanese Water Gardens, near Nottingham.

A section in the new Animal Welfare Act, due to be brought in next year, is expected to ban the use of some wild animals in circuses. However, it is likely circuses will be allowed to



continue using horses. Out of 30 British circuses, only eight use animals. Zippo's uses four horses and three ponies.

Canadian Seal Hunt Protest

UK -- London campaigners held a protest on Thursday 19th April 07 outside Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 to highlight attention to the ongoing Canadian seal hunt in Newfoundland. It is once again a peaceful event with the display of banners and leafleting members of the public.

Burger King to implement animal welfare strategy

Global -- On 20th April 07 the *Farmers Guardian* reported that following six years of talks with People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), Burger King has adopted a number of animal welfare policies which include some cage-free and stall-free production.

Burger King, the second-largest fast-food restaurant company in the world, will be affected in Canada and the US, a region for which it buys more than 40 million pounds of eggs and 35 million pounds of pork per year. The Company acknowledges that under its new policy, it will need to pay more for eggs and pork because there is only limited cage and stall-free production, but it says it will absorb those costs rather than raise prices.

Advocates for Animals target main egg producer

UK -- Following an undercover investigation, Advocates for Animals' director Ross Minett has criticised overcrowding found in battery cages on a farm near West Linton owned or run by Scotland's largest independent egg producer, Glenrath Farms Ltd.

Advocates' investigators filmed the overstocked cages on Whim Poultry Farm, West Linton in Peeblesshire in March and April 2007. This site produces almost 50 million eggs per year. Glenrath Farms Ltd, the second biggest producer of eggs in the UK, sells eggs to major supermarkets including Tesco and Asda.

A report has been submitted to Animal Health (formerly the State Veterinary Service) and asked the authorities to investigate all Glenrath egg-producing farms thoroughly as a matter of urgency, and believes charges should be brought for breaches of regulations discovered.

Environmental

Protest in Hull against GM Crops

UK -- On Saturday 21st April 07 anti-GM campaigners held a day of action near Hull against BASF's proposal to plant a genetically modified potato trial in Humberside. The trials in Hull, and another in Cambridgeshire, are the first in the UK for nearly three years.

The group marched from Preston Road Community Centre, Marfleet, Hull to the field where the potatoes are due to be planted and then proceeded to plant 'thousands' of beans in the hope that it would prevent the future planting of the GM crop.

Anna Lock was a spokesperson for the group. Speakers included campaigners from the Permaculture Association, Friends of the Earth, GM Freeze and local farmers. There were no incidents during the peaceful action.

The *Guardian* later reported that in fact the protestors had planted the beans in the wrong field.

Anti War / Nuclear protest and arrests

UK -- From 6am on 23rd April 07 activists caused problems at three of the gates of the Atomic Weapons Establishment (AWE) in Aldermaston. They were successful for a short period in disrupting the 'multimillion pound upgrade of the UK Trident nuclear weapons system.' by causing traffic problems during the morning.

Their action led to nine arrests and charges for obstructing the highway. All were later released and are bailed to appear at Newbury Court next month.

Bath Climate Camp report

UK -- *This is Bath* reported on the four-day environmental Climate Camp organised by the Bath Activist Network (BAN) which was due to take place on farmland off Lower Bristol Road from 19th to 22nd April 07. A police operation prevented them from setting up the Camp but around 30 protestors from all over the country at an alternative venue in Lower Borough Walls. One of the camp's organisers was Matt Banning.

Despite the initial setback, protestors pushed ahead with their activities, which commenced with the picketing of the Land and Marine offices on Lower Bristol Road.

On 20th April more than 30 people showed their support for a congestion-free city centre in a protest which took place outside the Abbey. They later marched through the city centre to encourage people 'to make better use of public transport and cut down on fossil fuels.'

The event culminated on Sunday with an afternoon of workshops on sustainable living and a litter pick.

During the four days one arrest was made on a public order offence.

News Headlines

25th April 2007

GM protesters pick wrong field in bid to disrupt potato trial

UK -- The operation to sabotage the government's GM potato trial was planned with care and under conditions of great secrecy. Two hundred and fifty protestors swooped on the 16-hectare site outside Hull, armed with shovels and filled with indignation. (Source – The Guardian)

Abbott to offer new AIDS drug in Thailand

NY, USA - - Abbott Laboratories Inc. is offering to sell a newer form of its AIDS drug Kaletra in Thailand at a discounted rate, the Wall Street Journal reported on its Web site on Monday. (Source – Wall Street Journal)

24th April 2007

Three Million Animals in Britain's Labs

UK -- Three million cats, dogs, monkeys and other animals are experimented on in Britain's laboratories every year with many suffering extreme and often unnecessary pain, say animal campaigners. (Source – The Mirror)

Dancing with the Stars loses Heather Mills but Viva! may gain

LA, USA -- With a farewell speech tucked into the top of her sparkly costume, Heather Mills came prepared to be eliminated from "Dancing With the Stars" Tuesday. (Source - Jackson News Tribune)

Gay men urged to go vegetarian

EU -- UK animal rights group Viva! is urging the gay community to give peas a chance and save animals from suffering by going veggie. (Source - planetout.com)

23rd April 2007

Protests Pass off Peacefully

UK -- Campaigners have hailed a four-day environmental protest a huge success - despite plans for a 'climate camp' having to be curtailed. (Source - This is Bath)

Traffic chaos and seven arrested at AWE

UK -- A number of people have been arrested on 23rd April 07 after protests at Aldermaston's Atomic Weapons Establishment. (Source - Newbury Today)

22nd April 2007

Monkey Horror

UK -- Up to 10,000 monkeys are being put through "needless and horrific" tests in UK labs, leading charities claim. (Source - The People)

Cancer victims ask: "Is it the phone mast's fault?"

UK -- Margaret Hines-Randle is fighting cancer, but she is not alone in her struggle. In fact most of the people in her road are battling alongside her, since they have the illness too. At the most recent count, 30 of her immediate neighbours were either suffering with cancer or had already died from it. (Source - Sunday Times)

Wifi internet 'poses a health risk for pupils'

UK -- Wireless computer networks in schools may pose a significant health risk to children and staff, a teaching union warned today. (Source - This is London)

21st April 2007

Glaxo staff watch out for threats from animal rights protesters

UK -- Staff at the GlaxoSmithKline factory in Ulverston are on their guard against the possible threat from animal rights protesters. (Source - NW Evening Mail)

Kangaroos under threat from 'barbaric' meat industry

Australia -- Animal rights activists say the kangaroo meat industry is putting kangaroos under threat by killing a large percentage of females and leaving joeys to fend for themselves. (Source - ABC)

Dutch report mad cow case

The Hague - The Dutch ministry of Agriculture has announced that it has discovered mad cow disease in a seven-year-old cow. (Source - The Times ZA)



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Summary

There are no animal rights protests announced for the next seven days which should cause any undue concern.

An Animal Rights Coalition (ARC) meeting takes place at Evesham Town Hall in Worcestershire on Sunday 17th June 07. Organisers say that among the important items to be discussed are the 'recent series of raids and the general climate of repression - and resistance - the forthcoming international gathering in the Netherlands in August, and organising a UK gathering in September.'

All the extreme groups are usually represented and over 40 persons can be expected to attend. It is likely that efforts will again be made to forge closer links between the groups and their 'leading personnel' but the event is expected to be dominated by the 'Operation Achilles' arrests and the SPEAK acquittals.

Although there is no evidence that incidents have occurred before or after the event, recently targeted companies should be aware that groups of extremists will be travelling to and from the area. In this instance, any action may be directed against the Three Counties Show taking place in nearby Malvern.

Environmental campaigners are planning a week of action against the aviation industry between 14th and 21st June 07 but again all the named actions appear to be on the level of raising awareness for their concerns rather than any serious attempt at disruption. Small scale actions are planned at Heathrow airport, Gatwick, Bristol, Southampton, Schiphol airport, Edinburgh, Charles de Gaulle airport, Zurich and Brussels.

The next national meeting for Camp for Climate Action will be on June 16th and 17th in Manchester at MERCI, Bridge-5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HR. So far the minutes of previous meetings have been produced on the group's website.

The Cheltenham Science Festival took place at the Cheltenham Town Hall from 6th to 10th June 07. An announced animal rights demonstration took place at the venue from noon until 4pm on Friday 8th June. In the absence of any other main animal rights demonstrations it was feared that the protest might have been reasonably well attended, however, those fears were unfounded.

Gloucester Animal Action (GAA) purchased twelve tickets for Professor Aziz's lecture which the group were allowed to attend following searches. One protestor was ejected early in the proceedings and another was arrested during questions raised at the end of the speeches.

The three Swedish activists arrested for a burglary and damage in May this year at a fur farm near Uppsala in eastern Sweden received community service orders, a fine and parole and were ordered to pay restitution to the farmer.

In the UK, damage was caused at a Wickham director's home. Threatening graffiti was sprayed on his driveway. The extremists' website, *Bite Back*, was again updated with anonymous reports of relatively minor criminal damage none of which related to the research industry. The offences were in the Czech Republic, France, Germany, Ireland, Spain and Sweden.

Future Events

Wednesday 13th to Sunday 24th June 2007

Wednesday 13th May 2007

SHAC protests in France

France -- SHAC has announced its intention of holding more protests in France from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th June 07. As is necessary in France, they have approached the authorities and it is believed organisers have been able to gain permission to hold their demonstrations. The protests are as follows -

Wednesday 13th June 2007

NYSE Euronext, 39, rue Cambon, 75039 Paris from 07.30 to 9.30am
Sanofi-Aventis, 174 Avenue de France, 75013 Paris from 11.00am to 1pm
Abbott Labs, 10 Rue d'Arceuil, Silic 233, 94528 Rungis from noon to 1pm
GSK, 100 Route de Versailles, 78163 Marly-Le-Roy from 3pm to 7pm

Thursday 14th June 2007

NYSE Euronext, 39, rue Cambon, 75039 Paris from 07.30 to 9.30am
Sanofi-Aventis, 174 Avenue de France, 75013 Paris from 11.00am to 1pm
GSK, 23 rue Lavoisier, 27091 Evreux from 3pm to 7pm

Friday 15th June 2007

Bristol Myers Squibb, 3 Rue Joseph Monier, 92506 Rueil-Malmaison from 7am to 10pm
Novartis Pharma, 2 et 4, rue Lionel Terray, F-92506 Rueil-Malmaison from 1am to 12.30pm
Novartis, 14, boulevard Richelieu, F-92845 Rueil-Malmaison Cedex from 12.30pm to 1.30pm
Mauritian Embassy, 127 Rue de Tocqueville 75017 Paris from 3pm to 4pm

It is anticipated that a few French activists will probably be joined by some of the Belgian/Dutch 'Stop Dier Proeven' group. It is not known if any activists from the UK will attend although it is thought that in view of the recent arrests this will be unlikely. Neither the numbers of protestors nor the level of protest is expected to be high. However, the threat of 'home visits' remains higher during this period and, although few and far between, there have been some recent *Bite Back* offences reported in France.

Protest at HLS in Suffolk

Activists in East Anglia are to hold a protest at HLS in Eye, Suffolk on Wednesday 13th June 07. Protest is due to commence at 3pm and will be held under the jurisdiction of HLS' injunction by around six to eight protestors.

Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

Every Wednesday the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7. At present, only a handful of protestors are showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention.

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brighton

Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulescoomb, Brighton. The protest,



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organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place as usual between 4pm and 6pm this Wednesday outside the premises.

Possible circus protests in Greater London areas

Anti-Circus watchers are advising supporters that Zippos Circus in Sidcup, Kent during this week and appeals for early evening protest at the venue which is at Sidcup Place Park, Chislehurst Road until 19th June 07.

Emails also ask supporters 'to keep an eye out for posters and remove illegal posters and ask shops not to display posters.' The Circus moves on to Chiswick - 21st to 26th June - and Twickenham in the coming weeks.

Any form of protest is likely to be purely against the circus and will not involve protest at other locations.

Appeal for protest against Spirit of Horse Show in Scotland

Following previously reported protests in England, Advocates for Animals and the Captive Animals' Protection Society (CAPS) are calling on the public to boycott the Spirit of the Horse equestrian show which started a month-long tour of Scottish cities on 11th June 07. It will be travelling between Perth, Aberdeen, Inverness, Edinburgh and Glasgow

Ross Minett, Director of Advocates for Animals and Craig Redmond, Campaign Manager for CAPS, are appealing for an end to the use of all animals in circuses and are calling on the Scottish Executive to implement a ban on the use of performing animals in circuses through the Animal Health and Welfare (Scotland) Act.

Thursday 14th June 2007

European Day of Action on Aviation

Europe – Environmental campaigners are planning a week of action against the aviation industry between 14th and 21st June 07.

On Saturday 16th June, campaigners in London will be staging a publicised race to see which is quickest, with two pairs of campaigners racing against each other from Parliament Square in London to the Eiffel Tower, Paris. Two will be using Eurostar and two travelling by plane. The French media will meet the 'racers' at the Eiffel Tower. Contact for the event is John Stewart.

Small scale protests are planned at Heathrow airport, Gatwick, Bristol, Southampton, Schiphol airport, Edinburgh, Charles de Gaulle airport, Zurich and Brussels.

At Gatwick Brendon Sewill from the local campaign group will launch a Climate Change Study and in Bristol, the Stop Bristol Airport Expansion Coalition is organising a 'cycle ride' from Bristol Temple Meads Station to Bristol International Airport on the theme of 'trains not planes'

In Southampton a 'colourful demonstration near Southampton Airport' is promised by the contact, Chris Bluemel while in Aberdeen there will be a 'stunt and 'leafleting' organised by Alan Fleming. In Edinburgh there will be a stall staffed by the local World Development Movement group, contact John Blair-Fish,

In the Netherlands at Schiphol Airport Dutch campaigners will be holding a press conference on a Thalys-train running between Schiphol and Brussels to launch their 'Antwerp Declaration' - contact Evert Hassink,



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In Toulouse, France on Friday 15th June there will be a press conference from 6pm to 9pm under the flight path to Toulouse Airport. Also in France there will be activity at Pontoise, Strasbourg, Saint Cyr l'Ecole, Toussus le Noble airports with Alain Lebrun co-ordinating the activities.

On the same day in Zurich, Switzerland there will be an action on short-distance flights with balloons and "tickets for travelling by train" - Vreni Püntener, SSF

In Brussels, Belgium there will be a 'stunt with banners and polar bears' and banners reading "closed because of climate change" will be placed near airport access in the morning - according to Airport Watch the contact is Pierre Courbe.

Protest at German Hunters' AGM

Germany – Activists from Tierrechtstermine.de have noted that the German hunter's AGM will be taking place on 14th and 15 June 07 at the Congress Hall in Saarbruecken and protest is organised for outside the building from 10am to 5pm on Thursday and the Friday.

Depending on numbers a decision will be made regarding a march through Saarbruecken finishing at the Congress Hall. Numbers will still have to be cleared with the officials.

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance.

Friday 15th June 2007

Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

Regular weekly protest at HLS in Alconbury, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is now being announced on the animal rights Veggies Calendar for each Friday. The organiser would appear to be Maxine Kaye who, on occasions, can call upon around eight supporters to assist her. Protest this week takes place from noon to 6pm.

Protest is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction which allows the use of a megaphone between noon and 1pm.

Anti-Fur actions in Italy

Italy -- A series of anti-fur protests is due to take place in Italy against Upim, a retail chain in Italy with 140 directly owned stores and 200 franchises. The announced protests to date are as follows –

From 5pm on Friday 15th and Saturday 30th June 07 in Via Ugo Low, Bologna

From 4pm on Saturday 30th June 07 in front of Upim, via Mazzini, Parma

Protest also seems to be directed against the Italian Association Breeders of Mink (A.I.A.V.).

Saturday 16th June 2007

AR Protest at Three Counties Show

On Saturday 16th June 07 West Mercia activists are inviting like-minded protestors to join them for an anti-live exports / meat / dairy demonstration from 10.00am at The Three Counties show which takes place at the Malvern Showground is WR13 6NW.

The appeal is particularly directed to activists who will be attending the nearby ARC meeting over the weekend period.

Camp for Climate Action National meeting

The next national meeting for Camp for Climate Action will be on June 16th and 17th in Manchester at MERCI, Bridge-5 Mill, 22a Beswick Street, Ancoats, Manchester, M4 7HR. The gathering will start at 11.00 on Saturday 16th and 10.00 on Sunday 17th.

So far the minutes of previous meetings have been produced on the group's website.

Anti-Fur protests in London

The usual anti-fur protestors in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from no more than 20 anti-fur protestors. Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request that it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets.

Mink Farm protest in Germany

Germany -- At 1pm on Saturday 16th June 07 a demonstration is due to take place against the Orsbach Mink Farm near the city of Aachen. Activists claim that proper permission was not obtained for the farm's operation and that the head of the provincial government will be examining who is in the right. Supporters of the protest group are invited to add their names to an on-line petition.

Pet shop protest in Surrey

Members of South East Animal Rights (SEAR) will be holding another of their protests against Petsville situated on the High Street in Sutton, Surrey. The protest takes place on Saturday 16th June and those attending are asked to meet at noon at the convenient location of the nearby Red Lion Pub.

Protest from the small group of SEAR supporters is expected to consist of placard and leaflet protest. The group supports national protests on occasions but the Petsville protests appear to be the only form of local action taken by the group at present.

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions

Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

Greyhound Action supporters in South-West London have also begun holding actions outside Wimbledon Stadium, Plough Lane, London SW17 0BL every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. At present, the protest only consists of leafleting before the main race night.

In Reading, Greyhound Action supporters now hold occasional Saturday evening protests outside the dog track at the Reading Stadium on Saturday evenings to coincide with the race meeting. Protest is likely to take the form of banner and placard display.

Sunday 17th June 2007

Animal Rights Coalition National Meeting

Sunday 17th June has been set for the next Animal Rights Coalition (ARC) meeting which will take place at Evesham Town Hall, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11 commencing at around noon and finishing at around 5pm.

Organisers say that among the important items to be discussed are the 'recent series of raids and the general climate of repression (and resistance), the forthcoming international gathering in the Netherlands in August, and organising a UK gathering in September.'

Doors open from 10am for 'vegan breakfast and snacks by Veggies, info stalls, films etc'.

All the extreme groups are usually represented and over 40 persons can be expected to attend. It is likely that efforts will again be made to forge closer links between the groups and their 'leading personnel' but the event is expected to be dominated by the 'Operation Achilles' arrests.

Although there is no evidence that incidents have occurred before or after the event, recently targeted companies should be aware that groups of extremists will be travelling to and from the area. In this instance, any action may be directed against the Three Counties Show taking place in nearby Malvern.

Brighton Animal Rights information stall and update

Brighton Animal Rights (BAA) gathers every Sunday outside the Brighton Sea Life where they leaflet and hold an information stall. The stall was one of those targeted in the police clamp down on illegal street collections. Their paraphernalia was confiscated and arrests were made.

The group report that it was made clear to them they cannot solicit for money on stalls and 'admit that one of their main sources of income has been severed.' They now appeal for donations to be sent to Campaign, PO Box 307, Brighton BN2 1HW.

BAA meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Cowley Club on London Road, Brighton at 7pm. The group will again be hosting the World Day for Incarcerated Animals which this year which has been set for Saturday 22nd September 2007

Monday 18th June 2007

Possible protest at Sequani

Regular unannounced protests have taken place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group. Despite charges against twelve of the group, relating to incidents and protest at secondary targets, the occasional protest continues at Sequani by committed members of the group. SSAT is no longer involved in secondary targeting but many of the group continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties.

Wednesday 20th June 2007

SPEAK Encaenia Ceremony Demonstration

UK -- A confrontational demonstration is now due to take place at the Encaenia Ceremony at Oxford University which this year takes place on Wednesday 20th June 07. Those attending the protest are asked to meet at 10 am in Catte Street, Oxford. The event is a major tourist attraction and a ceremony in which leading figures from around the world in politics, science and the arts are awarded honorary degrees - it is also the event which last year led to the arrest of sixteen SPEAK supporters which has only just found its way through the Courts with the vast majority of those accused being acquitted.

The protest puts SPEAK at odds with Thames Valley Police who met with criticism during the trial and the authorities at Oxford University. Details within the injunction obtained by Oxford University against SPEAK should aid the police but the demonstration does have the potential to be a flashpoint between the protestors and the police.

The *Oxford Mail* reported on comments from SPEAK and TVP. Mel Broughton said: "We are not going down there to cause trouble or deliberately upset anyone, but we are there to voice our opinions. The police must recognise that we have a right to protest lawfully. We have always striven to make sure that our protests are lawful and we will continue to do that. We have advertised the protest and I am happy to speak to Thames Valley Police."

The head of Oxford police, said he hoped SPEAK would talk to officers before the protest. He added: "We will always work with demonstration organisers to facilitate protest within legal boundaries. In the planning for this event I will be looking at the Encaenia trial judgment and will also be looking at discussing the event with protest groups." It is expected that further details will emerge as the date nears.

Thursday 21st June 2007

SHAC related protests in Belgium

Belgium -- On Thursday 21st June 07 protests the Dutch / Belgian SHAC group 'Stop Dier Proeven,' will again be holding announced demonstrations in Belgium. The group of around ten, mainly male protestors will again be armed with megaphones and banners. It is hoped that the police will restrict their level of protest. The times and locations are announced as follows -

8am to 10am - Novartis Vilvoorde, Mediaalaan 40.
11am to 12.30pm - Robeco, Louizalaan 81 bus 6 (6de verdieping), Brussel
1pm to 3pm - NYSE Euronext, Beursplein, Brussel
3.30pm to 6.30pm - GSK Genval, Rue du Tilleul 13.

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University please see 14th May 2007

Friday 22nd June 2007

Weekly Protest at HLSplease see 15th June 2007

Saturday 23rd June 2007

Keith Mann's Book Launch in London

UK -- The UK animal rights extremist, Keith Mann, has written a book entitled 'Dusk 'til Dawn' and the official book launch party is to take place between 6pm and 8.30pm on Saturday 23rd June 07 at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL.. Those attending will include some of the more extreme element of the animal rights movement. The event will probably be mirrored around the UK in the coming weeks.

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 16th June 2007

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions in Coventry, Wimbledon and Readingas above

Sunday 24th June 2007

Brighton Animal Rights information stall and update..... please see 17th June 2007

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 6th to 13th June 2007

Animal Rights Section

Arrests and Court Updates

One arrest at Cheltenham Science Festival

UK -- The Cheltenham Science Festival took place at the Cheltenham Town Hall in Imperial Square, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL50 1QA from 6th to 10th June 07. An announced animal rights demonstration took place at the venue from noon until 4pm on Friday 8th June.

In the absence of any other main animal rights demonstrations it was feared that the protest might have been reasonably well attended, however, those fears were unfounded.

A report from Gloucester Animal Action (GAA) said that the twenty activists involved in the protest ranged from 'human and animal rights advocates, representatives of Dr Claude Reiss and an anti-arms trade contingent.' Strict policing limited any form of protest.

GAA say they focused on issues relating to the 'main festival sponsor Pfizer's and the work of Professor Tipu Aziz's work at Oxford University. The group purchased twelve tickets for Professor Aziz's lecture which the group were allowed to attend following searches etc.

One protestor was ejected early in the proceedings but the remainder listened to speeches from the Professor and patients Mike Robins and Martin Westall. Following the speeches the panel accepted questions from the audience but one of the group overstepped the mark and was ejected from the premises.

GAA stated that once outside he refused to supply his details to the police and was duly arrested and taken to Cheltenham Police station and charged with a Section 50 offence – failing to supply details following anti-social behaviour. The remainder of the group were ushered from the premises and there were no further incidents.

Swedish activists convicted

Sweden -- Previously reported was the fact that three Swedish people were arrested during the night of 17th May were arrested on suspicion of burglary and damage at a fur farm in Berga village near Uppsala in eastern Sweden.

The British Earth Liberation Prisoners Support Network have now reported that the three appeared in Court on 10th June 07 and were convicted of the theft of 14 rabbits (recovered) and criminal damage, which consisted of car tyres being slashed and slogans being painted on a car and on buildings and cages.

Two of the activists received 100 hours community service, whilst the third was given a small fine and parole. They also have to pay damage to the farmer, which is estimated to be about £1000. The three had remained in custody since their arrest but have now been released. They have not as yet been identified in open intelligence.

Criminal Offences

Damage at Wickham director's home

UK – Between 2nd and 4th June 07 extremists involved in the campaign against Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire 'visited' the home of a senior director. They spray-painted the words 'Bang you're dead – ALF' in black letters on the driveway of his home which is situated in the same county.

Criminal offences reported on Bite Back

The extremists' website, *Bite Back*, was again updated with anonymous reports of relatively minor criminal damage. None related to the research industry. The offences are as follows –

Czech Republic -- A report dated 9th June 07 claimed that Cinda Fur advertisements had been 'torn down' in the city of Prague.

France -- On the night of Monday 3rd June 07, animal rights activists claimed responsibility for causing extensive damage to a retail shop and the Bordeaux home of a furrier. Animal rights slogans were daubed over the walls and doors of his house and his car was extensively damaged.

Germany -- On 10th June 07 a communiqué stated "As part of the anti-G8 actions taking place in Germany, ALF activists destroyed a large shooting tower in the Rostock area of Germany. Several more shooting towers were felled to blockade roads, preventing delegates from entering the summit."

Ireland -- Activists in Ireland reported on 12th June 07 that they had 'removed or destroyed' thirty advertising signs for Circus Vegas in the Maynooth / Blanchardstown areas.

Spain -- Spanish activists claimed that on 8th June 07 on the border between Madrid and Guadalajara, close to the river Henares, anti-angling slogans were spray-painted. On the previous day similar damage was caused to an angler's vehicle in the same area.

Another report stated that rabbits, in cages in a private estate in the Morata de Tajuña village near Madrid, were 'released'.

Sweden -- Late on Monday 28th May 07, the Mboussis fur studio in the Stockholm suburb of Västertorp was 'visited' by animal activists. Glue was put into all the locks and all the windows were either 'etched or smashed with hammers.'

Updates on Animal Rights Campaigns

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK – There have been no protests held at HLS in Huntingdon since Friday 25th May 07. Last week's announced protest was again cancelled by the organiser. There were no demonstrations held at the Company's premises in Eye, Suffolk.

HLS - secondary targeting

UK – At lunchtime on Friday 1st June 07 around fifteen SHAC supporters staged a noisy protest outside the offices of Allianz in Leadenhall Street, London, EC3.

Further protests were staged by the group at the offices of Deutsche Bank in Bishopsgate, EC2, AXA UK plc in Old Broad Street, EC2, Dresdner Kleinwort in Gresham Street, EC2 before a final protest of the day at Deutsche Bank AG, London Stonewall, EC2.

It is believed the group returned to the City to hold similar demonstrations on Wednesday 13th June 07. Full details will be reported in next week's Digest.

UK -- On Friday 8th June 07, the usual small group of activists attended at the Horsham site of Novartis in West Sussex where they once again staged a noisy protest.

UK / Global -- On Wednesday 6th June 07, SHAC-UK circulated an email to supporters in which they encouraged support for the targeting of Robeco Investment Management. The SHAC email includes a sample letter for activists to use as well as a large number of Robeco contact details and email addresses.

The company could also see some small scale physical protest in a similar way to that perpetrated against Allianz and Dresdner Bank.

Holland -- On Thursday 8th June 07 protests in Holland, by the Dutch / Belgian SHAC group 'Stop Dier Proeven,' went ahead as announced. The aggressive group of around eight, mainly male protestors were armed with megaphones and banners.

Protest was due to take place at a number of Allianz premises but in view of the Company's alleged sale of HLS shares, the activists switched their initial demonstration to the new target of Robeco Worldwide. Protest was made outside the offices of the Company's HQ in Rotterdam which was followed by similar demonstrations at Actelion - Beneluxlaan 2b Woerden, Bristol Myers Squibb - Vijzelmolenlaan 9 Woerden and Axa Insurance in Utrecht.

Following the protests a benefit concert took place at Occii, Amstelveenseweg 134.

The next announced day for protest by the group is on Thursday 21st June 07 in Belgium. No locations have been issued as yet.

Ireland -- On Thursday 8th June 07 around half a dozen young protestors supported the SHAC campaign by holding an hour-long demonstration outside AstraZeneca in Nassau Street, Dublin. The group displayed home made placards and one anti-HLS placard.

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK – A handful of protestors attended the usual low-key demonstration at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Mill Hill on Wednesday evening 6th June 07.

SPEAK Campaign / Oxford University

UK -- SPEAK's organisers continued the momentum of their campaign by holding another gathering in Oxford on Saturday 9th June 07. Around 15 - 20 SPEAK campaign supporters staged a demonstration at the edge of the exclusion zone on South Parks Road, Oxford. Some of the group then moved to protest at the edge of the exclusion zone on St.Cross Road.

Both groups then held a further demonstration at Martyrs' Memorial, where some lined the steps holding placards and banners and others gave out leaflets to members of the public.

UK -- On Thursday 7th June 07 SPEAK protesters held their weekly demonstration in South Parks Road, Oxford. Around twenty activists were involved during the afternoon protest which again lasted from 1pm to 6pm. There were no incidents.

UK -- Another 'night vigil' was arranged between Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June 07. Those attending were meeting at the edge of the exclusion zone on South Parks Road, Oxford. The purpose of the all night vigils is unclear at present, save for the fact it causes more problems for the authorities. Details of the night's action will be reported accordingly.

Sequani

UK -- During the afternoon of Monday 11th June 07 four members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) protest group held a low-key demonstration outside the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire.. There were no incidents.

During the week supporters of the group circulated an email from Sequani's website highlighting the current career opportunities section.

Wickham Laboratories

UK -- During the afternoon of Thursday 8th June 07 two local protestors held a demonstration outside Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire. They displayed a banner and used a megaphone for about an hour.

During the evening of Tuesday 12th June 07 a group of around half a dozen protestors were involved in a short demonstration at the linked Torbay Farm.

Miscellaneous AR Items

Animal Aid

UK -- Animal Aid, who claim to be the UK's largest animal rights campaigning group, held a stall in Cardiff City centre last week as part of its '30th birthday celebrations'. According to icWales the 'Transform Your World tour' road show will be visiting more than 30 UK towns and cities over the next two months to promote 'compassionate lifestyles.'

UK -- At noon on Saturday 9th June 07, animal rights / welfare supporters held a 'memorial gathering' at the entrance to Rugby Livestock Market in Craven Road before it moves to its new location in Stoneleigh.

Janet Cummings, 62yrs, of Tower Road, Rugby, and described as a long-time 'animal watcher' for Animal Aid, organised the event to 'remember the many thousands of animals that have been sent to their deaths.' The peaceful event consisted of a two-minute silence, 'purple ribbon-tying' and speeches.

According to *ic Coventry* speakers included Janet Taylor from the Farm Animal Sanctuary in Evesham. Animal Aid presented a plaque to mark the occasion - Rugby Borough Council agreed to put up the plaque in a public place at a later date.

A spokesman for Rugby Livestock Ltd, the company which runs the cattle market denied any animals were mistreated there but declined to comment further.

Weatherall report implementation

UK – The *Financial Times* reported that a 'new national strategy for carrying out "scientifically essential" research using monkeys is to be drawn up. This follows an independent report on non-human primate research published last December by Sir David Weatherall, the Oxford University geneticist, who rejected calls by opponents of animal testing to ban primate research.

As from 12th June 07, scientific bodies, research funding agencies and the government will commit themselves to developing an integrated national plan, the main part of which is likely to include a network of specialist centres at which scientists can work with monkeys.

About 3,300 monkeys a year are used in UK laboratories, mainly macaques and marmosets. Some 450 are involved in academic experiments and the remainder in safety testing of new drugs. Apes have not been used for experiments in Britain since 1988.

The Weatherall report also urged Britain's research funding and regulatory bodies to examine urgently "concerns that costs and harassment by activists are forcing scientists and research companies to pursue non-human primate work overseas".

In response the Medical Research Council and Wellcome Trust will pledge today: "Although the costs of this type of research are high, the funders will meet this cost where the research question is of justifiable significance."

Anti-Fur protests

UK -- On Saturday 9th June 07 London anti-fur protestors were again in action at Harrods in Knightsbridge. A relatively peaceful protest took place during the day by between 10 and 15 protestors. It is believed that the group are still showing interest in future anti-fur protest at Guss. The Green Fair in Redditch and the Bristol Vegan Fare may have accounted for the low-level of protest at Harrods.

Ireland -- Bernie Wright of AFAR is asking anti-fur supporters to politely phone Vasa Mink Farm in County Laois, Ireland to register their complaint. The farm, which belongs to Heffernans in Stradbally, was the subject of an animal rights protest in October last year.

Italy -- A series of anti-fur protests is taking place in Italy against Upim. An announced protest was due to take place on Saturday 9th June 07 outside its premises in Via Gioberti, Florence.

Anti-Foie Gras Actions

UK -- On 8th June 07 two anti-foie gras protestors held a demonstration outside the Queens Hotel, The Promenade, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, GL50 1NN. Police were in attendance. The following day a similar protest took place at the same venue involving around a dozen demonstrators.

Protest was also held at the following locations -

Lower Slaughter Manor Hotel, Gloucestershire, GL54 2HP

Washbourne Hotel, Lower Slaughter, Gloucestershire GL54 2HS

Lords of the Manor, Upper Slaughter, Bourton-on-the-Water, Cheltenham, GL54 2JD

Once again they claimed that at one of the locations they disturbed a wedding party.

UK -- *The Scotsman* reported that the Duchess of Hamilton has pledged to end her boycott of Jenners after owners, House of Fraser, announced a ban on the sale of foie gras. The Duchess, who chairs animal rights group Advocates for Animals, famously withdrew her account with the Princes Street store in 2000 in protest.

UK -- On 9th June 07 a small demonstration was held in front of the 'French Products' stall at the Cambridge city centre market due to its sale of foie gras.

Nottingham Animal Rights University protest

Activists from Nottingham Animal Rights said they would will be gathering outside the entrance to the Queens Medical Centre, Derby Rd, Nottingham NG7 on Thursday 7th June 07 to protest against the animal experiments conducted on the top floor.'

The protest was being made at the University to mark the 'ten years since Nottingham University was the subject of Animal Aid's Mad Science Awards'. The same evening Nottingham Animal Rights held its regular fortnightly Thursday meeting at the Sumac Social Club in Nottingham.

PETA Asia-Pacific's anti-meat campaign

Korea -- On Tuesday 12th June 07 activists supporting PETA Asia-Pacific's anti-meat campaign said they would be holding a typical 'near-naked' protest In front of the Deoksugung Palace, Seoul. It was said that Ashley Fruno of Canada and Holly Suan of Hong Kong would be accompanied by PETA Asia-Pacific members handing out leaflets. Prior press releases were accompanied by Australian 'supermodel' Imogen Bailey posing nude for a Korean ad against fur.

Circus protest in Belgrade

Serbia -- A recent protest was made against Circus Moskva in Belgrade. No other details are available at present.

Environmental Section

Climate Change, Energy and Aviation

Fight the Pipe campaign - update

UK -- Brecon Tree Campers against the Pipeline are now expected to be evicted from their location following a recent High Court decision in Cardiff.

LNG applied for, and won, the possession of the 'Dingle camp' and an injunction on the whole of Phase 2 of the pipe between Felindre and Tirley in Gloucestershire. The Injunction relates directly to anyone trespassing on the working strip of land, with the intention of stopping work.

Three members of the Gloucester action group supporting the Fight the Pipe campaign held an information stall in the city centre on 9th June 07.

Background -- National Grid has made plans to create a 197 mile pipeline to supply 20% of the supply of gas in Britain. The pipe will transport Liquid Natural Gas (LNG, gas that has been cooled to liquid form at -161oC) from Milford Haven in Pembroke, South Wales, to Tirley in Gloucestershire. Gas will be transferred through the pipes at the 94barr pressure, which has never been tried before.

Vegan and Green Fairs

UK -- The Bristol Vegan Fair 2007, described by the organisers as 'the world's biggest vegan event', was held over Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th June 07 in the Amphitheatre and Waterfront Square, central Bristol. The event, now in its fifth, held talks and demonstrations, displays and music. The 130 stalls included ones from SPEAK, SHAC, Viva!, PETA, Animal Aid, BUAV, Sea Shepherd, Europeans for Medical Progress Trust, CAPS and the HSA .

The *Redditch Standard* reported that as many as 600 people visited Redditch town centre on 9th June 07 to celebrate the town's annual Green Fair.

Environmental and ethical groups represented included Viva! Midlands, Nuke Watch, Redditch Friends of the Earth (FoE), Redditch Trade Justice Network, Redditch Vegetarian & Vegan Society and Redditch Freecycle, all of whom got together to organise the fair under the banner of the Redditch Alliance of Greens.

Kevin White from Redditch FoE said the fair was a great way of raising awareness of the importance of the environment.

Anti- Nuclear / War

More arrests at Faslane

UK -- An article on *Indymedia* reported that on 12th June 07 ten activists from the Greater Manchester areas were arrested at the Faslane Naval Base near Glasgow following a one-hour blockade of two of the base's entrances.

Three of the group at one gate locked-on with their arms inside metal tubes and had superglued their hands together inside to delay police cutting teams. Arrested there were Neville Ball (71) and Alan Johnson (70), Matt Favier (32), Matt Forsett (32) and Ben Gilchrist (33) and 89-year-old Betty Tubbs of Ostrich Lane, Prestwich,

At the other gate the group lay down in the road to disrupt traffic to the base. Arrested for breach of the peace were Rae Street, Pat Sanchez and Mai Chatham from Littleborough and Hilary Williams from Liverpool.

Women arrested at Aldermaston under new Bylaws

UK -- Ten women from the Aldermaston Women Peace Campaign (AWPC) were arrested on Saturday 9th June 07 in a blanket action by MOD police just over a week after the introduction of new Bylaws. There has been a 22 year-long protest against the base which is currently building facilities for the upgrade of the Trident nuclear missile system.

According to an account of events on Indymedia they were taken to Loddon Valley police station and held overnight and later charged with two Bylaw offences and banned from a 5-mile radius around AWE Aldermaston.

G8 and Anti-Globalisation protests

G8 Update – arrests, facts and figures

Germany -- Further to last week's report on protest events at the G8 Summit in Heiligendamm the final days actions were summarised in an article in *Focus English News*.

It reported that after a final clash on Friday 8th June 07 German police said they had made more than 900 arrests over four tense days of demonstrations and defended their summit security operation.

Having succeeded in intruding into the maritime exclusion zone around the summit hotel in speedboats a day earlier, environmental group Greenpeace tried to fly over it in a hot air balloon, but police helicopters forced it to land.

There were renewed scuffles between thousands of demonstrators and police in the nearby city of Rostock on Friday, but nothing to compare to the violent clashes of previous days.

Police said they had arrested a total of 932 people since the main demonstration against the summit descended into pitched battles between masked protesters in Rostock last Saturday.

A demonstration on Thursday at the main gate for the 7.5 mile-long security fence was a good example. Thousands of protesters were kept at bay in a field 500 yards from the fence most of the day, occasionally blasted with police water cannons when things looked to be heating up. Some activists reached the razor wire-topped fence but were quickly pushed back by mounted police, and protest roadblocks at the gate and farther along were rapidly cleared away. When the mood started to sour, police brought in more water cannons and the crowd quickly dispersed. On occasions G-8 delegations were forced to use boats to get to the summit area in Heiligendamm and then helicopters when the water got too rough.

Some 400 police officers and 520 protesters were reported injured in the Rostock melee. Authorities said only eight officers had minor injuries during the three-day summit.

After demonstrators left Friday, some 5,000 gathered in Rostock for a concert and speeches. No major incidents were reported.

It was estimated that Germany spent \$124 million on the three-day summit and deployed 16,000 police officers, armoured personnel carriers, helicopters, trucks topped with water cannons and other support vehicles.

Arrests for gas canister attack in Athens

Greece -- *Athens Indymedia* reported that on the night of 5th June 07, two men aged 22 and 20 and one 21-year-old woman were arrested in Palio Faliro, Athens by police. They are accused of attempting to set fire to a police car. It is possible that all three will be kept in prison for up to 18 months in prison before any subsequent trial.

The two men, who are active in the anarchist movement, pleaded guilty to the offence. The female is a student in Piraeus University and also an anarchist.

Background according to Indymedia - Home-made gas canister bomb attacks are an often common practice of the anarchist movement in Greece, as some about 5-15 capitalist/police targets are damaged every month, mostly in Athens, Thessaloniki, and sometimes other

major cities. The Greek minister of public order, expressed a month ago his desire to have at least one "gas canister bomber" arrested and prosecuted. After the dissolution of leftist armed guerrilla groups such as the "November 17", anarchists are on the top of the local "anti-terrorist" agenda.

Arrests and damage in Rome

Italy -- *Bombs and Shields* reported that on Sunday 10th June 07 tens of thousands of protesters marched through Rome and eventually clashed with the police as U.S. president George Bush visited with the Pope. Violence erupted as the procession reached it's destination at the popular tourist destination Piazza Navona.

Masked, helmeted radicals threw rocks, smoke bombs, flares and other projectiles at police as a helicopter hovered overhead. Several riot police were reported injured and six suspected rioters were taken into custody by snatch squads of plain clothed police officers. A McDonald's restaurant and a bank were also left vandalised.

Other News Headlines

12th June 2007

Farmers fear animal extremist attacks

UK -- Farmers fear animal rights extremists may be stepping up action against them after the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a petrol bomb attack. Andrew Forsyth, local National Farmers' Union group secretary, said: "It is a worrying development and a different step from the normal intimidation and harassment. The NFU will be speaking to farmers about security, though Mr Forsyth said there were no specific plans to tackle the threats. He said: "It is too early to say if this is a change in tactics. It is all very new. (Source – Oxford Mail)

Controversial data-sharing deal to get the go-ahead

EU -- EU home affairs ministers are set to give their backing to a data-sharing agreement that would allow EU states to give one another automatic access to genetic records, fingerprints and traffic offences as well as see national police operating across borders. On 12 June 07, the 27 member states are expected to approve the transposition of the so-called Prüm Treaty into EU law-books – a move aimed at tracking down serious crime suspects and terror groups. (Source – EU Observer)

11th June 2007

Fears as BAE step up security

UK -- Defence giant BAE Systems is stepping up security at its Fylde base with the installation of controversial new surveillance cameras. (Source – Blackpool Gazette)

It's a no-bull protest

UK -- Animal rights protestors caused a stir in Blackpool when they stripped to highlight the alleged cruelty of a Spanish tradition. Activists from PETA went topless in the shadow of Tower to promote the Running of the Nudes in Spain – their version of Pamplona's Running of the Bulls. The Bank Hey Street stunt drew a crowd of stunned onlookers and the attention of Blackpool's boys in blue. (Source - Blackpool Gazette)

Fur is back ... and so is illegal fur trade, CITES says

EU - With fur back in fashion, the illegal fur trade is also on the rise, wildlife crime experts said Thursday at a world forum. (Source – Yahoo News)

Microsoft Funding Anti-Hunters

Global -- An animal-rights group gained a powerful weapon in its fight against hunting and fishing: a lot more money. According to the U.S. Sportsmen's Alliance (USSA), Microsoft has formed a partnership with Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), a notorious anti-hunting and anti-fishing group. The software giant will make a \$100,000 donation to the HSUS and is partnering with the group on a pilot program called the "i.m. Initiative," USSA said. (Source - New York Post)

10th June 2007

Next step is 'positive'

UK / Global -- A lengthening list of banks and other financial institutions have recently decided to become "carbon neutral". HSBC was the first, and it has been followed by Barclays, Aviva, the hedge fund Man Group and the Co-operative Group. Many other banks have pledged to cut their emissions substantially, including Citigroup, the world's biggest financial services group, which in May said it would increase from \$1bn to \$10bn its investment in lowering its greenhouse gas output. (Source – FT)

World Scientists admit they just don't like mice

Global -- Nearly 700 scientists representing 27 countries convened at the University of Zurich Monday to formally announce that their experimentation on mice has been motivated not by a desire to advance human knowledge, but out of sheer distaste for the furry little rodents. 'As a man of science, I deal with facts, and the fact is that mice are gross,' said Dr. Douglas White, chair of the Oxford biogenetics department and lifelong mouse-hater. 'They're squirmy, scurrying little vermin, and they make my skin crawl. I speak for all of my assembled colleagues when I say that the horrible little things deserve the worst we can dish out.' According to a 500-word statement, scientists hate mice for 'their beady little eyes,' 'their repulsive tails,' and 'the annoying little squeaking sounds they make.' (Source – Croatia Animal Network)

9th June 2007

Switch it off!

UK -- London is to make one of the biggest environmental statements Britain has ever witnessed next week, when the heart of the city switches off its lights in a mass twilight turn-off. Between 9pm and 10pm on Thursday 21 June, many of London's most famous landmarks, including Buckingham Palace, Clarence House, Canary Wharf, the BT Tower and at least one government department, will execute the black-out to raise awareness of global warming. London's three million households will be urged to switch off their non-essential lights and appliances in what organisers hope will be the first in a series of events that will spread to cities across the country. The event is based on Earth Hour, a similar, hour-long mass switch-off earlier this year in Sydney that involved 65,000 households and 2,000 businesses and landmarks, including the Opera House and Sydney Harbour Bridge. Earth Hour saw energy consumption in the city fall by 10.2 per cent, meaning many fewer tonnes of carbon dioxide were released than otherwise would have been. Spectacular photographs recorded the blacked-out skyline. (Source -The Observer)



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Weekly Digest 20th June 2007

Summary

The success of recent and ongoing police actions was evidenced by the fact that during May there were no criminal actions in the UK against the pharmaceutical / research industry. This was one of the rare months over the past five years that there had been a negative return.

At present animal rights activists have temporarily turned their attentions to other issues, for example the fur, meat, fast food and foie gras industries.

The Animal Rights Coalition (ARC) meeting took place at Evesham Town Hall in Worcestershire on Sunday 17th June 07. Organisers of the more extreme campaigns discussed their respective issues but it is assessed that no new future direction for the movement as a whole was agreed.

There are no major protests organised for the next few weeks although it is expected that the SPEAK campaign will make efforts to raise its profile now its main organisers are free from Court restrictions.

The extremists' website, *Bite Back*, was updated on 17th June 07 but with only two anonymous reports of criminal damage targeting the fur and meat industry in France and the USA. The *Bite Back* website and its current editor, Nicolas Atwood, was in the news last week when Euronext, the operator of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) failed in their Court application to have the names and addresses of its European directors to be removed from the *Bite Back*. The item is fully reported below.

This week's Digest also contains reports on a number of activists who have appeared in Court for varying offences. They are as follows -

On 13th June 07 three female SHAC supporters from Merseyside were found guilty of causing alarm or distress to workers after protesting outside a Chester veterinary surgery during 2006. During that period the practice had become a tertiary target in the SHAC campaign. The three were given varying community orders.

Suzanne Jaggars, who is one of the two people charged with blackmail in Operation Achilles appeared at Bradford Crown Court on 18th June 07 and a provisional trial date had been set for 29th August 07.

NETCU reported that David Crouch was sentenced by Bath Magistrates' Court on 13th June 07 following a conviction under Section 4 of the Public Order Act 1986 following an anti-fur protest. He was also given a Community Order and ordered to pay costs.

It was also reported that the male arrested at the Cheltenham Science Festival on 8th June 07 was 23-year-old James Buttle from Kent. He was arrested for failing to supply a police officer with his details. He was bailed to appear before Cheltenham Magistrates on 6th July.

Environmental campaigners said they were planning a week of action against the aviation but actions to date appear to be on the level of raising awareness for their concerns rather than any serious attempt at disruption.

Preparations for the Camp for Climate Action continue and the next meeting takes place in London on 30th June 07. There is no evidence of any concrete plans to date.

Future Events

Wednesday 20th June to Sunday 1st July 2007

Wednesday 20th June 2007

SPEAK Encaenia Ceremony Demonstration

A SPEAK demonstration will take place at the Encaenia Ceremony at Oxford University which this year takes place on Wednesday 20th June 07. Those attending the protest are asked to meet at 10 am in Catte Street, Oxford. The event is a major tourist attraction and a ceremony in which leading figures from around the world in politics, science and the arts are awarded honorary degrees - it is also the event which last year led to the arrest of sixteen SPEAK supporters which has only just found its way through the Courts with the vast majority of those accused being acquitted.

The protest puts SPEAK at odds with Thames Valley Police who met with criticism during the trial and the authorities at Oxford University. Details within the injunction obtained by Oxford University against SPEAK should aid the police but the demonstration does have the potential to be a flashpoint between the protestors and the police, although both parties will wish to be seen in a good light.

The *Oxford Mail* reported on comments from SPEAK and TVP. Mel Broughton said: "We are not going down there to cause trouble or deliberately upset anyone, but we are there to voice our opinions. The police must recognise that we have a right to protest lawfully. We have always striven to make sure that our protests are lawful and we will continue to do that. We have advertised the protest and I am happy to speak to Thames Valley Police."

The head of Oxford police, said he hoped SPEAK would talk to officers before the protest. He added: "We will always work with demonstration organisers to facilitate protest within legal boundaries. In the planning for this event I will be looking at the Encaenia trial judgment and will also be looking at discussing the event with protest groups." It is expected that further details will emerge as the date nears.

Week of action against Guess fashions

Global -- Organisers of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) are appealing for a week of worldwide protest against Guess, a multinational chain of fashion shops in over 60 countries. The campaign runs through to Saturday 23rd June 07. The commencement of the campaign was held to coincide with the company's AGM on June 18th in Beverly Hills, California, USA.

In the UK, Guess has stores in London, Liverpool and Portsmouth. The Company has been the subject of a previous 'global day of action' during which there with no suggestions that those involved targeted other areas of animal rights protest.

Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

Every Wednesday the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7. At present, only a handful of protestors are showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention.

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brighton

Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulescoomb, Brighton. The protest, organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place as usual between 4pm and 6pm this Wednesday outside the premises.

Possible Circus Protests

The Circus Mondao will be at the Bowdon RUFC grounds, Clay Lane, Bowdon (near Altrincham) Cheshire from Wednesday 20th June 07 to Saturday June 24th 07.

Campaigns manager of the Captive Animals' Protection Society (CAPS), Craig Redmond, has called on local residents to boycott its performances.

Small scale protests may be held by local animal welfare supporters but protest is likely to be confined to the Circus.

Disarm DSEi Meeting in Brighton

Part of the planning for this year's attempted disruption of the annual DSEi (Defence Systems & Equipment International) will take place at Brighton's Cowley Club at 7pm on Wednesday 20th June 07. Organisers are hopeful of 'forming a local group to oppose the world's largest arms fair' when it returns to East London's ExCeL Centre from 11th to 14th September 07.

Organisers say that Individuals from London will be coming to discuss 'what's been happening in the City in preparation and give feedback on previous protests against DSEi.'

Thursday 21st June 2007

Possible SHAC protest in London

Emails being circulated between AR groups suggest that the new organisers of the SHAC campaign in the UK are encouraging protest on Thursday 21st June 07 in London. Meeting at 11am is suggested at the Liverpool Street Station Bishopsgate exit.

In view of their recent 'success' against the Dresdner Bank, protestors are likely to continue to target the financial institutions of the NYSE Euronext, Deutsche Bank, Robeco and Axa.

Between 10 and 15 protestors can be expected to hold a banner and placard protest outside the targeted premises. It is also anticipated that the police will be present.

SHAC related protests in Belgium

Belgium -- On Thursday 21st June 07 protests the Dutch / Belgian SHAC group 'Stop Dier Proeven,' will again be holding announced demonstrations in Belgium. The group of around ten, mainly male protestors will again be armed with megaphones and banners. It is hoped that the police will restrict their level of protest. The times and locations are announced as follows -

8am to 10am - Novartis Vilvoorde, Medialaan 40.

11am to 12.30pm - Robeco, Louizalaan 81 bus 6 (6de verdieping), Brussel

1pm to 3pm - NYSE Euronext, Beursplein, Brussel

3.30pm to 6.30pm - GSK in Genval, Rue du Tilleul 13.

AR protest in Croatia

Croatia -- On Thursday 21st June 07 activists from the Association of Animals Release group will be holding a protest in Zagreb. They intend protesting in front of the GSK premises in the

City from 1pm to 3pm. The group is well supported and around 20 protestors can be expected to hold a SHAC-style banner and megaphone protest. Police will be in attendance.

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance.

Now that the main protestors are not restricted by bail conditions, companies who were previously named as secondary targets in the campaign should consider reviewing their general security measures.

Friday 22nd June 2007

Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

Regular weekly protest at HLS in Alconbury, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is now being announced on the animal rights Veggies Calendar for each Friday. The organiser would appear to be Maxine Kaye who, but she is struggling to attract any substantial form of support. Protest is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction. .

Saturday 23rd June 2007

Keith Mann's Book Launch in London

UK -- The UK animal rights extremist, Keith Mann, has written a book entitled 'Dusk 'til Dawn' and the official book launch party is to take place between 6pm and 8.30pm on Saturday 23rd June 07 at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1R 4RL.. Those attending will include some of the more extreme element of the animal rights movement. The event will probably be mirrored around the UK in the coming weeks.

Anti-Fur protests in London

The usual anti-fur protestors in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from no more than 20 anti-fur protestors. Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request that it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets. Some attention may also be given to the fashion outlet, Guess.

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions

Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

Greyhound Action supporters in South-West London have also begun holding actions outside Wimbledon Stadium, Plough Lane, London SW17 0BL every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. At present, the protest only consists of leafleting before the main race night.

In Reading, Greyhound Action supporters now hold occasional Saturday evening protests outside the dog track at the Reading Stadium on Saturday evenings to coincide with the race meeting. Protest is likely to take the form of banner and placard display.

Sunday 24th June 2007

Possible anti-war demonstration outside Labour Party Conference

Lindsey German, convener of the Stop the War Coalition is appealing on behalf of the group for an anti-war march / rally to take place on 24th June 07 outside the Labour Party's conference venue, Bridgewater Hall in Manchester.

In comments to the *Socialist Worker* she said that police would not allow the event but 'if the ban was enforced they will march up to the security fence to challenge this decision and to defy the creation of an exclusion zone round Labour's conference.'

Brighton Animal Rights information stall and update

Brighton Animal Rights (BAA) gathers every Sunday outside the Brighton Sea Life where they leaflet and hold an information stall. The stall was one of those targeted in the police clamp down on illegal street collections. Their paraphernalia was confiscated and arrests were made.

The group report that it was made clear to them they cannot solicit for money on stalls and 'admit that one of their main sources of income has been severed.' They now appeal for donations to be sent to Campaign, PO Box 307, Brighton BN2 1HW.

BAA meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Cowley Club on London Road, Brighton at 7pm. The group will again be hosting the World Day for Incarcerated Animals which this year which has been set for Saturday 22nd September 2007

Monday 25th June 2007

Possible protest at Sequani

Regular unannounced protests have taken place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group. Despite charges against twelve of the group, relating to incidents and protest at secondary targets, the occasional protest continues at Sequani by committed members of the group. SSAT is no longer involved in secondary targeting but many of the group continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties.

Tuesday 26th to Friday 29th June 2007

SHAC and Anti-Fur Protests in Milan

Italy -- Italian activists have announced four days of demonstrations against companies they associate with HLS. The demonstrations also include anti-fur protest at Upim stores. All the events are scheduled as follows -

Tuesday 26th June 07

1600hrs -- Offices of GSK in Verona.

Wednesday 27th June 07

0800hrs -- Verona offices of Sandoz -- linked to Novartis

1100hrs -- Upim in via Mancini 30-36, Trento.

1530hrs -- GSK facility via Fleming, industrial zone ZAI, Verona.

Thursday 28th June 07

0800hrs -- Novartis in Wide Boccioni, Origgio

1100hrs – Upim in Via Gallarate 184, Milan.
1400hrs -- Bayer in Avenue Certosa 130, Milan.
1530hrs -- Sanofi-Aventis in via Piranesi 38, Milan.

Friday 29th June 07

0800hrs -- Sanofi-Aventis in Via Europe 11, Origgio
1030hrs -- Deutsche Bank, in Public square of the Calendar 3, Milan
1330hrs -- Merrill Lynch in Via Manzoni 31 to Milan
1530hrs -- AXA Investment Managers Italy in via Leopardi 15, Milan

Wednesday 27th June 2007

Wednesday protest at NIMR in Londonplease see 20th June 2007

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brightonas above

Thursday 28th June 2007

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University please see 21st June 2007

Friday 29th June 2007

Weekly Protest at HLSplease see 22nd June 2007

Saturday 30th June 2007

Gari Allen Remembrance Event

UK -- A memorial event for the first anniversary of AR activist, Gari Allen of Coventry Animal Alliance, will be held at Friend Farmed Animal Rescue, near Tonbridge in Kent. The location is also the postal address for SHAC and was the venue for the International AR gatherings in 2005 and 2006. The occasion is likely to bring together some of the more extreme members of the animal rights movement but it is extremely unlikely that any form of protest or action will take place during the two-day event.

It is far more likely that events will follow the lines of the announcement for the memorial event which states that 'organisers say the event is intended specifically to remember his 25 years work for the animals. There will be the laying of a specially engraved hand picked welsh slate from his favourite holiday location, at 4pm on Saturday, followed by food and a party, with practical sanctuary work on Sunday.'

Camp for Climate Action National meeting

UK -- The national meeting for Camp for Climate Action took place on June 16th and 17th in Manchester and the minutes of the meeting have been produced on the group's website.

The next meeting takes place on the weekend commencing on 30th June 07 in London. The main purpose of the meeting is for 'non-violent direct action training.' It is likely that the training will reflect the tactics for the Climate Camp. The Earth First! gathering in Norfolk towards the end of July will also allow for further preparation.

Anti-Fur actions in Italy

Italy -- A series of anti-fur protests has been taking place in Italy against Upim, a retail chain in Italy with 140 directly owned stores and 200 franchises. Announced protests are due on Saturday 30th June 07 from 5pm in Via Ugo Low, Bologna and from 4pm in front of Upim, via

Mazzini, Parma. Protest also seems to be directed against the Italian Association Breeders of Mink (AIAV).

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 23rd June 2007

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions in Coventry, Wimbledon and Readingas above

Sunday 1st July 2007

GM protest in Cambridgeshire

UK -- GM protestors say they will hold a protest against the GM BASF/NIAB site in Cambridge. Those attending are invited to gather at noon on Sunday 1st July 07 at Girton Parish Church, Girton, Cambridgeshire and then to take part in a 'walk to see the trial site and a protest picnic.'

Organisers say the site is now the only location in Britain where GM crops are 'contaminating the countryside.' The crop was planted in May and efforts to contaminate the crop may well take place.

Last month the government approved the BASF application for a GM trial in Hedon, East Yorkshire. Following the rubber stamping by DEFRA, the company announced that it would not proceed with the trial this year, but said they may do so in the future.

Brighton Animal Rights information stall and update..... please see 24th June 2007

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 13th to 20th June 2007

Animal Rights Section

Item of Note

Judge rejects NYSE Euronext efforts to protect directors

Global -- In May, Euronext, the operator of the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) applied for an order that the names and addresses of its European directors be removed from the Bite Back website run by Nicolas Atwood who lives in West Palm Beach. SHAC supporters in the EU and USA are currently targeting NYSE Euronext.

In their efforts, NYSE Euronext cited several restraining orders handed down by judges around the country against animal rights groups which named SHAC, Win Animal Rights (WAR) and Hugs for Puppies.

However, the Judge rejected the application saying that NYSE Euronext produced no evidence that the defendants – the Bite Back website and Atwood – had ever threatened, or

committed a crime of violence against any person; neither did it present any evidence reasonably susceptible of interpretation that an act of violence against one of its employees was imminent.

Atwood has been arrested several times but for relatively minor matters. He and several other volunteers launched the Bite Back website and magazine in 2003. He claims they now have 1,000 subscribers.

Arrests and Court Updates

Three guilty after SHAC-related protest

UK -- The *Chester Evening Leader* reported on 13th June 07 that Laura Tomlinson, 26, of Glen Park Drive, Preston, Katrina Somers, 49, of Worthing Street, Waterloo and Kate Louise Jones, 26, of Oaklands Avenue, both Liverpool were found guilty of causing alarm or distress to workers after protesting outside a Chester veterinary surgery.

They denied a charge of using words or behaviour which caused harassment on October 24, 2006, outside The Storrar Practice on Tarvin Road, Boughton.

During that period the practice had become a tertiary target in the SHAC campaign – the secondary target being the Little Creek Kennels which was named on the SHAC website which in turn linked the Storrar Practice to the Kennels.

The court heard the three women held a silent protest by holding up a banner and placards, saying the veterinary surgery supported vivisection.

The prosecution said they 'were outside on this day to protest and the Crown say they were there to effectively bully the practice into severing links with the kennels.' The banner they displayed, which stated 'This vets supports animal torture', was found that to be extremely insulting to the veterinary surgeon Peter Spence, and his staff. The three women did not give evidence in court.

Summing up, the District Judge said: "I find all three guilty of the offence under section four of the Public Order Act 1986. On October 24 at Tarvin Road they displayed a visual representation, thereby causing them alarm or distress. Their only purpose was to cause harassment to the vets, possibly causing them to lose business."

All three defendants were ordered to serve a community order for 12 months.

Somers and Jones were ordered to serve 75 hours of unpaid work in the community, because of previous offences. Tomlinson was ordered to serve 14 hours unpaid work in the community.

The three must pay £50 compensation each to three of the workers at the surgery, James Storrar, Peter Spence and Samantha Critchley.

They must also pay prosecution costs of £60 each and have been restricted from entering an area around the vets on Tarvin Road.

Operation Achilles Update

UK -- Suzanne Jagers, 35, of Upper Sackville Street, Skipton, is one of the two people charged with blackmail in Operation Achilles – the co-ordinated arrests at the beginning of May targeting criminal activity associated with animal rights extremism.

The *Telegraph & Argus* reported that she appeared at Bradford Crown Court on 18th June 07. The Judge confirmed that a provisional trial date had been set for 29th August 07.

He extended Jagers' bail on the same terms as before. They include not applying for any travel documents, not having any contact, directly or indirectly, with any employee of HLS or any person known or suspected of being associated with any business or company associated with HLS and contact with other animal rights activists only via her legal representative.

She is also banned from participating, either in person, by mail or via the internet, in any animal rights demonstrations in the United Kingdom or abroad.

Anti-fur protestor sentenced.

UK – *NETCU* reported that David Crouch was sentenced by Bath Magistrates' Court on 13th June 07 following a conviction under Section 4 of the Public Order Act 1986 following an anti-fur protest. He was given a 120-hour Community Order and ordered to pay £300 costs.

Cheltenham Science Festival arrest update

UK -- The Cheltenham Science Festival took place at the Cheltenham Town Hall from 6th to 10th June 07. An announced animal rights demonstration took place at the venue on 8th June which was fully reported in last week's Digest.

The *Gloucester Citizen* or *Gloucestershire Echo* has now reported that the male arrested was 23-year-old James Buttle from Kent. He was arrested for failing to supply a police officer with his details. He was bailed to appear before Cheltenham magistrates on 6th July.

Criminal Offences

Criminal offences reported on Bite Back

The extremists' website, Bite Back, was updated on 17th June 07 but with only two anonymous reports of criminal damage targeting the fur and meat industry. One was in the USA and the other related to an incident in France which was as follows -

France -- Late on Friday 1st June 07 four butcher shops in the Paris suburb of Genevilliers were 'glued and spray-painted' with anti-meat slogans. Further actions were threatened.

Updates on Animal Rights Campaigns

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- Three local activists held an expected demonstration at HLS in Huntingdon on Friday 15th June 07. Two days earlier, eight supporters of the SHAC campaign held a protest at the Company's premises in Eye, Suffolk.

The two low-key protests were held under the conditions of HLS' injunction – there were no incidents.

HLS - secondary targeting

UK -- On Wednesday 13th June 07 around a dozen to fifteen SHAC supporters held a number of protests at secondary targets in the City of London. They leafleted and displayed anti-HLS banners and placards outside the following premises -

Deutsche Bank at 75 London Wall EC2N 2DB
New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) at Tower 42, 25 Old Broad Street, London, EC2N 1HQ.
NYSE Euronext at Cannon Bridge House, 1 Cousin Lane. London EC4R 3XX
Robeco at Rabobank, Thames Court, 1 Queenhithe, London, EC4V 3RL.

France -- French activists, supported / directed by the Belgian / Dutch 'Anti Dierroeven Coalitie' group, announced their intention of supporting the SHAC campaign by holding more protests in France from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th June 07. Organisers gained permission from the authorities to hold the protests.

On Wednesday 13th June 07 between 15 / 20 activists, travelling in at least three vehicles, held demonstrations in front of the following three premises -

NYSE Euronext, 39, rue Cambon, 75039 Paris from 07.30 to 10.30am
Sanofi-Aventis ADF, 174 Avenue de France, 75013 Paris from 11.00am to 1pm
GSK, 100 Route de Versailles, 78163 Marly-Le-Roy from 3pm to 7pm

The noisy protests were once again led by the more militant Dutch group who on this occasion gathered greater French support. Initial indications are that UK activists were not involved. So far, there have been no reports of any overnight 'home visits' or actions taken on the following two days.

Italy -- On Saturday 9th June 07 around half a dozen Italian activists gathered in front of GSK in S.Polo di Torrile, Parma to hold a noisy demonstration for a few hours in support of the SHAC campaign. They say they later leafleted in the nearby town.

A similar number were involved in a protest demonstration in front of Deutsche Bank Italian HQ offices in Milan.

Russia -- On Thursday 14th June 07, around six young protestors, some wearing 'blood-stained' lab coats held demonstrations at the Moscow offices of GSK and DuPont. The group displayed English anti-HLS banners and used megaphones during their protest. The same report also claimed a similar demonstration at the Moscow offices of Novartis.

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- Four protestors attended the usual low-key demonstration at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Mill Hill on Wednesday evening 13th June 07. There were no incidents.

SPEAK Campaign / Oxford University

UK -- On Thursday 14th June 07 SPEAK protesters held their weekly demonstration in South Parks Road, Oxford. Around fifteen activists were involved during the afternoon protest. There were no incidents.

UK -- SPEAK arranged another 'night vigil' which was due to take place between 8pm and 8am Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th June 07 at the edge of the exclusion zone opposite the development of the new research laboratory in South Parks Road, Oxford..

The event was poorly attended and attracted around eight protestors who were not all present at the same time. The event did not continue through the night and finished shortly after 2am. Those present merely displayed their banners in support of the campaign.

There seems little purpose of the all-night vigils except for inconveniencing the University security and the police.

Sequani

UK -- Since Monday 11th June 07, when four members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) protest group held a low-key demonstration outside the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire, there have been no animal rights related incidents at the premises.

Wickham Laboratories

UK -- Over the past seven days there have been no incidents outside Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire or the linked Torbay Farm.

Miscellaneous AR Items

Animal Rights Coalition National Meeting

UK -- During the afternoon of Sunday 17th June 07 the advertised Animal Rights Coalition (ARC) meeting took place at Evesham Town Hall, Evesham, Worcestershire WR11.

Around 40 persons attended with most of the extreme groups represented by their main organisers. On the agenda were the 'recent series of raids and the general climate of repression (and resistance), the forthcoming international gathering in the Netherlands in August, and organising a UK gathering in September.' It is believed that there was no new radical direction emanating from the meeting.

There was no evidence that incidents have occurred before or after the event but it is believed that some support was given to the organisers of the Three Counties Show taking place in nearby Malvern.

Anti-Fur protests

UK -- On Saturday 16th June 07 London anti-fur protestors were again in action at Harrods in Knightsbridge. A peaceful action took place during the day by around twenty protestors. A handful of the group also held an expected protest at the Guess outlet in Covent Garden.

Japan -- PETA activists held one of their typical 'nearly-naked' protests outside Burberry in Tokyo's Ginza district on 15th June 07. Yahoo News reported that the three women walked up to the Burberry store wearing nothing but a banner.

Germany -- At 1pm on Saturday 16th June 07 an announced demonstration took place against the Orsbach Mink Farm near the city of Aachen. Activists claim that proper permission has not been obtained for the farm's operation and that the head of the provincial government



will be examining who is in the right. Supporters of the protest group were also invited to add their names to an on-line petition.

Germany -- Protest was also expected at the German hunter's AGM which took place on 14th and 15th June 07 at the Congress Hall in Saarbruecken. The protest was advertised by activists from Tierrechtstermine.de.

Anti-Foie Gras Actions

UK -- The Solent Hotel & Spa, Rookery Avenue, Whiteley, Fareham, Hants PO15 7AJ, was the subject of two days of protests from the Southern Animal Rights Coalition (SARC). The anti-foie gras protests took place by four demonstrators on 15th and 16th June 07 who at times used a megaphone during their protests which were held opposite the premises.

UK -- *The Westmorland Gazette* reported that four members of Vegetarians International Voice for Animals (VIVA) gathered outside L'enclume in Cavendish Street, Cartmel, Cumbria on the evening of 8th June 07 in protest at the restaurant's use of foie gras. They brandished banners and handed out leaflets during the peaceful demonstration, which was monitored by police.

UK -- On 17th June 07 two protestors held another minor demonstration at a 'French Products' stall at the Cambridge city centre market due to its alleged sale of foie gras.

Greyhound Protests in Portsmouth

UK -- Local activists from the Hampshire are reported to have staged a protest at Portsmouth Greyhound Stadium on Wednesday 13th June 07.

An article published by SARC (Southern Animal Rights Coalition) reported that a 'noisy visual' demonstration was held as people were entering the stadium.

Circus Protest in Kent

UK -- Local activists said they would be holding a protest outside Zippos Circus on Friday 15th June 07 at its present venue at Sidcup Place Park, Chislehurst Road, Sidcup.

Protest at Three Counties Show

West Mercia activists invited like-minded protestors to join them for anti-live exports / meat / dairy demonstration at The Three Counties Show which took place at the Malvern Showground in Worcestershire WR13 6NW On Saturday and Sunday 16th and 17th June 07

The appeal was particularly directed to activists attending the nearby ARC meeting over the weekend period. On the first day it was reported that nine activists from the 'Midlands and beyond' displayed banners and placards for over six hours outside the event. They also say they distributed 'many thousands of vegetarian and vegan leaflets'. Only two protestors returned the following day. A police presence ensured that the protestors came to no harm.

Pet shop protest in Surrey

Members of South East Animal Rights (SEAR) held another of their protests against Petsville situated on the High Street in Sutton, Surrey. The protest takes place on Saturday 16th June 07 and consisted of placard and leaflet protest by a handful of demonstrators. The group supports national protests on occasions but the Petsville protests appear to be the only form of local action taken by the group at present.

Environmental Section

Climate Change, Energy and Aviation

Climate Change at UK Airports

UK -- At around 8am on Tuesday 19th June 07 Greenpeace set up booths at the check-in areas of four British airports aimed at persuading people to help fight global warming by travelling by train instead of plane. The environmental campaigners, dressed as stewards and stewardesses, offered free return train tickets to passengers at the London City, Manchester, Newcastle and Edinburgh airports as they lined up for morning flights.

All were allowed to make a very short protest before being invited to leave the Airports. In each instance four or five supporters were involved. There was no trouble at the event, and organisers described it as "good-natured". Jake Wilson was a spokesperson for Greenpeace. A spokesman for BA rejected Greenpeace's views, saying comparisons of environmental efficiency in different types of transport were often inaccurate.

UK -- *Indymedia* reported that on the afternoon of Saturday 16th June, two male supporters of Nottingham Plane Stupid glued themselves to the doors of the short-haul East Midlands airport to draw attention to the 'environmental impacts of flying' as part of a European day of action on short-haul flights called by pressure group Airport Watch. Spokesperson for the duo was Alex Harvey.

Last week another activist from Plane Stupid, Penny Eastwood from Yorkshire glued herself both to the doors of Lastminute.com HQ in London in a similar protest. The same article reported on 'Spring into Action' - an emerging grassroots movement concentrated in the east of England.

Fight the Pipe campaign evictions and arrests

UK -- During 19th June 07, police and High Court officers moved onto the Brecon tree camp to evict the protestors who were making efforts to delay the building of the £840m natural gas pipeline across Wales. Six arrests were made. One person has had no further action taken against him, two were cautioned and two people are to appear in Llandrindod Court to face a charge of obstructing a bailiff in his line of duty.

LNG applied for, and won, the possession of the 'Dingle camp' and an injunction on the whole of Phase 2 of the pipe between Felindre and Tirley in Gloucestershire. The Injunction relates directly to anyone trespassing on the working strip of land, with the intention of stopping work.

Anti- Nuclear

Rally against Indonesian Nuclear Plant

Indonesia -- It was reported that around 4,000 local residents, students and anti-nuclear activists held an anti-nuclear protest in Indonesia's Central Java city of Kudus on 12th June 07. They were calling on the government to abandon plans to build a nuclear power plant on

the outskirts of their city, organisers said. The government, under increasing pressure to improve energy supplies to the world's fourth most populous nation, plans to build its first plant on the foothills of Mount Muria, a dormant volcano on the north coast of Java island.

Jakarta shelved plans to develop atomic energy in 1997 in the face of mounting public opposition and the discovery and exploitation of the large Natuna gas field. The International Atomic Energy Agency has backed Indonesia's plans to build nuclear plants despite opposition from environmentalists. Greenpeace says the plan poses a danger to quake-prone Indonesia and its neighbours.

Anti-Globalisation protests

Barcelona's Police using stronger tactics

Spain -- *Indymedia* reported that on Sunday, 17 June 2007, several hundred people gathered in Barcelona to protest against what they claim to be a 'new' police strategy in the City that stops halts every radical protest that takes place in downtown Barcelona.'

The event was organised by several anti-repression groups, the Zapatista solidarity group, several political prisoners support groups, and the Squatters' Assembly of Barcelona.

After a number of speeches the march set out from Plaza Universitat, heading towards the top of Las Ramblas. The protest was significantly smaller than organisers had hoped for. After the march set off they were soon corralled by the police and not allowed to go any further.

One arrest was made early in the event but apart from some minor skirmishes there was no serious disorder and the protestors left without further incidents.

Other News Headlines

20th June 2007

ACT-UP being sued by Abbott

France -- ACT-UP, a long time AIDS activist group based in Paris, is being sued by US pharmaceutical giant, Abbott, for action taken whilst participating in the International Day of Action against Abbott on April 26th 2007. Thousands of people around the world participated in an ACT UP lead "netstrike" that saw Abbott's website bombarded with hits and forced a slowing of its server. Abbott is now taking legal action in what they ironically deem a "denial of service". If successful, ACT UP could be fined more than \$50,000 in addition to legal expenses. This is being seen by ACT UP as a clear attempt by Abbott to silence them and deny them the right of free speech. French law stipulates that it is forbidden to limit access to a website, unless the defendant had a "legitimate motive". (Source - The Thai Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS)

19th June 2007

EU Parliament moves to end primate testing

EU -- European MPs of all parties are supporting a new Declaration calling for an end to the use of Great Apes and wild-caught primates in research. Written Declaration 40/2007 has received unprecedented cross-party support within the European Union. Jan Creamer, ADI chief executive of Animal Defenders International (ADI) claims that their proposal appears to be gaining support from politicians, the scientific community and conservationists alike. Politicians that have declared support include UK MEPs Caroline Lucas, Sharon Bowles and John Bowis, Slovenian MEP Mojca Drnar Murko, Portuguese MEP

Paulo Casaca and Swedish MEP Jens Holm. Scientists that have backed the ban are Dr Michael D Coleman, Senior Lecturer in Toxicology and Doctor of Science at Aston University and Zvezdana Kojic, MD PhD, Assistant Professor of Physiology at the School of Medicine, University of Belgrade. (Source – Arkangel)

Bernard Matthews worker caught playing football with turkeys

UK - Poultry tycoon Bernard Matthews faces more criticism after animal rights supporters released a video showing one of his workers repeatedly kicking turkeys. The footage was secretly taken last week by an undercover investigator for an animal welfare charity who sneaked on to one of the multi-millionaire's farms. The same investigator last year filmed two other Bernard Matthews staff appearing to play baseball with live turkeys on another farm. (Source - Daily Mail)

EU bans dog, cat fur trade

EU -- Trade in products containing cat or dog fur will be banned in the European Union, following public calls to outlaw a practice many people consider unethical and animal rights advocates call barbaric. European Parliament lawmakers on Tuesday overwhelmingly approved the ban, which has to be approved by national governments and would come into force from 2009. (Source - AZ Central)

EU has opened door to GM in organics, say activists

EU -- Environmental groups have hit out at the new organic regulation on which EU agriculture ministers reached political agreement this week, claiming it opens the door for GMOs in organic foods. The new organic regulation and labelling, which will come into force in January 2009, is intended to simplify the sector for farmers and consumers and is expected to help drive further development, according to the European Commission. However the cultivation of genetically modified crops in Europe is at loggerheads with the organic ethos, and organic advocates are sensitive to the possibility of GM contamination. (Source – nndi)

18th June 2007

Farmers in Court Threat to Force TB Badgers Cull

UK -- Angry farmers are preparing to take the Government to court if it fails to order a cull of badgers to halt the devastating spread of TB among cattle. The warning comes as the latest scientific report on the bovine TB crisis, concedes badgers do play a role in spreading TB to cattle but refuses to support culling. The document, produced by the government's Independent Scientific Group (ISG), says such action merely spreads diseased badgers to other areas, and causes more problems than it solves. Instead, it suggests, Ministers should rely on introducing a stricter testing regime to cattle, to minimise the risk of the disease being spread as livestock are bought and sold. (Source - Western Daily Press)

17th June 2007

'Zombie crops' funded by British taxpayers to 'get round' GM ban

UK -- "Zombie" GM crops - so called because farmers will have to pay biotech companies to bring seeds back from the dead - are being developed with British taxpayers' money. The highly controversial development - part of a GBP3.4m EU research project - is bound to increase concerns about the modified crops and the devastating effect they could have on Third World farmers. (Source - The Independent)

15th June 2007

Women guilty after animal protest

UK -- Three women have been found guilty of causing alarm or distress to workers after protesting outside a Chester veterinary surgery. (Source - Chester Evening Leader)

AR Protest against Huntingdon in Paris

France -- A group of animal rights activists gathered outside the Euronext offices in central Paris today, protesting against the trading of shares in Huntingdon Life Sciences Group Plc. (Source – Bloomberg)

Cadbury guilty over salmonella scare

UK -- Chocolate giant Cadbury today pleaded guilty to hygiene charges relating to a salmonella scare last summer. More than 1million chocolate bars had to be recalled when news of a possible health risk emerged. Now the firm has admitted three offences under food and hygiene regulations. The facts of the case were not opened at today's hearing and Cadbury will be sentenced for the offences at Birmingham Crown Court on July 13. (Source – BBC)

France's horsemeat lovers fear US ban

France / USA -- On the marble slab of his butcher's shop in central Paris, Jean-Pierre Houssin is rearranging his horsemeat. He has horse sausage, Normandy horse joints for roasting, and filet steaks, but his biggest seller is minced horsemeat, to be eaten raw as steak tartare. "It's very healthy - it's high in iron, less fatty than other meats and low in cholesterol. I eat it regularly," he says. (Source - The Guardian)

Mutilation of horse 'for its meat' sparks fear in Italy's stables

Italy -- Riding stables were on alert yesterday after a prize-winning bay was found slaughtered and mutilated in a field on the outskirts of Rome. (Source - The Times)

14th June 2007

EU clash on criminal suspects could impact summit

EU -- EU ministers have clashed on whether the bloc should have a common set of minimum rights for criminal suspects, with the issue likely to muddy the waters at next week's summit on a new EU treaty and power-sharing arrangements. (Source - EU Observer)

EU's secretive counter-terror group to face scrutiny

EU -- The EU is exploring ways to increase the accountability of an obscure "working group" called "Clearing House," which sees EU member state secret service agents meet regularly in Brussels to share counter-terrorism intelligence. The group - which was set up in reaction to the 9/11 attacks in the US - is part of the EU's common foreign and security policy branch, with a December 2001 EU "common position" mandating that "information shall be exchanged between member states" to help curb terrorist financing. (Source - EU Observer)

Bush faces global warming protest wave

Germany -- A world environmental group has slammed U.S. President Bush for holding out against international cooperation to prevent global warming. The Avaaz.org organization, which claimed to have presented the biggest global climate petition ever assembled at the recent G8 summit, said in a statement it "condemned the U.S. administration (for its) 'wrecking tactics' and failure to agree to specific, binding global goals." (Source - UPI)



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Summary

There are no major protests organised for the next few weeks although it is expected that the SPEAK campaign will make efforts to raise its profile now its main organisers are free from Court restrictions. Organisers of the campaign are appealing for two large protests in Oxford in early August and September.

On Wednesday 20th June 07 around sixty SPEAK supporters held their announced demonstration at the Encaenia Ceremony at Oxford University. The feared conflict between the police and the protestors did not develop and the demonstrators were allowed to make a noisy protest but some distance from the main event. The protest passed without incident.

SHAC protests continue in the UK but are much lower in number. Activists in Europe continue to keep up the momentum of the campaign and protests are being held in Belgium, Croatia, Holland, Italy and Sweden in support of the campaign. All are identified below.

The extremists' website, *Bite Back*, was updated during the past seven days. Damage to a UPS building in France was the only action against the research industry – the others are included in the Digest in order to identify the locations where interest for criminal action is taking place.

Away from the main protest groups identified in the regular Campaigns section below, meetings and actions continue in relation to all aspects of animal rights / welfare protest but at present none appear to be providing any serious problems for the targeted companies and areas of demonstration.

Environmental campaigners said they were planning a week of action against the aviation but actions to date appear to be on the level of raising awareness for their concerns rather than any serious attempt at disruption.

Preparations for the Camp for Climate Action continue and the next meeting takes place in London on 30th June 07. There is no evidence of any concrete plans to date.

Future Events

Wednesday 27th June to Sunday 8th July 2007

Wednesday 27th June 2007

SHAC and Anti-Fur Protests in Milan

Italy -- Italian activists have announced a few days demonstrations against companies they associate with HLS. The demonstrations also include anti-fur protest at Upim stores.

Today, Wednesday 27th June 07 protest was due at the Verona offices of Sandoz / Novartis, Upim in via Mancini 30-36, Trento and the GSK facility via Fleming, industrial zone ZAI, Verona.

For the remaining two days, protest is announced as follows -

Thursday 28th June 07

0800hrs -- Novartis in Wide Boccioni, Origgio
1100hrs -- Upim in Via Gallarate 184, Milan.
1400hrs -- Bayer in Avenue Certosa 130, Milan.
1530hrs -- Sanofi-Aventis in via Piranesi 38, Milan.

Friday 29th June 07

0800hrs -- Sanofi-Aventis in Via Europe 11, Origgio
1030hrs -- Deutsche Bank, in Public square of the Calendar 3, Milan
1330hrs -- Merrill Lynch in Via Manzoni 31 to Milan
1530hrs -- AXA Investment Managers Italy in via Leopardi 15, Milan

From 4pm and through the evening of Saturday 30th June 07 the group are holding a benefit concert for the SHAC campaign at the SGA, via Privata Alfa Romeo 1/d, Arese in Milan.

Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

Every Wednesday the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7. At present, only a handful of protestors are showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention.

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brighton and Bristol

Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulescoomb, Brighton. The protest, organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place as usual between 4pm and 6pm this Wednesday outside the premises.

Supporters also claim that a 'vigil' takes place outside the offices of Raytheon arms manufacturers every Friday at 8am on the UWE/Bristol Business Park roundabout, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol.

Thursday 28th June 2007

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance.

Demonstration at Novartis in Sweden

Sweden -- Supporters of Djurrättsalliansen say they are meeting at 9am on Thursday 28th June 07 at the Tekniska Högskolan railway station to travel to Täby to hold a protest at Harlan's premises in Kemistvägen 1b, Täby.

It is expected that the group of around ten protestors will hold a banner and placard protest for a few hours. Apart from the use of air-horns and / or megaphones it is unlikely there will be any serious form of disorder. At present, no other companies are being mentioned for protest on the day.

Animal Aid update

Animal Aid, who claim to be the 'UK's largest animal rights campaigning group', continue their 'Transform Your World' tour road show in which they intend visiting more than 30 UK towns and cities over the next two months to promote 'compassionate lifestyles.'

On 28th June 07 the group will be in Cathedral Square, Peterborough to hold their 'mobile interactive exhibition which aims to motivate people to take simple steps to improve the future of their planet.'

Last week it was reported that the vet Dr Paul Hocking, who was a recipient of an Animal Aid Mad Science Award, failed in his attempt to get Animal Aid's scientific consultant, Andre Menache, struck off the register of veterinary surgeons.

Arkangel reported that the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (RCVS), which initially appeared sympathetic to the complaint of Dr Hocking based at the Roslin Institute near Edinburgh, was 'forced to back down' after Animal Aid enlisted strong legal representation to fight the case.

Monthly McDonalds protest in London

On Thursday 28th June 07 the small group of London anti-McDonalds protestors will again be holding their last Thursday of the month protest at McDonalds at 25-27 Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 between 6pm and 7.30pm. During that period they distribute their 'What's Wrong with McDonald's' leaflet, as well as anti-meat leaflets. The group report that at one stage police used the Anti Social Behaviour Act to disperse them but at present the level of protest, which often includes some form of street-theatre, is accepted by the authorities.

There is no co-ordinated campaign against the Company in the UK save for a slight increase in protest to mark 'World anti-McDonald's Day' on the 16th October.

Friday 29th June 2007

Protest at Tesco AGM in London

Since June last year, activists from Campaign for the Wild International (CWI) have been campaigning to dissuade Tesco supermarket from selling live frogs and turtles for food in its Chinese stores. Tesco have responded and have met some of the demands which have been welcomed by the group.

However, organisers of the campaign believe the measures still fall short of what is needed and are continuing their campaign against the Company.

On 29th June 07 Tesco are holding their AGM at the QEII Convention Centre, Westminster, London SW1P 3EE. CWI say they will be present to make Tesco's shareholders aware of its 'Stop Tesco's Turtle Slaughter Campaign'

Protest is expected to be of a peaceful nature and support is expected from other groups especially Viva supporters who are holding a day of support in the UK on Saturday 14th July.

World Whale and Dolphin Day

Global -- The Cetacea Defence organiser has raised his profile by claiming to have organised the first World Whale and Dolphin Day on Saturday 30th June 07. Supporters are encouraged to 'educate, protest and celebrate against whale and dolphin killers.'

One announced support action is in Germany on Friday 29th June when animal rights / welfare supporters say they will be holding various demonstrations in Nuremberg against dolphins being held in captivity.

Support actions may also occur over the weekend period at locations where dolphins can be viewed in captivity.

Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

Regular weekly protest at HLS in Alconbury, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire is now being announced on the animal rights Veggies Calendar for each Friday. The organiser would appear to be Maxine Kaye who, but she is struggling to attract any substantial form of support. Protest is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction. .

Saturday 30th June 2007

Gari Allen Remembrance Event

A memorial event for the first anniversary of AR activist, Gari Allen of Coventry Animal Alliance, will be held at Friend Farmed Animal Rescue, near Tonbridge in Kent. The location is also the postal address for SHAC and was the venue for the International AR gatherings in 2005 and 2006. The occasion is likely to bring together some of the more extreme members of the animal rights movement but it is extremely unlikely that any form of protest or action will take place during the two-day event.

It is far more likely that events will follow the lines of the announcement for the memorial event which states that 'organisers say the event is intended specifically to remember his 25 years work for the animals. There will be the laying of a specially engraved hand picked welsh slate from his favourite holiday location, at 4pm on Saturday, followed by food and a party, with practical sanctuary work on Sunday.'

Israeli / Palestinian counter demonstrations in Manchester

The *Jewish Telegraph* is appealing for as many members of the Jewish community to attend a demonstration in Manchester on Saturday 30th June 07.

Anti-Israeli groups have for a long time held occasional demonstrations outside Marks & Spencer in Manchester and Israeli organisers 'wants members of the Jewish community to turn out in force at noon on the day to counter a pro-Palestinians demonstration marking 40 years since Israel took over Gaza and the West Bank.'

Organisers point out that although it is the Jewish Sabbath those attending 'can easily walk down to the city centre.'

Similar actions may take place at the Marble Arch Marks & Spencer in Oxford Street, London. Protest should be confined to the venues and police are expected to be in attendance.

Viva Incredible Roadshow' event in London

On Saturday 30th June 07 Viva! (Vegetarians International Voice for Animals) is holding another of its 'Incredible Roadshow' events. On this occasion it takes place between 10.00am to 5.30pm at the Royal Horticultural Halls - Lawrence Hall & Conference Centre, Greycoat Street, London SW1P 2QD.

The day is another of the campaign group's efforts to influence others to a vegan / vegetarian lifestyle but also to introduce a wider public to its various animal rights / welfare campaigns. Organisers are likely to be successful in both areas and it is expected that the event will be well attended.

Recently the group found support from Heather Mills-McCartney in one of its undercover campaigns. It also attracts support from a few other celebrities

The campaigns and investigations run by the group are on the broad spectrum of factory farming, the farrowing crate, conditions on British turkey farms, commercial fishing, religious

slaughter, the use of kangaroo skin, the use of exotic meats and the live export of Polish horses for meat.

Anti-Fur actions in Italy

Italy -- A series of anti-fur protests has been taking place in Italy against Upim, a retail chain in Italy with 140 directly owned stores and 200 franchises. Announced protests are due on Saturday 30th June 07 from 5pm in Via Ugo Low, Bologna and from 4pm in front of Upim, via Mazzini, Parma. Protest also seems to be directed against the Italian Association Breeders of Mink (AIAV).

Anti-Fur protests in London

The usual anti-fur protestors in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from no more than 20 anti-fur protestors. Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request that it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets. Some attention may also be given to the fashion outlet, Guess.

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions

Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

Greyhound Action supporters in South-West London have also begun holding actions outside Wimbledon Stadium, Plough Lane, London SW17 0BL every Saturday from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. At present, the protest only consists of leafleting before the main race night.

In Reading, Greyhound Action supporters now hold occasional Saturday evening protests outside the dog track at the Reading Stadium on Saturday evenings to coincide with the race meeting. Protest is likely to take the form of banner and placard display.

Camp for Climate Action National meeting

The national meeting for Camp for Climate Action took place on June 16th and 17th in Manchester and the minutes of the meeting have been produced on the group's website.

The next meeting takes place on the weekend commencing on 30th June 07 in London. The main purpose of the meeting is for 'non-violent direct action training.' It is likely that the training will reflect the tactics for the Climate Camp. The Earth First! gathering in Norfolk towards the end of July will also allow for further preparation.

Sunday 1st July 2007

GM protest in Cambridgeshire

GM protestors say they will hold a protest against the GM BASF/NIAB site in Cambridge. Those attending are invited to gather at noon on Sunday 1st July 07 at Girton Parish Church, Girton, Cambridgeshire and then to take part in a 'walk to see the trial site and a protest picnic.'

Organisers say the site is now the only location in Britain where GM crops are 'contaminating the countryside.' The crop was planted in May and efforts to contaminate the crop may well take place.

Last month the government approved the BASF application for a GM trial in Hedon, East Yorkshire. Following the rubber stamping by DEFRA, the company announced that it would not proceed with the trial this year, but said they may do so in the future.

Brighton Animal Rights information stall and update

Brighton Animal Rights (BAA) gathers every Sunday outside the Brighton Sea Life where they leaflet and hold an information stall. The stall was one of those targeted in the police clamp down on illegal street collections. Their paraphernalia was confiscated and arrests were made.

The group report that it was made clear to them they cannot solicit for money on stalls and 'admit that one of their main sources of income has been severed.' They now appeal for donations to be sent to Campaign, PO Box 307, Brighton BN2 1HW.

BAA meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Cowley Club on London Road, Brighton at 7pm. The group will again be hosting the World Day for Incarcerated Animals which this year which has been set for Saturday 22nd September 2007

Monday 2nd July 2007

Possible protest at Sequani

Regular unannounced protests have taken place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group. Despite charges against twelve of the group, relating to incidents and protest at secondary targets, the occasional protest continues at Sequani by committed members of the group. SSAT is no longer involved in secondary targeting but many of the group continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties. The twelve next appear in Court at the end of July.

Keith Mann book tour – SEAR Meeting in Croydon

The UK animal rights extremist, Keith Mann, has written a book entitled 'Dusk 'til Dawn' and the official book launch party took place on Saturday 23rd June 07 at the Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, London WC1 which was well attended.

South East Animal Rights (SEAR) has now invited him to its meeting to be held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 3rd July 07 at Ruskin House, Coombe Road, Croydon, Surrey where he will be speaking about his book and his film 'Behind the Mask'.

The event is sure to attract some of the more extreme element of the animal rights movement.

Background -- 'Dusk 'til Dawn' offers the personal perspective of former ALF activist Keith Mann on the ALF from its early history, through its rapid growth in the 1960's, to the present day. The book takes the reader on tour with the ALF as activists carry out raids, and uncovers the thinking and motivation of some of the people who work within ALF cells or alone - those who go out of their way and are ready to break the law.

'Behind the Mask' is a 72-minute controversial documentary that focuses on the ALF and direct action. It is produced and directed by Shannon Keith, an animal rights lawyer in America who started her own production company in 2004 with the aim of bringing animal liberation issues to mainstream media.

Using real undercover and underground video, "Behind the Mask" explores the world of those people who choose to break the law.

Tuesday 3rd to Sunday 8th July 2007

PETA's 'Running with the Bulls' protest in Spain

Spain -- Activists from Europe will again be travelling to Italy to protest in Pamplona against the annual 'Running with the Bulls' - an annual event in which bulls are sent racing through the streets of the town. On the first day of last year's festival there were a number of injuries, one serious.

PETA are instrumental in organising the annual protest against the event and in true PETA-style invite protestors to run without the restrictions of clothing. The Human protest Race takes place during the six-day event which takes place from 6th to 14th July 07.

This is the seventh year the PETA protest has taken place and over 500 protestors from all over Europe are expected to attend.

It is expected that over 100 will be attending from the UK, some of whom have already been courting publicity with some street theatre events. 23-year old Lauren Bowey of PETA has been involved in PETA's 14-City appeal campaign and has been co-ordinating the travel for those attending.

It is likely that PETA will attempt to gain more publicity prior to the event but it is likely to be of a peaceful nature and again involve some form of nudity which will invariably attract more media attention.

The great majority of those attending will be purely involved with the main demonstration. However, it should be remembered that a very small minority of those attending may also be involved in other animal rights issues, i.e. SHAC campaign.

Companies who have premises in the North East of Spain and Southern France should be aware of the possibility of a surprise 'visit', although it would be fair to say that no such problems have been reported in the past few years.

Background -- The event takes place in Pamplona, situated in the Northern Spanish province of Navarra, during the San Fermin Festival which attracts thousands of visitors annually from the 6th to 14th of July. They come to enjoy the celebrations for San Fermin, the patron saint of the city, but mostly they come to see the Running of the Bulls or "Encierro" made world famous by the writer Ernest Hemingway.

Wednesday 4th July 2007

Wednesday protest at NIMR in Londonplease see 27th June 2007

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brightonas above

Thursday 5th July 2007

SHAC protest in Bristol

Supporters of the Bristol Animal Rights Collective (BARC) and the Taunton Animal Rights Activists (TARA) say they will be holding demonstrations in Bristol on Thursday 5th July 07 in support of the SHAC campaign. So far, it would appear that the target for the day is AXA Insurance at Temple Way / Easton Road in the City.

Protest commences at 11am and is expected to be from a small group of activists who will hold a banner, placard and megaphone protest.

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University please see 28th June 2007

Friday 6th July 2007

Live Exports actions in Dover

Live-export protestors are reminded by organisers of Kent against Live Exports (KALE) that the group monitors the live exports trade are held every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday nights from 10pm onwards, when there is usually a sailing from Dover Eastern Docks of live animals on the designated livestock ships. The 'observers' say they are also there to take down all details of 'arrival times, registration numbers and contents etc of the transporters.' The group appeals for supporters to follow similar actions in the UK and for reports to be sent to them.

KALE also says it holds monthly demonstrations which are held on the first Saturday of every month at Dover Eastern dock mouth between noon and 3pm. This month's event will take place on Saturday 7th July 07. At present, the protest attracts only local support and no media attention.

Weekly Protest at HLSplease see 29th June 2007

Saturday 7th July 2007

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 30th June 2007

Anti-Greyhound Racing actions in Coventry, Wimbledon and Readingas above

Sunday 8th July 2007

Brighton Animal Rights information stall and update..... please see 1st July 2007

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 20th to 27th June 2007

Animal Rights Section

Criminal Offences

Criminal offences reported on Bite Back

The extremists' website, *Bite Back*, was updated during the past seven days. Damage to a UPS building in France was the only action against the research industry – the others are included below to show where interest for criminal action is taking place. They are as follows

France -- A report, written in French, reported on several offences in the suburbs of Paris which took place during the late evening of Friday 27th April 07.

UPS was targeted in Eragny-sur-Oise, near Pontoise and had several large anti-HLS / vivisection slogans and graffiti painted on and around the building. Soor-locks were also

Anti-meat slogans were painted on three butchers shops in Pontoise centre. In the same town similar action was taken on Circus posters.

France -- A separate report stated that around 4th June 07 two large banners, used by Feria of Labarthe-sur-Lèze, a small town near Toulouse, were stolen. The reason for the theft was that 'Feria's aim is to introduce bullfighting into the district.'

France -- Late on Friday 1st June 07 four butcher shops in the Paris suburb of Genevilliers were 'glued and spray-painted' with anti-meat slogans. Further actions were threatened.

France -- On 24th June 07 local media reported that the tyres were 'flattened on 20 cars' of people attending a bullfighting festival in the town of Fenouillet.

Germany -- Overnight 14th / 15th June 07 activists broke windows and painted slogans on a butcher's shop in Berlin-Schöneberg. Photographs were provided of the minor damage.

Spain -- On Sunday 17th June 07, Spanish activists reported that using bolt-cutters they 'released' rabbits and partridges from the animal research farm of the Research Institute of Hunting Resources (Instituto en Investigación de Recursos Cingéticos, IREC) in Valverde, Ciudad Real.

In their communiqué, in Spanish, they claimed the IREC is part of the CSIC and the Castilla La Mancha University which performs animal experiments with the 'aim of helping hunters and breeders of animals for hunting.'

Spain -- On 15th June 07 walls near to the horse riding school in Alcalá de Henares were painted with slogans such as "This is torture", "leave the horses alone" and "ALF."

Updates on Animal Rights Campaigns

Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- Three local activists held an expected demonstration at HLS in Huntingdon on Friday 22nd June 07. The previous day a handful of protestors, also supporting the SHAC campaign, held a protest at the Company's premises in Eye, Suffolk.

The two low-key protests were again held under the conditions of HLS' injunction -- there were no incidents.

HLS - secondary targeting

UK -- On Thursday 21st June 07, approximately 10 SHAC protestors staged a demonstration at three financial institutions in London. The first demonstration was held outside Deutsche Bank's London office at 75 London Wall EC2N. The group held a banner protest outside the bank before moving on to the offices of Robeco in Thames Court, Queenhithe, London EC4 where a similar protest took place.

The group then completed their day of protest outside the offices of NYSE / Euronext at Cannon Bridge House, 1 Cousin Lane, London EC4.

UK -- On Friday 15th June 07, four young protesters held a SHAC demonstration in Leeds. After originally planning to protest at Allianz/Dresdner Bank, the group switched the demonstration to the offices of TEVA UK in Morley, Leeds. The protesters used banners and a megaphone and remained at the site for over two hours.

Belgium -- On Thursday 21st June 07 the Dutch / Belgian SHAC group 'Stop Dier Proeven' announced it would be holding announced demonstrations in Belgium. Again the hostile group of mature males and a few females, armed with megaphones and banners, were allowed to protest near to some of the the premises and to people entering and leaving the buildings.

Protests were held at the following locations --
Novartis Vilvoorde, Medialaan 40.
Robeco, Louizalaan 81 bus 6 (6de verdieping), Brussel
NYSE Euronext, Beursplein, Brussel
GSK in Genval, Rue du Tilleul 13.

Croatia -- On Thursday 21st June 07 activists from the Association of Animals Release group held an announced protest in Zagreb in front of the GSK premises in the City The group is well supported and around 20 protestors attended from 1pm to 3pm. They displayed SHAC-style banners and used loudhailers. Police will be in attendance.

Ireland -- On 22nd June 07, around ten activists staged a demonstration at the offices of AXA Insurance in Wolfe Tone Street, Dublin. The group used two megaphones during their demonstration which lasted for over an hour.

Italy -- Italian activists announced that they would be holding four days of demonstrations against companies they associate with HLS. On the first day, Tuesday 26th June 07, they said they would be protesting at the offices of GSK in Verona. No reports have been of the incident have been received to date.

Global -- On Saturday 24th June 07, an email was circulated by the Italian SHAC group 'Chiuderemorini' in which they listed a number of Deutsche Bank email and branch addresses. The email encouraged activists to complain to the Bank regarding their link to HLS.

National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- The usual low-key demonstration took place at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Mill Hill on Wednesday evening 20th June 07. There were no problems caused by the small group of protestors. .

SPEAK Campaign / Oxford University

UK -- On Wednesday 20th June 07 around sixty SPEAK supporters held their announced demonstration at the Encaenia Ceremony at Oxford University. The protest commenced at around 10am and took place in Catte Street, Oxford. The event is an annual ceremony in which leading figures from around the world in politics, science and the arts are awarded honorary degrees.

The SPEAK protest at the same event last year led to the arrest of sixteen SPEAK supporters. In the interim period the sixteen remained on stringent bail conditions but last month the vast majority of those accused being acquitted.

The feared conflict between the police and the protestors did not develop and the demonstrators were allowed to make a noisy protest but some distance from the main event. Large banners were display and some street theatre made reference to the 'perceived collusion', between Thames Valley Police and the authorities at Oxford University, when two protestors, dressed as a police officer and a University Don, were in 'bed-together' on a blow-up bed.

The protest passed without incident. Later in the day around a dozen of the protestors held an unannounced demonstration just outside the exclusion zone near to the building site which will be the new research laboratory in South Parks Road, Oxford.

UK -- On Thursday 21st June 07 SPEAK protestors held their weekly demonstration in South Parks Road, Oxford. Around fifteen activists were involved during the afternoon protest. There were no incidents.

UK -- A small group of SPEAK protestors held a 'ring road' protest in Oxford on Tuesday 24th June 07. They displayed large banners and their efforts gained a small amount of local media coverage.

Sequani

UK -- On Monday 25th June 07 four members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) protest group held a low-key demonstration in inclement weather outside the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire. Protest was made during the period the employees were leaving the premises but there were no incidents.

Wickham Laboratories

UK -- Over the fortnight there have been no incidents outside Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire or the linked Torbay Farm. SARC, one of the protest groups in the area, remains busy but with protests at Portsmouth Greyhound Stadium and local restaurants selling *foie gras*.

Miscellaneous AR Items

Anti-Fur protests

UK / Sweden – For the week which finished on Saturday 23rd June 07, organisers of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) appealed for a week of worldwide protest against Guess, a multinational chain of fashion shops in over 60 countries.

The appeal was heeded by activists in Sweden when around ten ant-fur protestors held a placard protest in front of the Guess outlet in Birger Jarlsgatan in Stockholm.

In the UK, a small number of protestors held a demonstration at the Guess outlet in Covent Garden, London on Saturday 23rd June 07.

UK -- On Saturday 23rd June 07 London anti-fur protestors were again in action at Harrods in Knightsbridge. A peaceful action took place throughout the day which attracted around twenty protestors. There were no reported incidents.

Anti-Foie Gras Actions

UK – There were again a number of reports involving protest against the sale of *foie gras*.

On 24th June 07 a number of local campaigners again demonstrated at the 'French Products stall in Market Square, Cambridge which ended up in one campaigner being having a bucket of water thrown over her by the stall holder.

On Saturday 24th June 07, protestors displayed banners and held noisy protests in Gloucestershire. The demonstrations were held at the following restaurants –
Washbourne Court, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HS
Lower Slaughter Manor Hotel, Lower Slaughter, GL54 2HP
Le Petit Croissant, High Street, Chipping Campden, GL55 6AL

On the same evening activists from the Southern Animal Rights Coalition (SARC) held a lively demonstration at the Solent Hotel & Spa in Fareham, Hampshire PO15 7AJ. The group stated that the hotel manager has since requested a meeting with protestors and they are putting all planned protests there on hold before announcing a new target.

Greyhound Protests in Portsmouth

UK -- On Saturday 24th June 07 around ten supporters of the Southern Animal Rights Coalition (SARC) held another relatively peaceful 'vigil' at Portsmouth Greyhound Stadium. The group displayed placards and leafleted those attending the evening's greyhound racing.

Campaign against QinetiQ

UK -- On 22nd June 07 activists involved in the campaign against QinetiQ noted that the *Malvern Gazette* reported an advertising campaign run by QinetiQ to recruit graduates had won an award from the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development. Those reporting to other activists said that the Malvern, Worcestershire branch of QinetiQ are currently 'under investigation as they are suspected of using rats and mice in experiments at the Malvern site.'

PETA bearskins campaign in London

UK -- Anita Singh from PETA has announced that the hour-long leaflet protest at Buckingham Palace against the real bearskins worn by guards will continue; she also appeals for greater support. Only a few attend at present with one protestor sometimes appearing in a 'bear-costume'. The low-key protest takes place on most weekday mornings between 10.30 and 11.30am during the ceremony of the Changing of the Guards.

Those involved hand out leaflets and encourage visitors to sign their petition calling for the abolition of the Canadian bearskin caps. Their literature states that the MOD commissions an average of 140 bearskin caps a year to be made for the Queen's five Guard Regiments.

PETA have made this appeal for some time now and it is unlikely that much support will be forthcoming. The event is used by PETA in an effort to raise their profile in Europe.

Environmental Section

Energy and Road Protest

Campaigners protesting over M3 route

Ireland -- Protesters opposed to the M3 motorway being routed near the Hill of Tara said they would be staging a demonstration on 25th June 07 at the Custom House in Dublin.

TaraWatch wanted to urge the new Green Party Minister for Environment John Gormley to stop the major road construction after a number of ancient monuments were recently uncovered.

According to *icireland* the campaigners want the Government to halt works through the newly discovered archaeological sites along the historic valley in Co Meath.

Fight the Pipe campaign update

UK -- By 20th June 07, police and High Court officers had evicted the protestors from the Brecon tree camp. Arrests were made. One person had no further action taken against him, two were cautioned and two people appeared in Llandrindod Court to face a charge of obstructing a bailiff in his line of duty. They both pleaded guilty and were given a conditional discharge.

The protestors now report that permission has been granted by the Welsh Assembly to cross Cefn Drum common with National Grid's 200 mile long LNG pipeline. Future protest can be expected.

Anti-War

Anti-war demonstration outside Labour Party Conference

UK -- Stop the War Coalition held an anti-war march / rally on 24th June 07 outside the Labour Party's conference venue, Bridgewater Hall in Manchester and ended in Albert Square. One arrest was reported but a strong police presence ensured there were no other undue problems. There was very little media reporting of the event which was noted by the supporters of the campaign

CAAT campaign against Reed Elsevier update

UK -- In a recent bulletin the Campaign against the Arms Trade (CAAT) reported to its supporters that its campaign against publishing company Reed Elsevier had been 'successful.'

On 1st June 07 the Company reported that its was 'pulling out of the arms trade and would no longer organise arms fairs around the world, including the DSEi arms fair held every two years in East London.'

News Reports

27th June 2007

Exposed - Britain's animal labs sham

UK -- Conditions for animals in Britain's research laboratories fall far short of new Europe-wide guidelines which came into force on the 15th June. The failure has been highlighted by non-animal research charity, the Dr Hadwen Trust as well as the National Anti Vivisection Society (NAVS) which says the news is in stark contrast to the Government's frequent claim that Britain has the strictest regulations in the world. Universities are likely to be the worst offenders. New Europe-wide guidelines on laboratory animal housing and care are contained in a revised Appendix to a Council of Europe Convention which was unanimously adopted by signatory parties including Britain on 15 June 2006. (Source – Arkangel)

Anti-Hunt Group to continue Prosecutions

UK -- The League Against Cruel Sports has warned that it will step up prosecutions against illegal hunts, after the conviction of two West country men. The anti-hunting organisation claims the prosecution of the two from the Quantock Staghounds, has shown that the law which banned hunting is "sound and robust". (Source - Western Morning News)

26th June 2007

Crime survey "omits three million offences"

UK -- The true extent of crime in Britain is much worse than the preferred figures used by the government indicate because more than three million offences are omitted, according to a report on 26th June 07. Researchers for think-tank Civitas said the British Crime Survey, the system for estimating crime that is favoured by the government, misleads the public because it excludes many crimes committed against those who may have suffered repeat offences. That would mean there could be over two million more "personal" crimes, ranging from sexual offences to robbery and muggings, and another million household offences, such as burglary, vandalism and theft. Violent crime could be 82 percent higher. (Source – MSN)

Wool industry and animal welfare group start mediation

Australia / Global -- Australian Wool Innovation and animal rights group, PETA, begin formal mediation talks today, to try to resolve their long-running legal battle over mulesing and live exports. AWI commenced legal proceedings against the activist group in November 2004, claiming PETA was trying to mount an international boycott against the Australian wool industry. Senior legal advisers for PETA have flown in from the United States for the mediation, which has been set down for three days. If the parties fail to reach agreement, the matter will end up back in the Federal Court. (Source – ABC Rural)

Greenpeace Protests Brazilian Nuke Plan

Brazil -- A small group of demonstrators Monday protested peacefully against plans to resume construction of Brazil's third nuclear plant. The protest staged by Greenpeace was held in front of the Mines and Energy Ministry where the National Energy Policy Council was meeting to draw up its final recommendation on whether to restart construction of the third plant. President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will make a final decision after studying the council's report. (Source - MSN Money)

Alzheimer drugs ruling 'outrageous'

UK -- The Government's medicines watchdog has been accused of "outrageous and diabolical" behaviour over its refusal to continue recommending NHS funds for anti-dementia drugs for victims in the early stages of Alzheimer's disease. The accusations came from protesters at the High Court in London as a legal action began to force the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (Nice) to reconsider its decision. A judge was told changes to national guidance made by Nice last year meant that annually 96,600 patients with mild Alzheimer's disease (AD) would who previously have been eligible for certain drugs would now be refused treatment with them. (Source – icWales)

25th June 2007

EU leaders scrape treaty deal at 11th hour

EU -- After a marathon round of talks, the EU has finally agreed the outline of a new treaty for the bloc with formal intergovernmental negotiations to start on 23 July. Under the plans, member states will use the mandate agreed at the summit as the basis for negotiations on a new treaty, which is to be done and dusted by the end of the year and ratified in all member states by mid-2009, ahead of the next European elections. (Source – EU Observer)

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Summary

In the UK, Environmental and Animal Rights protestors have always been involved in their single issues and there has been little to unite them - however, they may have now found a common cause.

A simple demonstration by the Manchester Animal Protection (MAP) group last week was entitled 'Stop Climate change - Go vegan!' While there was only a handful of protestors outside Burger King there is no doubting that the two issues have the potential to bring together many supporters from both areas. Mention of this united cause has already been mentioned in relation to next month's Camp for Climate Action.

Low-level criminality is beginning to creep into the increasing number of foie gras protests. This was evidenced by claims this week that three vehicles at a Hotel in Headingley, Leeds, had tyres slashed and slogans painted over them. The reason for the action was that the restaurant serves foie gras on its menu. The communiqué also stated 'No matter what business you visit that sells foie gras, if you are a customer of that business then expect your property to be shown contempt. There is no place in the UK or anywhere for the support of this utterly abhorrent trade.....Now is the time to move against this trade, to rid the UK of foie gras and bring it to an end.'

Although this may well be the work of a single extremist and the fact that the campaign cannot be viewed with the same seriousness as other animal rights issues, nevertheless it is providing an opportunity for the regrouping of activists in many regions, attracting new support for the existing campaigns and perhaps allowing a more extremist element to filter into more respectable areas of the animal rights movement.

The *Independent* reported that cash and carry chain Makro had become the latest retailer to call a halt to sales of foie gras after protests from animal rights campaigners in particular Viva! Last month, House of Fraser department stores joined Sainsbury, Tesco and Marks & Spencer in banning the product. Following the SHAC template activists have now circulated an email which has collected all the emails of the respective companies into one document. It is divided into four regions and supporters are asked to send respectful email letters en bloc.

Viva! called for a National Day of Action against Tesco's China trade 'in live turtles' on Saturday 14th July. Unfortunately for Viva their campaign efforts were overshadowed on the day because of believed hoax 'bomb calls' which resulted in the forced closure of fourteen Tesco stores for a few hours.

Hertfordshire Police stressed there was "no reason to believe" that the incidents were linked to "extremism of any kind" but urged the public to remain vigilant. Eyewitnesses claimed they had been told of a bomb scare, while early media reports ranged from suggesting a financial motive to threats by the animal rights lobby.

Two days later, police said further letters containing threats to Tesco stores had been received. The notes all appeared to warn of possible incidents on the 14th but had only just been opened according to the Police. The incidents against Tesco are reported below.

There were no new arrests last week nor were there any reports of any criminal activity against the research industry.

Future Events

Wednesday 18th to Sunday 29th July 2007

Wednesday 18th July 2007

Research - SPEAK Demonstration in Oxford

UK -- Over the past several weeks SPEAK have held a Wednesday demonstration in Oxford just outside the exclusion zone in South Parks Road where the new research establishment is being built.

It is therefore expected that around a dozen protestors will gather at around noon on Wednesday 18th July 07 in South Parks Road. Police, evidence gatherers and security are expected to be in attendance to keep a watchful eye on the banner and placard protest.

Environmental - Earth First! Summer Gathering in Norfolk

UK -- From Wednesday 18th July 07 to Sunday 22nd July 07, the Earth First! Summer Gathering is taking place at Woolseybridge Farm near Diss in Norfolk.

Unlike the 'Big Green Gathering' this event does bring together some of the groups who will be involved direct action on all manner of environmental issues.

Of the many workshops that will take place some will focus on 'how to connect to other forms of resistance in the UK and globally, planning campaigns and networking for all aspects of ecological resistance.'

There will be 'round-ups of national and international radical activity' as well as 'practical activities, such as climbing, self-defence and arrest role-play'.

It is unlikely that the event itself will cause any problems but it is thought that planning will take place for direct action events which will occur from the Camp for Climate Action (CCA) which takes place around Heathrow next month.

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

UK -- Every Wednesday the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London, NW7. At present, only a handful of protestors are showing interest in the event, which, at present, does not require any regular police attention.

Armament / War - Weekly protests in Brighton and Bristol

UK -- Anti-armament activists are involved in regular protest against EDO MBM Technologies Ltd weapons components factory at Home Farm Road in Moulescoomb, Brighton. The protest, organised by the Smash EDO group, takes place as usual between 4pm and 6pm this Wednesday outside the premises. Last week, the group reported that the police were taking no further action against two of the main protestors who had been arrested previously for public order offences during the Wednesday protests.

Supporters also claim that a 'vigil' takes place outside the offices of Raytheon arms manufacturers every Friday at 8am on the UWE/Bristol Business Park roundabout, Coldharbour Lane, Bristol.

Thursday 19th July 2007

Research - SHAC Demonstrations in London

UK -- In recent weeks SHAC has held protests in the City of London, either on a Thursday or Friday. Between 10 / 20 protestors have taken part and a similar protest could be anticipated this week. The group of mainly 'mature' protestors have met at 11am at Liverpool Street Station and gone on to staged noisy demonstrations outside the following four locations --

Deutsche Bank's office at 75 London Wall EC2N 2DB
NYSE / Euronext, Cannon Bridge House, Cousin Lane, London EC4R 3XX
Robec offices at Thames Court, 1 Queenhithe, London EC4V 3RL
Goldman Sachs International, 133 Fleet Street, London EC4A 2BB.

Any updates will be reported upon accordingly.

Research - Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University

UK -- SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest continues opposite the Oxford University animal laboratory building site in South Parks Road, Oxford from 1pm to 5pm. Police and injunction servers will be in attendance. Around fifteen protestors can be expected.

Organisers of the SPEAK Campaign are calling for support for demonstrations on Saturday 4th August 07 for their 'Felix Solidarity Day'. They are hoping that activists worldwide will take part in local events and join them in protesting against Oxford University. SPEAK have advertised the event widely and it is known that coaches have been booked to attend the event.

Friday 20th July 2007

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

At present, a weekly protest takes place each Friday at HLS in Alconbury, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. The organiser, Maxine Kaye, is struggling to attract any substantial form of support and in the past weeks only five or six demonstrators have been involved. Protest is held within the conditions allowed by the HLS injunction.

Research - SHAC Demonstrations in London please see 19th July 07

Saturday 21st July 2007

Fur - Weekly Protest in London

The usual anti-fur protestors in London will be involved in protests at Harrods this Saturday. Protestors gather at the Brompton Road SW1, next to Knightsbridge tube. Support is again expected from around 20 anti-fur protestors. Supporters, who cannot make the protests during the weekend period, are asked to 'politely email, phone, fax, and write to Harrods to request that it adopts a fur-free policy.'

At present, protest is lively but relatively peaceful with the display of banners and the distribution of leaflets. Some attention may also be given to the fashion outlet, Guess.

In Liverpool, a similar protest takes place outside Cricket in Cavern Walks, Mathew Street L2 6RE – usually only a handful of activists are involved.

Greyhound Racing - Protest actions in Coventry and Reading

UK -- Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) holds a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK. To date, their protests have been peaceful.

In Reading, Greyhound Action supporters now hold occasional Saturday evening protests outside the dog track at the Reading Stadium on Saturday evenings to coincide with the race meeting. Protest is likely to take the form of banner and placard display.

Monday 23rd July 2007

Research - Possible protest at Sequani in Herefordshire

UK -- Regular unannounced protests takes place at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire from a handful of supporters of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) campaign. SSAT is no longer involved in secondary targeting but many of the group continue to be involved in all aspects of animal rights protests in the local counties.

Wednesday 25th July 2007

Wednesday protest at NIMR in Londonplease see 18th July 2007

Weekly anti-armament protest in Brightonas above

Thursday 26th July 2007

Regular Thursday protest at Oxford University please see 19th July 2007

Friday 27th July 2007

Weekly Protest at HLSplease see 20th July 2007

Saturday 28th July 2007

Funeral of Neil Lea

UK -- The funeral of veteran animal rights campaigner Neil Lea will take place at 2pm on Saturday 28th July 07 at City Road Woodland Cemetery, Worsley, Manchester M28 1BD. His family say it will be an environmentally-friendly woodland burial.

The funeral will be attended by a large number of animal rights activists, past and present. There are events before and after the funeral and into the evening but it is thought extremely unlikely that any of the participants will take the opportunity to stage any associated protests.

Anti-Fur protests in London please see 21st July 2007

Greyhound Racing protests in Coventry and Readingas above

Past Events

Incidents and Events from 11th to 18th July 2007

Animal Rights

Items of Note

Factory Farming / Retail - Busy weekend of actions against Tesco

UK -- The active campaigning group Viva! (Vegetarians International Voice for Animals) called for a National Day of Action against Tesco's trade 'in live turtles' on Saturday 14th July.

The reason for the protest is that Tesco is selling the live animals in their stores in China. Viva! had picked up the campaign from Campaign for the Wild International (CWI) who have been campaigning on the issue since June last year.

Unfortunately for Viva their campaign efforts were overshadowed on the day because of believed hoax 'bomb calls' which resulted in the forced closure of fourteen Tesco stores for a few hours.

Hertfordshire Police, who is leading the investigation into the threats because Tesco has its HQ in the county, stressed there was "no reason to believe" that the incidents were linked to "extremism of any kind" but urged the public to remain vigilant.

Eyewitnesses claimed they had been told of a bomb scare, while early media reports ranged from suggesting a financial motive to threats by the animal rights lobby.

Two days later, police said further letters containing threats to Tesco stores had been received. The notes all appeared to warn of possible incidents on the 14th but had only just been opened according to the Police.

Northampton Today revealed how a threat to the supermarket chain's Towcester branch was sent to the *Chronicle & Echo* offices in Northampton and a threat to the New Street, Daventry branch was sent to the *Daventry Express*.

On 16th July bomb disposal experts carried out a controlled explosion on a suspicious package found at a Tesco store in the Eastville area of Bristol, although this has not so far been linked to the earlier scares

Locations where stores were confirmed to have closed in England were in Pontefract in West Yorkshire, Market Harborough, Ashby-de-la-Zouch in Leicestershire, Bury St Edmunds in Suffolk, Ledbury in Herefordshire and the city of Hereford.

The *Western Daily Press* said that detectives do not believe that Bristol-based Viva was involved in the threats. The group claims that demonstrations were due to take place outside 150 stores. Viva! spokesman Justin Kerswell fears unfounded speculation linking the threats to the animal rights lobby could lose the vegan group celebrity and public support.

"The timing was really unfortunate for us," he said. "Viva! has never had a single visit from police in 13 years. We promote peaceful protest, and extremism is against our ethos. We rely on support from the public and celebrities and I don't want the actions of one person to

jeopardise that. We believe in consumer pressure so the last thing we want is for the public to be scared of us. The upsetting thing about all this is that people are not talking about the turtles."

Viva! has 35,000 members and celebrity supporters of the turtle campaign include the actress Hayley Mills and the wildlife presenter Sanjida O'Connell.

The *Mirror* claimed the messages were sent to police stations and the stores themselves - along with a demand for millions in ransom. It claimed that detectives now believe the scare was a 'massive hoax designed to panic Tesco bosses into paying up.'

This is Money stated that last week the supermarket giant angered Britain's estate agents when it launched Tesco Property, a service that allows homeowners to sell their property online for a cut-price fee of £199. Estate agents traditionally charge between 1% and 3% commission for selling a home, which represents between £2,000 and £6,000 for a £200,000 property sale.

There is no suggestion of a link between Tesco's latest expansion drive and the security alert but Tesco's market dominance with its 270,000 workers in Britain has a growing army of critics. Tesco has a 31% share of the UK grocery market and made profits last year of £2.5bn - £4,800 a minute from its 1,988 branches and assets.

Last month police in Thailand charged British-born Alexander Winstone, 36, with extortion after he allegedly tried to blackmail Tesco executives for £2million in return for not poisoning products. His scam is not thought to be linked to Saturday's plot.

On 14th July 07 Tesco's store in Porthmadog in North Wales was blockaded and one protester was arrested for plastering posters announcing that the store was 'shut.'

On this occasion the protest was about Tesco's token use of Welsh on signs etc within their stores, Tesco's link to Adecco recruitment agency who recently banned their staff from speaking Welsh and 'Tesco's destruction of small local shops and businesses'. Around 50 protestors were involved.

The Scottish campaign group, Advocates for Animals is also presently involved in a low-level campaign against Tesco. They are visiting 16 towns and cities across Scotland over the next two weeks regarding conditions of egg-laying hens in battery farms.

Arrests and Court updates

Research - SHAC activist released from prison

UK -- The VPSG reported on 12th July 07, that Teresa 'Trish' Portwine had been recently released from prison on 'home detention curfew.'

Portwine, 48, of Dunley Drive, New Addington, Surrey, was sentenced on 6th March 07 to fifteen months along with fellow activists, Mark and Suzanne Taylor, who were sentenced to four years and two and a half years imprisonment respectively.

They had pleaded guilty to conspiracy offences under Section 145 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005. The case related to twenty five animal rights demonstrations that took place at commercial premises between July and September 05.

The *Guardian* stated that close circuit television film had shown the terror that the workers experienced during the protests, most of them by people wearing masks. They were the first to be charged under the new legislation.

Research - Operation Achilles – Jagers denies blackmail plot

UK – On 17th July 07 Suzanne Jagers, 35, of Upper Sackville Street, Skipton, appeared at Bradford Court and pleaded not guilty to a charge of blackmail. She is one of the two people charged with blackmail in Operation Achilles – the co-ordinated arrests at the beginning of May targeting criminal activity associated with animal rights extremism. Some of the 32 arrested have been charged with conspiracy to blackmail while others remain on police bail.

According to the *Bradford Telegraph & Argus* it is alleged that Jagers tried to blackmail the owner of a dog kennel business into stopping all dealings with HLS and that she made a series of demands on behalf of herself or SHAC to Brett Cassidy with menace.

Jagers is now due to stand trial on 1st November 07. She was released on bail with the condition that she resides at her home address and does not contact any employee of HLS. She is only allowed contact with other animal-rights activists via her legal representatives and is banned from participating, either in person, by e-mail or via the internet in any animal rights demonstrations in the UK or abroad.

Research - Morrison charged with blackmail offences

UK – Last week's Digest stated that the *Lichfield Mercury* reported that 34-year-old Deborah Morrison, from Dorchester, Dorset, failed to appear before Burton magistrates on 6th July to face charges concerning animal rights extremism. In her absence she was committed to appear at Stafford Crown Court on Friday 13th July. However, to date, there has been no reporting of her Court appearance.

Criminal Offences

Fur / Breeders / Foie Gras - Criminal Actions reported on Bite Back

In the past week the extremists' website *Bite Back* was again updated with several offences. None related to the Research industry.

UK -- On 9th July 07, the Hare and Hounds Inn on The Green, Fulbeck, Lincolnshire NG32 3JJ had windows and wall spray painted with animal rights graffiti in a bid to dissuade the venue from selling foie gras on their menu.

UK -- A report claimed that in the early hours of Friday 13th July 07, three vehicles at Haleys Hotel and Restaurant in Shire Oak Road, Headingley, Leeds, LS6 2DE had tyres slashed and slogans painted over them. The reason for the action was that the restaurant serves foie gras on its menu.

The communiqué also stated 'No matter what business you visit that sells foie gras, if you are a customer of that business then expect your (alleged) property to be shown contempt. There is no place in the UK or anywhere for the support of this utterly abhorrent trade.....Now is the time to move against this trade, to rid the UK of foie gras and bring it to an end.'

The action in the area follows on the heels of animal rights related charges being dropped against a 17-year-old male from Leeds. He was one of four arrested in connection with

alleged offences committed under Section 145 of the Serious Organised Crime and Police Act 2005 particularly against B & K Universal.

UK -- A report stated that on Friday 13th July 07 over 300 associates of Lagrange Capital Management had their access deleted from the Lagrange website. Those responsible claim they cracked the administrator password. The report contained a 'request' that the company sells its shares in HLS.

UK -- A report dated July 10th 07 stated that a number of partridges were released from pens in Barkston Heath, Lincolnshire and a pheasant pen was damaged.

France -- A vague report dated 9th July 07 simply claimed that a number of 'ads for fishing, fur, leather and foie gras were destroyed' in Midi-Pyrénées.

Italy -- The following actions were listed -

25th June 07 -- Damage to fences at a pheasant farm in Montecchio Emilia (RE)

25th June 07 -- 200 AR stickers placed on animal derived products in a Rome supermarket.

8th June 07 -- Signs belong to a furriers shop damaged in Scandiano.

12th May 07 -- Two windows at the Zoolandia pet shop in Reggio Emilia were broken. The Zoolandia pet store chain has been the subject of a longstanding campaign by activists who are attempting to dissuade the store from selling live animals.

Spain -- A short report claimed that activists damaged two fur stores in Spain late on 6th July 07 by gluing the locks. No better location was provided.

Sweden -- Activists claimed that on Monday 9th July 07 hens were stolen from the Aniagra farm in the South of Sweden. The activists believe that the farm houses over 145,000 hens and the fact that they stole 128 of them is being claimed by those responsible as the biggest ever 'liberation' of hens 'ever carried out in Sweden.' They also claimed that 'nearby buildings were investigated and two vehicles had superglue applied to locks.'

The report ended -- 'The egg industry is a mockery to the animal welfare laws and a heavy insult to animal rights. Djurens Befrielsefront (ALF) will never sit still and watch when animals are humiliated in the most disgusting ways. The resistance has begun, the limits are passed.'

Animal Rights Campaigns

Research -- Suspicious phone caller

UK -- On 18th July 07 a telephone caller giving the details of 'Brian Knight from NICE' contacted a UK pharmaceutical and asked for personal details relating to the company and employees. When challenged he said that because the company was a member of the MHRA they were obliged to supply the details requested. When challenged further the bogus caller hung up.

Research -- Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- Six protestors were involved in the anticipated demonstration at HLS in Huntingdon on Friday 13th July 07-- there were no incidents. The Company's premises in Eye, Suffolk was free from protest.

Research - HLS - secondary targeting

UK -- On Friday 13th July 07, SHAC supporters again staged demonstrations at a number of companies in the City of London - between 10 / 12 mainly middle-aged activists were involved. The group, using megaphones and displaying banners and placards in front of the building entrances, made their first demonstration outside Deutsche Bank's main London office at 75 London Wall EC2N 2DB.

Protest continued at the Robeco offices at Thames Court, 1 Queenhithe, London, EC4V 3RL which are shared with the parent company, Rabobank and finally at the offices of NYSE/Euronext at Cannon Bridge House, Cousin Lane. London EC4R 3XX.

UK -- Five or six activists, in their late teens to mid-20s were involved in a days protest at four locations on 12th July 07. The group used megaphones, where allowed, and displayed anti-HLS banners and placards. Their day of action was posted on the SHAC website. The four locations visited in the order of protest was as follows --

Abbott Diabetes Care Ltd, Windrush Trading Estate, Range Road, Witney Oxon OX29 OYL
Sanofi-Aventis, Mallards Reach, Bridge Avenue, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 1QP
Sanofi-Aventis in Guildford, Surrey GU14YS
Abbott, Vanwall Business Park, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4UD

Holland / Belgium -- During Thursday 12th July 07 around a dozen aggressive SHAC supporters targeted three companies. The group displayed banners and posters, shouted and confronted employees driving in and out of the premises.

Companies targeted were GSK, in Huis ter Heideweg 62, Zeist, Sandoz in Veluwezoom Almere and Novartis in Raapopseweg , Arnhem.

It seems from the account of their day's actions they were surprised to be able to use megaphones at the Novartis premises where they had not been previously allowed.

The following day the same group stated that they would be holding just the one protest from 3pm to 7pm at GSK's premises in Rixensart, Belgium.

Switzerland -- During the afternoon of Friday 13th July 07, around a dozen protestors supporting the SHAC campaign held their first protest at Novartis in Locarno, Switzerland. They used megaphones and displayed placards and banners at the gates of the premises.

Sweden -- There was evidence of increased support for the SHAC campaign in Sweden when for the second week running a demonstration was held against a company the activists link to HLS. On this occasion an announced protest was held on Tuesday 17th July 07 by nearly 20 activists at the Wyeth facility in Solna on the outskirts of Stockholm. Banner and placard protest took place outside the premises. There were no incidents.

Research - National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- The usual low-key demonstration took place at the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in Mill Hill on Wednesday evening 11th July 07. There were no problems caused by the small group of regular demonstrators.

Research - SPEAK Campaign against Oxford University

UK -- On Wednesday 11th July 07, around a dozen SPEAK supporters gathered at the exclusion zone on South Parks Road. They say they held their peaceful demonstration in tribute to the animal rights activist Neil Lea who had died the previous day.

A minutes' silence was observed at the start of the demonstration to reflect Lea's contribution to the animal rights movement.

UK -- On Thursday 12th July 07 SPEAK protesters held their weekly demonstration in South Parks Road, Oxford. Around eighteen activists were again involved during the protest which took place from 1pm to 5pm. There were no incidents.

UK -- SPEAK organisers appealed to supporters to hold a noon protest on Tuesday 17th July 07 at the edge of the exclusion zone in South Parks Road and the Oxford ring road. It was expected the appeal would attract no more than ten to fifteen supporters.

Research - Sequani

UK -- On 10th July 07 four members of the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) protest group held a relatively low-key protest at the Sequani premises in Ledbury, Herefordshire.

Research - Wickham Laboratories

UK -- It is now five weeks since any incidents have occurred outside Wickham Laboratories in Hampshire or the linked Torbay Farm. As in the case of the Covance and Harlan protests, incidents against Wickham will now only be included in the Digest as and when they happen rather than being part of the weekly report.

Fur - Protests in London, Liverpool and Italy

UK -- On 14th July 07 London anti-fur protestors held their usual Saturday afternoon protest outside Harrods in Knightsbridge. Various protestors were joining and leaving the demonstration throughout the day but it is estimated that around 25 were involved. There were no reported incidents during the relatively peaceful action.

In Liverpool the weekly anti-fur protest took place outside Cricket in Cavern Walks, Mathew Street L2 6RE. Organisers appealed for greater support but protest remained minimal.

Germany -- Last week's Digest reported on two anti-fur protests in Germany on 7th July 07. Updated information reveals that the demonstration which took place at the Schmidt fur shop in Hamburg is in fact a regular fortnightly protest which attracts around five protestors. On 7th, spirits were dampened by heavy rain and the group dispersed after an hour.

In Munich the more general anti-fur protest which was held in the Odeonsplatz attracted 70 people. The police were in attendance and the event passed by without damage or arrest.

Germany -- On Saturday 14th July 07 animal rights / welfare supporters gathered on the Marienplatz in Munich, under the motto "Viva vegan in Munich" in order to celebrate their 17th animal right day. Peaceful actions were expected - a local focal point is the animal trial at the clinic Großhadern. A full report will be provided in next week's Digest.

Foie Gras - Actions in Gloucester, Hampshire and UK in general

UK -- The continued actions of the Southern Animal Rights Coalition (SARC) have led to the Solent Hotel & Spa in Whitely removing foie gras from their menus. They say they have replaced it with a free range alternative, which does not involve force feeding.

UK -- After four demonstrations from members of Gloucestershire Animal Action the Lumiere restaurant in Cheltenham has removed foie gras from its menu

UK -- Gloucestershire Animal Action have continued their campaign against Cheltenham restaurants selling foie gras.

During the evening of 12th July 07 the handful of protestors, including Chris (piw Dowding) described as a 23-year-old activist from Cheltenham, targeted the Queen's Hotel and Monty's restaurant in St George's Road and Scena Bistro.

According to *This is Gloucestershire* police attended following a complaint of customer intimidation.

The same group reported that after six days of protesting at the Queens Hotel they no longer sell foie gras.

UK – On 13th July 07 as a result of protests from SARC supporters the 07 management of 36 on the Quay in Emsworth agreed to replace foie gras on their menu with an alternative

UK – After continued actions from Bath and Bristol activists outside Le Petit Cochon restaurant in Margaret Building, Bath, on 12th July 07 the restaurant dropped foie gras from its menu.

UK -- The *Independent* reported that cash and carry chain Makro has become the latest retailer to call a halt to sales of foie gras after protests from animal rights campaigners in particular Viva!

Last month, House of Fraser department stores joined Sainsbury, Tesco and Marks & Spencer in banning the product.

Production of foie gras is banned in the UK and several other countries including Germany, Poland and Norway. However, its sale is allowed in the UK under EU rules. In the USA, the state of California and Chicago have banned its sale.

According to Viva more than 4,000 tons of foie gras is imported into the UK annually. Only a few retailers, such as Fortnum & Mason and Harrods, sell it but the paté is still served at many restaurants.

UK -- Following the production last week of a list of the known restaurants in the UK who provide it on their menu, activists have now circulated an email which has collected all the emails of the respective companies into one document. It is divided into four regions and supporters are asked to send respectful email letters en bloc.

Canada -- During last week a number of animal rights groups reported on a three month undercover investigation of Canada's largest foie gras producer, Elevages Perigord

Factory Farming - PETA protest against Wool Industry

New Zealand -- At lunchtime on Thursday 12th July 07 PETA supporters held an anti-mulesing protest outside the Australian Consulate-General in Quay Street, Auckland According to *Scoop*, PETA spokesperson Lana Went was demanding that Australia follow New Zealand's lead and choose compassionate alternatives to cruel mutilations.

Pets / Retail - Pet shop protest in Surrey

UK -- Members of South East Animal Rights (SEAR) said they would be holding another of their protests against Petsville situated on the High Street in Sutton, Surrey on Saturday 14th July.

Protest from the small group of supporters was expected to consist of placard and leaflet protest. The group supports national protests on occasions but the Petsville protests appear to be the only form of local action taken by the group at present.

Environmental

Arrest and Court updates

Oil - Convictions and protest at Rosspport

Ireland -- The four year Shell to Sea campaign was involved in further protest at Shell's proposed onshore gas refinery Rosspport site in County Mayo, Ireland.

Protest followed the jailing of three local fishermen found guilty of assaulting Gardai (Police) during a Shell to Sea picket last year. On Wednesday 11th July, Pat O'Donnell and Enda Carey were sentenced to three months in prison, Jonathan O'Donnell, four months. All also received a 500 Euro (£330) fine.

The following morning the daily picket attracted a 'solidarity' demonstration with road blockades and a short incursion onto the site.

War / Armament - No further action against EDO activists

UK -- An article on *Indymedia* from Andrew Beckett and Sarah Johnson of the four-year-old Smash EDO campaign claimed that Sussex police have dropped prosecutions against Dan Glass, head of Sussex University Students' Union, and Marcus Wise. Both are anti-arms trade activists involved in protests against Brighton arms manufacturers EDO MBM.

Both were arrested, on two separate occasions, under Section 5 of the 1986 Public Order Act (for using language or behaviour intended to cause harassment alarm or distress). The arrests were made in connection with regular demonstrations outside the factory. The prosecution of Marcus Wise had already resulted in two day in court in preparation for trial.

Campaign updates

Climate Change - Greenpeace targets Woolworths

UK -- On 14th July 07 Greenpeace held organised protests at several Woolworths outlets in protest at the sale of 'environmentally unfriendly light bulbs.' They accused the company of refusing to 'end the sale of incandescent light bulbs or to promote properly efficient alternatives' and said that according to their won league table Woolworths had come 'last of all major retailers in the UK in terms of commitments made to phase out the bulbs.'

Edinburgh's West End store was one of those targeted where campaigners chained themselves to the front door and *Wales on Sunday* reported that eight members of the 'Greenpeace Light Brigade' filled aisles in the Canton, Cardiff branch with environmentally friendly light bulbs and again locked themselves to the store entrance.

The spokesperson for the group was Joss Garman, from Radnorshire who was mentioned in last week's Digest in relation to him co-founding Plane Stupid.

The *Manchester Evening News* reported on events at the Manchester premises. It stated that Greenpeace protesters went into the store, gathered up the less energy efficient bulbs, put

them inside two shopping trolleys, then chained the trolleys and themselves to a trampoline. Fellow campaigners then went around the store offering people energy efficient bulbs for free.

Campaigner Emily Armistead said: "At first staff were bemused, then they called police and two campaigners were given fixed penalty notices for public order and criminal damage.

Climate Change - Greenpeace protestors served with trespass notices

New Zealand -- Trespass notices issued to Greenpeace protestors trespass notices were served on nine Greenpeace activists warning them to stay out of Genesis Energy's Huntly Power Station and its coal supply systems. This followed a security review after an incident in February when the nine people illegally entered the Huntly Power Station and climbed to the top of a 150m chimney and the coal conveyor. Wind at the top of the chimney, although not apparent at ground level, caused an injury to one of the Greenpeace climbers and forced them to abort their attempts to unfurl a banner.

War / Armament - Policing costs of anti-war protester revealed

UK -- Ant-War protester Brian Haw has cost police £111,000 in efforts to scale down his encampment outside Parliament, according to new figures published by Scotland Yard. According to the details provided in the *Epping Forest Guardian* up to 428 officer shifts were used in the May 23, 2006 operation to move Woodford Green-born Mr Haw, 57, back from the space he has occupied in Westminster for six years.

Mr Haw won a legal battle to remain in Parliament Square providing he scaled down his 40m banner display to just 3m. He was not surprised by the latest figures but claims the true cost of attempts to silence him are in fact much higher. He said: "Actually they've spent millions of pounds if you include all the High Court actions and everything."

News Reports - not included above

17th July 2007

EU paves way for GM potato

EU -- The European Commission is set to approve the cultivation of a genetically modified variety of potato, following a stalemate among EU member states. Brussels argues the product is safe despite some NGOs claiming the opposite. The opinion of the European Food Safety Authority stated the GM potato is safe for cultivation. The product is intended for use in industrial processes, such as making paper. But its producer also called for the approval to use it in food and animal feed. Environment groups such as Greenpeace and Friends of the Earth oppose the move. Helen Holder was Friends of the Earth's spokesperson. (Source -- EU Observer)

Japan admits quake caused malfunctions at nuclear plant

Japan -- Nuclear power officials in Japan today admitted that the world's largest nuclear power plant had suffered at least 50 malfunctions including burst pipes, water leaks and radioactive waste spillage, when it was hit by yesterday's earthquake. Officials were investigating possible radioactive leaks from the plant after reports that several drums carrying low-level nuclear waste had tipped over and lost their lids during the earthquake, which measured 6.8 on the Richter scale, in northern Japan. Officials said the amount of radiation involved was well below safety standards and posed no threat to the environment. (Source - Guardian Unlimited)

Poland to resume controversial road construction on August 1

Poland -- Polish authorities announced that work would resume on August 1 on a bitterly contested highway through a swathe of virgin forest in the north east of the country. The

project in the Rospuda Valley, near the border with Lithuania, will restart again after being suspended in March because of the bird-nesting season, Lukasz Dybkowski, spokesman for the national roads office, told Agence France-Presse. (Source – ABC Money)

Man jailed over terror blueprints

UK -- A British man who was found with blueprints for a rocket in his luggage at Luton Airport has been jailed for three-and-a-half years. Yassin Nassari, 28, from Ealing, west London, was earlier found guilty at the Old Bailey of possessing documents likely to be useful to a terrorist. His Dutch wife, Bouchra El Hor, 24, was cleared of failing to disclose information about terrorism. They were returning from trips to Syria and Holland. Nassari, a teacher, businessman and student of Arabic, was found not guilty of the more serious offence of possessing articles for terrorist purposes. (Source – BBC)

16th July 2007

Christian Aid told to 'cut the crap'

UK -- As Christian Aid (CA) launches a series of 'Cut the Carbon' rallies this weekend Animal Aid highlight the hypocrisy in the group's methods. Christian Aid's 'Cut the Carbon' rallies have been billed as alerting the public to the devastating impact of climate change on people in the poorest parts of the world. The charity will point out that industrialised nations are responsible for some 80% of greenhouse gas emissions. Animal Aid will be at each of the rallies, highlighting CA's own negative role on this issue. Supporters will be leafleting marchers and carrying banners reading 'Cut the Crap'. (Source – Animal Aid)

15th July 2007

Speaker orders criminal action against Greenpeace

India -- Orissa Assembly Speaker Maheswar Mohanty on Friday directed the government to take criminal action against Greenpeace, an NGO working on environment issues, for alleged tampering with a research study on the assessment of Dhamra estuary. (Source – NewIndPress)

Pamplona's running of the Bulls Wounds 25

Spain -- The running of the bulls in Pamplona, Spain has long been a test of bravery and daring for people, especially young men. The nine-day festival features a bull run every morning. The animals later take part in bull fighting events on the same evening. This year's festival left 25 people injured, three of them on the final run of the year, reports The Khaleej Times. (Source - The Celebrity Cafe)

14th July 2007

Wilderness areas under threat from property investors – arrests in protests

Bulgaria -- Bulgaria's wilderness areas, among the largest in Europe, are threatened by property investors who use legal loopholes to contest the territories' protected status to build holiday flats. Last week, Bulgaria's Supreme Administrative Court stripped the protected status from the country's largest nature area, Strandzha, which spreads over 116,100 hectares (286,890 acres) in the southeast of the country. 500 protestors demonstrated in Sofia last week to protest the court's decision. On Monday, 35 demonstrators were arrested. Interior Minister Rumen Petkov said he would be "uncompromising" in dealing with such unauthorized gatherings. (Source – EU Observer)

13th July 2007

ETA plot to blow up UK ferry foiled

Spain / UK -- Authorities in Spain say they have scuppered a plot by a suspected member of ETA to blow up a ferry carrying thousands of British tourists. Aritz Arginzoniz Zubiarre, believed to be a member of the Basque separatist group, was detained at a bus station in the Spanish port of Santander. Newspaper El Pais's website said the suspect had details of at least two potential targets at the time of his arrest. One was the ferry linking Santander with Portsmouth and another was a court in Santander. Newspaper El Mundo said Arginzoniz Zubiarre may have been planning suspected attacks with his girlfriend, named as Saioa Sanchez Iturregi. (Source – Ananova)

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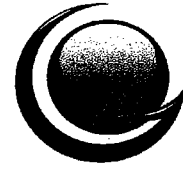
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Summary

Traditionally, protest and criminal incidents have been low during the Festive period. There is no intelligence to suggest any change in that level this year, nevertheless, low-level criminal actions cannot be discounted and companies are reminded of the need for continued vigilance during the holiday period.

So far, the only Christmas Day demonstrations to be announced are at Covance in Harrogate and Oxford University. Both are expected to be more in the form of a social gathering. During the Christmas period, this type of event, although unannounced, may be mirrored at the other regular protest locations of Sequani, Wickham and Harlan.

Anti-fur protestors, both in the UK and Europe, will once again be busy during the Christmas and New Year period, with protest taking place on numerous days over the festive period.

In the last week before Christmas, supporters of the Coalition Anti Vivisection (CAV) and the Collectif Libération Animale (CLAM) will be in Paris on 18 December to hold an announced protest at the offices of Sanofi-Aventis on the rue du Pilory. Two days later, Saturday 20, a large animal rights protest, organised by Respect voor Dieren, is due to take place in Zaandam. The organisers claim they are expecting around 300 demonstrators. The march will be through the streets of the town and any premises with references to fur, animals in circuses and shops where animals are sold, will be the subject of protest.

SHAC in the Netherlands are carrying out their promise of holding a monthly protest at Euronext on the Beursplein in Amsterdam. It takes place on Monday 22 December. The same group will be engaged in protest in the Netherlands on Monday 29 December when token demonstrations will provide an opportunity for the activists, who have supported SHAC / Stop Dierproeven campaign throughout the year, to gather together over the Christmas period – and to prove their dedication to the cause. Their announced protests will be at Novartis Pharma in Arnhem, Schering-Plough in Utrecht, Astellas in Leiderdorp, Sanofi-Aventis in Gouda, AstraZeneca in Zoetermeer and Bayer in Mijdrecht.

One date of protest which has not been fully resolved is on Monday 29 December where the Events Diary page on the SHAC website appeals for protestors to 'organise a demo in your Country' 08. It provides a link to all its targeted companies. It is considered that such a wide-ranging request is unlikely to attract any form of unusual or unexpected protest.

On 10 December, the eleventh International Animal Rights Day took place to 'remember animals in laboratories'. In the main, peaceful demonstrations, candle-lit vigils and information stalls were held in many towns and cities in the UK and in Europe. The date is now established as one of the main events in the latter months of the animal rights calendar. There was, however, evidence this year that the increased popularity of the date may attract more extreme actions in the following years.

In Europe, Stop Dierproeven activists held another series of protests in Belgium on Friday 12 December. On this occasion the targeted premises were the University of Liege, the Nepalese Embassy in Brussels and the Catholic University of Leuven. All will remain as main targets for the group at the beginning of 2009.

The jury has retired to consider its verdict in the trial of the five SHAC activists accused of a campaign of blackmail. They are accused of using threats, including criminal damage and hoax bombs, against firms with links to HLS in Cambridge. The five accused all deny conspiracy to blackmail. Should they be found guilty they will not be sentenced until the New Year, after which the second part of the trial will commence.



Future Events

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2008 to SUNDAY 11 JANUARY 2009

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

Research – Protest at Sanofi in Paris

France -- Supporters of the Coalition Anti Vivisection (CAV) and the Collectif Libération Animale (CLAM) (Animal Liberation Collective) say that on Thursday 18 December 08 they will be meeting at 3pm at Géant Casino de l'avenue de Lodève in Paris in order to hold a protest at the nearby Sanofi premises. Protest commences at 3.30pm and may continue until 6.00pm.

Dominique Joron from CLAM would appear to be one of the main organisers of the protest. He states that the first part of the protest will be at the entrance of rue du Pilory near the offices of Sanofi. The second part will be at the entrance where the employees emerge.

Initially, it was thought that a relatively peaceful placard and banner protest would be expected but the desire to protest at the point where the employees are leaving the premises might lead to greater problems.

It is believed that the police will be present which should ensure that any problems that do occur will be swiftly dealt with.

Research – Possible SHAC protest in London

UK -- On most weeks over the past several months SHAC has held a protest in London on a Thursday or Friday. If protest does take place it is expected that once again the financial institutions, which the activists link to HLS, will be the likely targets. There is no evidence to suggest any substantial changes or increase in the level of protest, although it is noted that the ten protestors at last week's demonstration were using three megaphones.

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford

UK -- SPEAK activists continue to hold weekly Thursday demonstrations in a designated zone opposite the Biomedical Sciences Building in South Parks Road, Oxford between 1pm and 5pm – the time allowed by the University's injunction. Over twenty protestors have attended the recent weekly demonstrations, which are still monitored by the police and the University's security staff.

The campaigners occasionally hold one or more smaller demonstrations and information stalls in Oxford during the course of each week.

Now that the Biomedical Sciences Building has been built, protest action centres on the use of animals in scientific research at the University. They are also making efforts to discourage tourists visiting the City.

Research – Support for Gateway to Hell Campaign in Frankfurt

Germany -- The Tierrechtsinitiative Rheine-Main animal rights group recently held their first protest in support of the Gateway to Hell campaign. A group of five protestors held a peaceful banner protest outside the Nepalese Consulate in Frankfurt.



Despite having what seemed a constructive dialogue with the staff at the Consulate the group says it will continue with its protests and another one is now scheduled for Thursday 18 December 08.

No problems are expected from the group at this stage.

Fur – Fur protests in UK targeting Harrods

UK -- Anti-fur activists have noted that the Welsh opera singer Katherine Jenkins will be opening the Winter Sale at Harrods at 9am on Saturday 27 December 08.

Not only will they protest as she tours around Knightsbridge in a horse-drawn carriage before, and at the event, they are also appealing for protests in the next two weeks, at the venues where Katherine Jenkins will be performing.

The locations and dates for the remainder of December are as follows –

18 - Manchester MEN Arena; Sat 20 - Harrogate International Centre; Mon 22 - Cardiff Arena

Any substantial support on the respective dates may lead to more anti-fur protests in the areas mentioned.

It is likely that the London anti-fur protestors will have sufficient support to hold a daily protest in the Capital at locations linked to their anti-fur campaign.

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshire

UK -- Friday protest may take place at Novartis' Ciba Vision at Hedge End in Hampshire from two or three young activists. Two months ago animal rights-related damage was caused at the home of a member of staff. Following the incident no protests were made for a number of weeks but demonstrators returned last week to make a low-key protest.

Research – Animal Rights trial in Lincoln

UK -- On Wednesday 22 October 08 Luke Steel, Dean Cane, Victoria Waterhouse-Taylor and Thomas Clarke appeared in custody at Lincoln Magistrates Court having been charged with animal rights related offences and criminal damage.

Waterhouse-Taylor and Clarke were successful in their bail applications but Steel and Cain were kept in custody and returned to HMP Lincoln where they will remain until 19 December 08 when they will return to Court for a trial. Waterhouse-Taylor and Clarke were released with stringent bail conditions.

The charges against Steele include 'interfering with a contractual relationship so as to harm an animal research organisation, conspiracy to interfere with a contractual relationship so as to harm an animal research organisation, and conspiracy to commit criminal damage.'

Research – Protest at Allergan AG in Pfäffikon

Switzerland -- From 3pm to 5pm on Friday 19 December 08 Swiss activists will be holding a protest / vigil outside Allergan AG, Churerstrasse 135, CH - 8808 Pfäffikon (Freienbach).

The organisers say the protest is against animal testing, in particular experimentation in connection with Botox. Protest will be 'on the pavement in front of the building' which is situated just fifteen minutes from the local station.



A relatively peaceful protest is expected for the announced action.

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

UK -- Generally, no more than five demonstrators are involved in the weekly protest at HLS in Woolley near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. The local group of protestors have indicated that they will be holding their protest on Friday this week. The demonstration will be carried out within the boundaries allowed by the Company's injunction. No actions have been noted for the Company's premises in Occold, Suffolk.

Foie Gras - Regular protests in London

UK -- London Animal Rights continues to appeal for support for foie gras demonstrations in London on Friday evenings between 6pm and 8pm at Central London restaurants. It is believed the group have turned their attention to Bonds Restaurant in Threadneedle Street which is close to Bank Tube Station.

Animal Rights - Animal Friends Croatia

Croatia -- Animal Friends Croatia (AFC) remains the busiest and well supported animal rights / welfare group in Croatia. It also runs a well research website and holds regular information stalls throughout the Country. At the end of the year the stalls are as follows --

19 Dec - Zagreb from 4pm in King Tomislav Square

20 -- 24 and 27 Dec - Zagreb from 10am to 2pm in Petar Preradovic Square

20 and 27 Dec - Split near shopping centre Zara from 10am to 2pm

The group says it will be holding a major anti-fur protest on 28 February 09 in Zagreb. The meeting point for the gathering will be at 11am in King Tomislav Square.

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

Animal Rights -- Respect voor Dieren protest in Zaandam

Belgium -- On Saturday 20 December 08 an animal rights protest, organised by Respect voor Dieren, is due to take place in Zaandam. Those attending are meeting at 13:00 in an area behind the central station in the town. Transport has been arranged from Groningen, Zwolle, Emmen, Antwerp, Maastricht, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Utrecht and Amsterdam.

Sara Blok, one of the organisers claims they are expecting around 300 demonstrators. The march will be through the streets of the town and any premises with references to fur, animals in circuses and shops where animals are sold, will be the subject of protest.

The group have already placed large banners around the local railway station and there has been extensive advertising for the event.

Research -- SPEAK vigil in Oxford

UK -- On Saturday 20 December 08 SPEAK supporters will be holding a 'vigil to remember the animals' at the Martyrs Memorial, Oxford. They are gathering at 3.30pm and those attending are asked to wear black and bring candles.

Research -- CAV information stalls in Belgium

Belgium -- The Coalition Anti Vivisection (CAV) has announced that for the next few weeks it will be holding information stalls every Saturday in different towns in Belgium. No times and exact locations have been issued as yet. The details available at present are as follows -



Saturday 20 and 27 December – Antwerp; Saturday 03 January – Ghent; Saturday 10 January - Louvain and Saturday 17 January - Hasselt

Fur – Protests in the UK

UK -- The weekly Saturday protest outside Harrods commences around 11am and continues until around 5pm. In the weeks over Christmas it is likely that anti-fur protestors, especially in London, will engage in additional demonstrations at targeted premises. They will see the busier streets as an ideal opportunity to get their message across to more people and to cause more problems for the Companies concerned.

UK -- The Edinburgh Fur Free City (EFFC) group holds an anti-fur protest in Edinburgh every Saturday. They commence at 11am with an information stall outside the East Register House before moving to the Registry House on Princes Street.

Fur – Protests from NARN in Dublin

Ireland – On Saturday 20 December 08, CAFT / NARN activists will again be involved in anti-fur protests in the centre of Dublin. The times and locations for the demonstrations are listed as follows -

12.30pm - 1.30pm, Rohu Furs at 2 Castle Market
1.30pm - 2.30pm, Sydney Vard Furriers at 29 South Anne Street
2.30pm - 3.30pm, Barnardo Furs at 108 Grafton Street

It is expected that on the day the protests will remain firmly fixed on the fur industry. NARN may also be assisted by supporters of ALib and ARAN, who have also protested at the premises.

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UK

UK -- On Saturday 20 December 08 supporters of Greyhound Action South West London will be holding a protest outside Wimbledon greyhound racetrack. Leafleting takes place on Saturday evenings from 10.15pm until about 11.30pm. Weekly Saturday protests also often takes place from 6.15pm until about 8pm.

UK -- Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) continues to hold a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK.

The protestors are also aware that in the weeks before Christmas there will be extra meetings on Friday evenings at the racetrack. The group says that they will therefore be protesting on those evenings from 6.30pm to 7.30pm - December 12 and 19.

SUNDAY 21 DECEMBER

Fur – Protest in London

UK -- Anti-fur activists hold a regular Sunday protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Protest takes place between noon and 4pm outside the shop. The activists claim the shop 'carries all manner of animal fur.' The group say there will be a 'protest outside this store every week until they go fur free.'

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex

UK -- Protest takes place every Sunday at the Brighton Sealife Centre situated near to the Pier and is staged between 1pm and 3pm in order to "bring to the public's attention to the



'unacceptable conditions' which exist for the animals kept in the Centre." There have been no reports of any incidents arising from this year's protests.

MONDAY 22 DECEMBER

Research – SHAC protest in Amsterdam

Netherlands -- SHAC in the Netherlands are carrying out their promise of holding a monthly protest at Euronext on the Beursplein in Amsterdam.

They say their next demonstration will take place on Monday 22 December 08 from 17.00 to 18.30. Recent actions have not attracted more than protestors who have stood opposite the premises and displayed banners and placards.

Protest on this date is expected to follow a similar pattern and is unlikely to cause any undue problems.

TUESDAY 23 DECEMBER

Research - SHAC protests in the South

UK -- The SHAC website reports that every Tuesday there will be a protest 'in the South'. The protests generally cover the counties of Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and between two and six protests can be made during the day.

It appears that there are only four or five young activists in the region who are willing to engage in protest at targeted premises. Nevertheless, on many occasions, protests from those involved achieve their goal of temporarily disrupting the workplace.

In the past month protest actions have taken place in the areas of Basingstoke, Bracknell, Maidenhead, Uxbridge and Winchester

Research - Weekly demonstration at Novartis in Sussex

UK – Four or five local SHAC supporters hold a weekly protest outside Novartis in Horsham, Sussex. Protest is held on a Tuesday or a Wednesday. The group display banners and placards in a designated the premises and out of sight of the employees. Their actions are restricted by the Company's injunction.

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

UK – The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late Wednesday afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. At present, only a handful of regular protestors are involved in relatively low-level action which does not require the presence of the police.

Research - Possible Christmas Eve protests

UK – As yet, there are no announced protests for Christmas Eve. The companies who receive regular protests during the year, especially Harlan, HLS and Sequani are all aware of the slight possibility of a token gathering at the gates of their respective premises and have the appropriate responses in place.



CHRISTMAS DAY

Research - SPEAK's Christmas Day protests in Oxford

UK -- The 'dedicated' activists involved in the SPEAK campaign say that they will be gathering for a Christmas Day protest. Organisers say that the usual Thursday demonstration will not take place outside the Biomedical Sciences Building; instead they will be meeting from 11am opposite the Chemistry Laboratory on South Parks Road, Oxford.

It is their intention between noon and 12.30pm to move to a second destination on the ring road. The group have previously held demonstrations near to roundabouts on the busy ring road where they have displayed an array of banners and placards. Similar protest is expected on this occasion.

Research – Possible Christmas Day protest at Covance in Harrogate

UK -- It has been a tradition with the activists involved in the campaign against Covance to hold a Christmas Day demonstration at the gates of Covance in Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Divisions in the Campaign during 2006 resulted in the group failing to organise any form of sustained protest in 2007 and apart from one or two isolated actions by one or two established protestors no form of protest action has taken place against the Company during 2008.

Once again Christmas Day protest at the premises is advertised on animal rights calendars. The announced protest commences at 11am when 'refreshments will be available.'

If any form of action takes place, the event is expected to attract no more than ten protestors who will merely hold a low-key gathering which will be confined to Covance.

BOXING DAY

Hunting - Boxing Day Anti-Hunt Action

UK -- Boxing Day and New Years Day are the two biggest days in the hunting calendar and both draw attention from members of the Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA), Hunt Watch and the League against Cruel Sports (LACS). It is now almost four years since a ban on hunting but efforts are still made to disrupt some of the Hunts taking place and the animosity remains between the two parties. Protest on the day is only expected to be taken against the hunting fraternity.

SATURDAY 27 DECEMBER

Fur – Protests in the UK and Irelandplease see 20 December

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UKas above

SUNDAY 28 DECEMBER

Fur – Protest in London please see 21 December

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex ...as above

MONDAY 29 DECEMBER



Research – General appeal from SHAC for protest

UK -- The Events Diary page on the SHAC website appeals for protestors to 'organise a demo in your Country' on Monday 29 December 08. It provides a link to all its targeted companies. Such a wide-ranging request is unlikely to attract any form of unusual or unexpected protest.

However, the Vegan Prisoner Support Group (VPSG) reports that Natasha Avery's birthday is on 28 December - support actions may take place to show solidarity with her continued detention at HMP Bronzefield.

Natasha Avery pleaded guilty, along with Greg Avery and Dan Amos to a charge of 'conspiracy to blackmail' at Winchester Crown Court on 30 July 08 but will not be sentenced until the end of the first of two major trials arising from Operation Achilles – the police investigation into AR extremism which led to the arrest of over thirty activists on 1st May 07.

The trial, which began at the start of October 08, has been held at Winchester Crown Court. The five accused are the SHAC extremists, Heather Nicholson, Trevor Holmes, Gerrah Selby, Daniel Wadham and Gavin Medd-Hall. They all deny the charge of conspiracy to blackmail. They are presently awaiting the jury's decision.

The offence carries a full tariff of 14 years but the guilty plea carries a discount of one third off. It is likely that Mr and Mrs Avery and Amos will receive substantial sentences but, in the same way that protests and criminal actions are committed in the name of the deceased extremist Barry Horne around his anniversary date, Natasha Avery and her co-accused may become 'martyrs for the cause' and solidarity actions may be taken around their respective anniversary dates.

The situation is being monitored and any developments will be reported upon accordingly.

Research – Protest actions in Netherlands in support of SHAC Campaign

Netherlands -- SHAC in the Netherlands ends 2008 with a series of announced protests on Monday 29 December against companies they claim 'have recently given orders to HLS.'

The token demonstrations will provide an opportunity for the activists, who have supported SHAC / Stop Dierproeven campaign throughout the year, to gather together over the Christmas period – and to prove their dedication to the cause.

Protest is expected to have limited impact as many of the employees will be on holiday.

The times and locations for protest are as follows -

08.00 - 09.00 at Novartis Pharma, Raapopseweg 1, Arnhem
10.15 - 11.15 at Schering-Plough B.V., Maarssenbroeksedijk 4, Utrecht
12.00 - 13.00 at Sanofi-Aventis, Kampenringweg 45 gebouw D-E, 2803PE Gouda
13.30 - 14.30 at AstraZeneca at Louis Pasteurlaan 5, Zoetermeer
15.00 - 16.00 at Astellas, Elisabethhof 1, Leiderdorp
17.00 - 18.00 at Bayer, Energieweg 1, Mijdrecht

Research – Monthly protests in Sweden in support of SHAC campaign

Sweden -- The future events calendar for the Swedish animal rights group, Djurrattsalliansen, stated that on the last Monday of every month they hold protests in support of the SHAC Campaign. Protest took place on Monday 24 November 08 in Stockholm when a relatively short protest by around five demonstrators took place. Similar protest may take place on Monday 29 December 08.



TUESDAY 30 DECEMBER

Research - SHAC protests in the South please see 23 December

Research - Weekly demonstration at Novartis in Sussex as above

WEDNESDAY 31 DECEMBER

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London please see 24 December

THURSDAY 01 JANUARY 2009

Research - SPEAK New Year protest in Oxford

UK – SPEAK's weekly Thursday protest falls on New Year's Day 2009. Organisers say they will be in attendance for a Bank Holiday protest in the designated zone opposite the Biomedical Sciences Building in South Parks Road, Oxford between 1pm and 5pm as usual.

Over twenty protestors are expected to attend but regardless of numbers, the event will still be monitored by the police and the University's security staff.

Smaller demonstrations and information stalls in Oxford can also be expected throughout the course of the week. Protest action centres on the use of animals in scientific research at the University and in making efforts to discourage tourists visiting the City.

The academic year for 2009 starts on 18 January at Oxford University and it is expected that SPEAK supporters will want to make an early impression. The weekly protest on Thursday 22 January is therefore likely to be well attended.

FRIDAY 02 JANUARY

Research – Possible SHAC protest in London please see 18 December

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshire please see 19 December

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire as above

Foie Gras - Regular protests in London as above

SATURDAY 03 JANUARY

Live Exports - Kent against Live Exports monthly protest at Dover Docks

UK -- Kent against Live Exports (KALE) says it holds a demonstration on the first Saturday of each month between noon and 3pm by Athol Terrace at the Eastern Docks Roundabout, Dover. Protest is also supported by Compassion in World Farming (CIWF). The next protest is due to take place on Saturday 3 January 09.

The group are one of the few involved in regular concerns on live exports issues. They are known to monitor heavy goods vehicles using the main roads in Kent and driving to the Port of Dover. KALE activists record the nationality of vehicles being used, details of their registration numbers, company names, vehicle colours, identifying features as well as the times and dates of the sightings.

Fur – Protests in the UK and Irelandplease see 20 December



Greyhound Racing – Protests in UKas above

SUNDAY 04 JANUARY

Fur – Protest in London please see 21 December

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex ...as above

TUESDAY 06 JANUARY

Research - SHAC protests in the South please see 23 December

Research - Weekly demonstration at Novartis in Sussex as above

WEDNESDAY 07 JANUARY

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London please see 24 December

THURSDAY 08 JANUARY

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford please see 17 December

FRIDAY 09 JANUARY

Research – Possible SHAC protest in London please see 18 December

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshire please see 19 December

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire as above

Foie Gras - Regular protests in London as above

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY

Fur – Protests in the UK and Irelandplease see 20 December

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UKas above

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

Fur – Protest in London please see 21 December

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex ...as above

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

Climate Change - Heathrow to be subjected to 'Climate Rush' protest

UK -- Earth First are advertising their intention to carry out a 'Climate Rush' on Monday 12 January 09. They say at 7pm that date the Climate Rush will 'hit' Heathrow. Activists are being asked to arrive in Edwardian dress (under a big coat) with hampers of food and intend to have their 'Dinner at Domestic Departures -Terminal One.'

The group say this will be an action against the 'construction of the third runway and the unsustainable use of short-haul, national flights.' It will take place on the day that the MPs return from their winter holiday. It is unlikely that their actions will cause delays to flights but in view of recent events at Stansted it cannot be entirely discounted.

The group say this will be "the first peaceful sit-in of the environmental movement" and that "hundreds will join us and together we will make history. We have waited too long and been misled too many times. It is time for us to take control and to lead social change."

EF anticipate that in the coming days the Government will announce its plans to expand Heathrow and that this will include the demolition of Sipson village. They allege that the UK will "continue to lag behind the rest of Europe and the world as it misses climate target after climate target.

EF says the demonstration is being supported by 'Climate Action Now', 'The Women's Environmental Network' and Caroline Lucas MEP.



Past Events – Animal Rights

THURSDAY 11 to WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Arrests and Court Updates

Research – SHAC trial at Winchester Crown Court – jury out

UK -- The jury has retired to consider its verdict in the trial of five animal rights activists accused of a campaign of blackmail. They are accused of using threats, including criminal damage and hoax bombs, against firms with links to HLS in Cambridge. The five accused all deny conspiracy to blackmail. Should they be found guilty they will not be sentenced until the New Year, after which the second part of the trial will start.

The *BBC* reported that the jury was sent out at Winchester Crown Court on Monday 15 December 08. Heather Nicholson, 41, of Eversley, Hampshire; Trevor Holmes, 51, of Newcastle; Gerrah Selby, 20, of Chiswick, London; Daniel Wadham, 21, of Bromley, south London, and Gavin Medd-Hall, 45, of Croydon, south London, are accused of being closely involved in a campaign, from 2001 until 2007, which targeted companies in Britain and Europe.

Three other people, Gregg Avery and Natasha Avery, both of Hampshire, and Daniel Amos, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to blackmail, Winchester Crown Court was told. They have remained in custody since their arrest last year.

All the defendants are said to have been part of SHAC based near Hook, Hampshire. The group used threats such as claiming managers of the companies were paedophiles, sending hoax bombs parcels, causing criminal damage and making threatening telephone calls to force them to cut links with the animal testing company HLS, the trial was told.

The court heard Ms Nicholson, from Eversley in Hampshire, was a founder member of SHAC who managed the "menacing" campaigns against the firms.

Criminal Actions

Offences reported on Bite Back

Bite Back has been updated with a number of criminal offences. Summaries of the anonymous communiqués are reported in their various categories, as follows –

Research

USA -- A group or person describing themselves as 'Hackers for Total Liberation' say that they sent a trojan horse virus embedded into emails to UCLA scientists. They say the virus was designed to 'completely wreck their computers while leeching all vital personal information they had ever entered into their systems.'

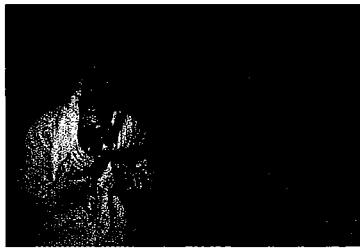


The offender(s) say the action was 'dedicated to all those fighting for primate freedom at UCLA and all those who have taken action as of late against the animal murder industries in Central and South America.'

At present, it is not known whether the action did take place and if so, whether it was 'successful'. Regardless, the item serves as a reminder for all companies to ensure that their IT departments are prepared for such an attack.

Factory Farming / Meat

Spain -- In support of International Animal Rights Day, 10 December 08, activists from Igualdad Animal (Animal Equality) stole ten hens from an intensive egg production farm.



Seven of the group, who named themselves as Ivan, Javier, Sharon, Eu, Conchi, Jose and David) - assisted by other colleagues on the outside, chose the farm in Toledo as their target.

It took around ten long paragraphs to explain their action in detail. Included was the fact that the attacked farm did have the correct cages - mandatory from 2012 throughout the EU.

They agreed that their 'open rescue' was an act of civil disobedience but made to 'generate a wider social debate about the exploitation of animals.'

Italy -- Extremists say that on 2 December 08 they left 'incendiary devices near cars - one of them a Porsche' - owned by Japan Chick Sexing, a company specialising in sexing chicks to be used in factory farming. The action took place in Varese.

Sweden -- Activists claim that late on 10 December they again smashed all the windows of the Restaurant Garaget in Umeå. The premises have been targeted since the activists noted that it had cooked a 270 kilo ox for an outdoor event earlier this year.

Czech Republic -- On 18 November five hunting towers in the Czech Republic were 'sawed, smashed and signed with slogans.' The offenders added some photographic evidence of their actions. Another report claimed that activists had stolen hens to show support for the 'open rescuer, Michal Kolesar'.

Actions in Mexico

Mexico -- Activists from the Frente de Liberación Animal (FLA) and Pasión y Rabia (Passion and Rage) say that overnight 10 / 11 December 08 they 'set fire to a rodeo' with 'litres of gasoline'. Despite a very lengthy report, which included claims of graffiti action, they did not say what they set fire to.

In a separate communiqué, a claim was made that supporters of the FLA Mexico sabotaged 25 telephones of the Telmex Company in 'direct support of their comrades in Colombia.'

Campaigns

Research – Gateway to Hell Campaign



Global -- On 12 December 08 a press release stated the Animal Welfare Network Nepal and Stop Monkey Business Campaign were 'shocked by the high death rate among rhesus monkeys destined for US laboratories at a Lele breeding centre.'

In 2008, out of 310 captive monkeys at least 30 were deemed unfit and euthanized. An exceptional high percentage, 10%, died a 'natural death'. The animal welfare groups call for an immediate halt of the breeding and export of rhesus monkeys.

They say the Southwest Foundation for Biomedical Research supports a monkey breeding centre in Lele, Lalitpur District, operated by the National Biomedical Research Centre. The Nepal project receives an annual budget of US\$ 650.000 from the US government.

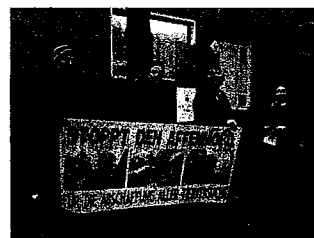
According to the progress report, out of 310 monkeys 133 are infected with various diseases. The report says that any infected Nepalese monkey arriving in the US will immediately be euthanized. It added that the Lele project plans to trap another 30 wild monkeys in 2009.

Other statistics from the NEAVS and [www. ippl.org](http://www.ippl.org) claims that over 25,000+ primates were imported to the USA in 2007. China again dominated the monkey export market and was officially listed as the country of origin for about half of all monkeys imported to the USA. Each year the International Primate Protection League, requests the Law Enforcement Management Information Service (LEMIS) spread sheet which shows total primate imports for the previous year.

Global -- The British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) says their recent investigation in Cambodia revealed severe cruelty and suffering during capture, handling, and trade of primates destined for the research industry. The BUAV asks supporters to write to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, the U.S. CITES authority, and ask them to stop the importation of Cambodian macaques into the U.S.

Germany -- The "TierrechtsInitiative Rheine-Main" in Frankfurt say they have joined the Gateway to Hell campaign and as a result organised a protest in front of the Nepalese consulate on 9 December 08.

The five protestors claim that the 'honorary consul' accepted a dialogue with the protestors and promised to present their claims during his next trip to Asia. However, the group say they intend holding more protests – the next one is scheduled for 18 December.



Research – Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- There have been no protests at Huntingdon Life Sciences' premises in Alconbury near Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire since Monday 08 December 08.

The next weekly demonstration is expected to take place at the facility on Friday 19 December 08. Usually, only around five protestors attend but the Court result from Winchester Crown Court is known, a larger protest may take place.

Protest is not expected at the Company's premises in Occold, Suffolk.

Research – HLS Secondary Targets

UK -- On 12 December 08 three activists held another early morning protest outside the offices of AstraZeneca in Stanhope Gate, London in support of the SHAC campaign. They displayed a banner and leafleted as the employees were arriving for work.



Global -- An email from SHAC says that their next few email alerts will be 'focusing on the shareholders of HLS / LSR' to call on them to take an 'ethical stance and drop their shares.' The present email provides a sample letter and details of the Bank Of New York Mellon Corp.

Research – Protest at Harlan in Leicestershire

UK – Supporters of Loughborough Animal Concern held an announced protest outside the gates of Harlan's premises in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leicestershire on Wednesday 10 December 08. The action commenced at 3pm and continued until 6pm.

Research - National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- On Wednesday 10 December 08 supporters of the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance held a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7 1AA. There were no reports of any incidents following the protest from the five demonstrators.

Research - SPEAK campaign against Oxford University

UK -- Between 1pm and 5pm on Thursday 11 December 08 SPEAK activists again held their weekly protest outside the Biomedical Sciences Building in South Parks Road, Oxford. There were no reported incidents during their relatively low-key action.

UK -- On Tuesday 10 December 08 five SPEAK supporters held a 'petition stall', displayed banners and leafleted in Cornmarket Street in Oxford City centre.



Research - Sequani

UK – Activists from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) held a protest at Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire on Wednesday 10 December 08 to show their support for International Animal Rights Day.

In cold conditions, a dozen protestors, held their demonstration from 4pm to nearly 7pm. Some shouting occurred as the employees left the premises but the arrival of the police ensured there were no undue problems.

An additional reason for protest was to show support for the imprisoned SSAT extremist, Sean Kirtley, whose birthday is on 11 December 08. It was thought that protest may take place on Kirtley's birthday but none did and there have been no demonstrations held at the premises since.

Research – Wickham Laboratories

UK -- On Wednesday 10 December 08 an announced protest took place against Wickham Laboratories. Six members of the Stop Wickham Animal Testing (SWAT) gathered at 3.45pm in the Square in Wickham Village, Hampshire and went on to hold a low-key protest outside the Laboratories until 5.30pm. There were no incidents.

In the prior announcement of their protest, which was in support of International Animal Rights Day, the organiser(s) added that Wickham labs have "recently submitted a planning application to build a laboratory at Torbay Farm, Lower Upham, land owned by Wickham Labs, and the council decision date for the planning application is late December '08". A few



stalwarts from SWAT are still awaiting trial concerning incidents at a 2007 Halloween protest at the Farm.

Research – London against Camden Danger Lab Campaign

UK -- The London against Camden Danger Lab continue their efforts to gather support for their campaign to stop the building of the new UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation (UKCMRI) in the Camden area of London.

They now question what would happen to prisoners in the two nearby prisons Holloway and Pentonville in the event of a virus leak from the facility - once again referring to when the foot and mouth disease was leaked from the government facility in Pirbright.

They ask opponents of the scheme to write to each of these prisons and ask them to oppose planning permission for the proposed lab.

Mandy Ford, one of the campaign organisers, claims that a number of people now support their campaign.

In an item on *Indymedia* she says that 'support comes from Helia Evens - secretary for the local Residents Association; Tracy Morgan - local resident and animal rights campaigner; Paul Keilthy and Sara Newman - journalists with Camden New Journal; Steven Brennan - local resident and writer for Black Poppy magazine; Candy Udwin (SWP) - who works for the UCL who are part of the lab consortium; Benjamin Zephaniah - author, musician and activist who turned down the OBE and Keith Mann - an animal rights extremist who was sent to prison and was branded a "terrorist".'

Research – Protests against use of animals in research

Belgium -- On Friday 12 December 08, Stop Dierproeven activists held another series of previously announced protests in Belgium at locations they claim are linked to the use of animals in research.

The first protest of their all-day action was held at the University of Liege, Place du 20-Août. By noon, they had commenced their second protest, which was at the Nepalese Embassy, 210 Avenue Brugmann, Brussels.



Later in the afternoon they held a two-hour protest at the Catholic University of Leuven, Naamsestraat 22, where they were joined by some students from the University.

Around a dozen protestors were involved. They used megaphones during their demonstrations and displayed an array of placards and banners. The report of their day's actions stated that they were also able to gain some local media coverage.

Although the group like to hold a fortnightly protest, at present, the next announced protest is in the Netherlands on Friday 16 January 09.

The announced protest times and locations at present are as follows -

09.30 to 12.00 – Nepalese Trades Fair in Utrecht
13.00 to 14.30 - Solvay in Weesp
15.30 to 18.00 - Animal Sciences Group, Lelystad



For further report in due course

Research – Email action against use of animals in research

Belgium – The organisers of Stop Dierproeven / Anti-Animal Coalition are asking supporters to target the University of Leuven in Belgium with text messages of complaint.

The say that every fortnight the animal rights protest groups call for 'emails to be sent to businesses and institutions that are guilty of cruelty to animals'. The only thing supporters need do is copy a provided text into a message and to send it to email addresses, which in this case are provided in three blocks of twenty.

The letter is reasonably polite and refers to the fact that the authorities in Bremen have just revoked the license of a researcher at the local University because they 'believed the neurological tests on monkeys were unethical'.

However, the letter ends with a vague threat of further action and refers to the 'growing protests from animal rights organisations.'

It is believed that so far the appeals for email blockades have remained ineffectual and are only supported by a few activists.

Research - Students against Research in Primates

Belgium -- Students at the targeted Catholic University of Leuven have formed the Students against Research in Primates (STOP) calling on the immediate cessation of all experiments on primates in Belgium. They will be supporting the Anti-Animal Coalition who are presently involved in regular protests at the University.

Research –Campaign against Philip Morris



Switzerland -- On Friday 12 December 08 around ten supporters of ATRA held an announced demonstration at the Philip Morris laboratory in Neuchâtel concerning the Company's use of animals in research.

Around ten protestors held a noisy protest at the premises at the premises. They displayed placards and used megaphones – one member of the group wore a 'rabbit' outfit.

The Dutch Stop Dierproeven protest group says it will continue to support the group in the campaign against Philip Morris.

Research – NARA protest at Trinity College Open Day at in Dublin

Ireland --The National Animal Rights Association (NARA) continued its protests against the use of animals in research at Trinity College in Dublin. They were aware that there was an Open Day at the College on Wednesday 10 December 08 and so held a noon protest outside the main entrance on College Green on the day.

They returned to hold a further protest at the premises between 1.30pm to 2.30pm on Tuesday 16 December 08.



Past Events – Animal Rights / Animal Welfare

Animal Rights – International Animal Rights Day (IARD)

UK / Global -- The protest group, Uncaged, held its eleventh International Animal Rights Day on Wednesday 10 December 08. The day is set aside in the animal rights calendar to 'remember animals in laboratories'.

The campaign also calls for 'the recognition of a Universal Declaration of Animal Rights (UDAR)' and is supported in many countries by most of the leading campaigns.

As in previous years, no problems were experienced from the peaceful candle-lit vigils which took place.

UK -- A handful of supporters of Animal Rights Cambridge held a candle lit vigil in Cambridge city centre on 10 December 08 in support of International Animal Rights Day.

They pointed out that the Day calls for the recognition of the basic rights of animals via a 'Universal Declaration of Animal Rights' and the Declaration also has some note worthy individual signatories all of whom have signed up to show their support.

UK -- On Wednesday 10 December 08 activists from the Brighton area said that in order to show their support for Animal Rights Day they would gather in the evening at Brighton Clock Tower in order to hold a candlelit vigil.

UK -- In Cardiff, a handful of activists held a campaign stall near Cardiff city centre in Woodville Road on 10th December.

France -- French groups took a keen interest in the International Day for the Rights of Animals and actions took place across France. In the vast majority of cases the events consisted of information stalls, leafleting, fundraising and petition signings – and were peaceful gatherings. On 13 December a silent gathering took place in the Place Bellecour in Lyon and an ATRA information stall was held in Saintes.

Italy -- Similar actions took place in Italy and again all the actions consisted of information stalls, most of which were extolling the virtues of a vegan Christmas. On Saturday 13 December stalls were held in Torino, Napoli, Mestre, Milan, Genoa and Reggio Emilia. The following day actions took place in Alexandria, Brescia, Dyer, Rome, Rimini, Salerno and Taranto.

Luxembourg -- On Saturday 13 December a stall was held outside Lush on Grand Street from in Luxembourg City from noon to 6pm.

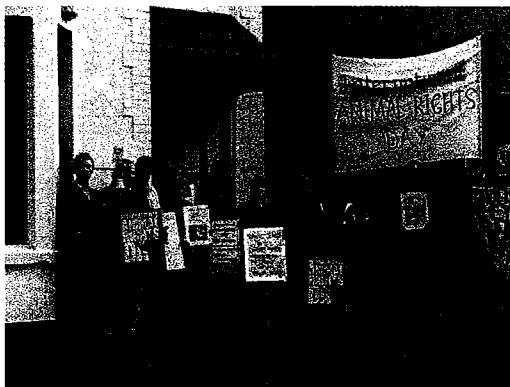
Switzerland -- On 13 December 08 an animal rights group said it would be holding a stall in the Piazza Dante in the centre of Lugano.

Animal Rights / Welfare -- North Wales Animal Rights

UK -- Judi Hewitt, described by the *North Wales Pioneer* as the founder of North Wales Animal Rights, appear to be the main driving force of animal rights protest action in the region.



Her group were recently involved with the Clwyd Badger Group, in Betws y Coed, collecting signatures for a petition opposing the proposed badger cull in Wales. They have so far collected over 2,000 signatures to present to the Welsh Assembly.



North Wales Animal Rights also supported the International Animal Rights Day on 10 December 08 by holding a protest at the constituency offices of David Jones MP at 3, Llewellyn Road, Colwyn Bay, North Wales. They claim that the Conservative MP 'wants the Hunting Act repealed.'

Judi Hewitt was again the spokesperson for the group who were also involved in a similar protest at the conference of Welsh Conservatives in Llandudno towards the end of November. On that occasion around 20 activists protested with placards and leaflets

outside the Imperial Hotel as members arrived for the conference.

A similar number was involved in the group's second protest on the 10 December 08. On this occasion they held a banner and placard protest outside the National Trust head office in Trinity Square, Llandudno North Wales LL30 2DE. The event also had an input from Kate Fowler-Reeves from Animal Aid.

Protest was over the cull of wild goats in Snowdonia. It is believed more than 100 goats have been killed at various sites in Snowdonia in recent weeks. Protestors argue the National Trust could use fences to contain them, but have rejected the measure because of the cost.

Climate Change - Cosmetics boss funds Plane Stupid protesters

UK -- *BBC5* reported that Mark Constantine, the co-founder of cosmetics retailer Lush, has been revealed as a fundraiser for the climate change protesters that closed Stansted Airport on Monday 8 December 08. Not only does he use his own money to support the Plane Stupid organisation, he also uses some of the company's profits. All the proceeds from sales of Lush's Charity Pot hand cream are donated to organisations including Plane Stupid.

Mr Constantine also said he may now pay the legal bills of the 56 people arrested but this would come out of his own pocket rather than the firm's. He added that while he is too frightened to join the protestors in person, he is happy to back Plane Stupid financially.

Mr Constantine said it was unfortunate that people were disrupted, and that he would not condone illegal activity. "However, something needs to be done about climate change," he said. He added that as Plane Stupid "are trying to look after us, someone has to look after them".

Mark Constantine co-founded Lush in 1995, and last year it had a turnover of £144m from 600 stores in 44 countries.

Fur – Regular protests in UK and Europe

UK -- Throughout the afternoon of Saturday 13 December 08 protestors were engaged in the weekly protest at Harrods. Banners were displayed and leaflets were distributed by group. There were no reported incidents.



UK -- Anti-fur activists held their weekly protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Their action took place throughout the afternoon of Sunday 12 December 08 outside the premises.

UK -- Members of Manchester Animal Protection said they would be staging an anti-fur fur demonstration in Bramhall, Greater Manchester on Saturday 13 December 08. There have no reports of any incidents concerning their protest.

Austria -- On Saturday 13 December 08 around a hundred protestors supported a march and rally in Graz, Austria against the fur industry.

Activists are aware that the Christmas period is a busy one for the industry and have held a number of protests. Organisers from the VGT were critical of the high level of policing for recent rallies in Vienna and Innsbruck, where around sixty protestors were involved, but it appears that the policing levels were low in Graz and that they facilitated the safety of the marchers.



The participants in the rally were able to protest outside fur-related premises but it seems that there was no serious disorder. Speeches were made at the end of the protests.

Germany -- On 13 December 08 five anti-fur activists held a protest / information stall in front of Escada on the Rathenauplatz in Frankfurt.

Germany / Europe -- German activists are appealing for a telephone blockade against Escada on 18 December 08. In order to attempt to 'disrupt the smooth flow of business' the email appeal has given the telephone number of the HQ and Customer Relations.

Ireland -- On Tuesday 16 December 08 activists from the National Animal Rights Association (NARA) were involved in a series of protests on the streets of Dublin. One of the protests was held at the Department of Agriculture in Kildare Street.

Ireland - Naomi Campbell showed that she can keep her cool in stressful situations, when she was ambushed by animal rights protesters in Dublin on December 10. The Daily Mail reported that the angry protesters were making a point about Naomi's love of fur, which she has modelled on the runway and worn several times. She starred in an anti-fur advert for the animal rights group PETA in 1997, only to be spotted on a Milan runway in a fur coat several months later.

Italy -- Numerous actions have taken place against the MaxMara Fashion Group in Italy. All will be reported in next month's *Digest*.

Netherlands -- According to *De Stentor* activists in the Netherlands are concerned that the Den Haag / Nieuw Heeten Council have given the 'green light for mink farming' in the area. They say the Council dismissed all the complaints and protests.

Russia -- Russian anti-fur protestors will be writing to / protesting against Escada following an alleged attack by security officers at a fur premises in St Petersburg. According to the report, the anti-fur protestor, Semen Simonov, received a broken nose.

Sweden -- Swedish activists from Animal Alliance say that because of their efforts the Vincent shoe store has announced that from the autumn / winter range in 2009, the Company will be fur-free. At present they do sell some shoes with real rabbit fur.

Global -- PETA continues to gather support from young female celebrities to pose for their 'I'd rather go naked than wear fur' campaign.



On the other side of the coin the musician, Kid Rock, real name Robert Ritchie, has told the *Mail On Sunday* that he will "go to war" with the animal rights group and felt no shame in wearing expensive fur clothes. He was quoted as saying "I'm just willing the animal rights protesters to chuck some red paint on me. I understand people's problems with it but to throw paint on someone is just wrong. They do it to little Hollywood actresses who can't defend themselves."

Nigella Lawson attracted criticism from animal rights groups when, appearing on BBC's *The One Show*, the TV chef admitted that she would only wear fur if she could kill a bear and skin it herself. A spokesman for Respect for Animals said that Lawson's comments left "blood on her hands".

Foie Gras - Protests in UK

UK -- Activists in the West Midlands are calling for action against the Brockencote Hall, Chaddesley Corbett nr Kidderminster. They say that despite twelve months of protests the premises are still include foie gras on their menu.

Animal Rights - Animal Aid's New Patron

UK -- On 16 December 08 Andrew Tyler of Animal Aid said they were 'delighted to announce that Peter Tatchell, renowned campaigner for human rights, democracy and global justice, has become a patron of the group.'

In 1990, Tatchell was a co-founder of OutRage, the direct action campaign group that fights for the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. In 2004, he became a member of the Green Party and in 2007 was selected as the Party's parliamentary candidate for Oxford East.

The article also stated that he had 'three times given a talk at Animal Aid's Christmas without Cruelty Fayre and among the animal-related issues he has written and lectured on are vivisection, zoos and circuses that use animals. He remains committed to the Gandhian principle of non-violence.'

Hunting - MPs ignore calls to act on hunts

UK -- The *Western Morning News* reported that a campaign in Westminster to persuade the Government to toughen up the Hunting Act has attracted the support of less than one in 20 MPs. This is ahead of a crunch High Court verdict which could decide the way the law applies in the future.

A judgment is expected soon on the appeal of Exmoor huntsman Tony Wright, the first huntsman to be prosecuted under the Hunting Act. He was convicted by Barnstaple magistrates in August 2006 of hunting a wild mammal with dogs, but that decision was overturned last year and a ruling was sought from the High Court. All other prosecutions have been on hold pending the outcome, which is expected soon.

Ahead of the ruling, maverick left-wing Labour MP John McDonnell – who launched an ill-fated attempt to stand against Gordon Brown for the party's leadership last summer – has tabled a Commons motion calling on the Government to amend the Act. He wants it to include a "reckless behaviour clause" which he says would prevent the abuse of the spirit of the legislation.

But the move appears to be at odds with leading animal rights campaigners who last night told the WMN the Act was "good" but police must make it a greater priority to enforce. A



spokesman for the League against Cruel Sports (LACS) said, "We believe very strongly that the Act is an enforceable, good piece of legislation.

Factory Farming - USA clothing giant dumps Aussie wool

Global -- One of the world's largest retailers, Liz Claiborne, has banned Australian merino wool. The *Australian Daily Telegraph* says the Company has announced it is opposed to Australian farmers' use of mulesing on sheep. The decision was announced in a letter to PETA

The Australian Wool Innovation (AWI) had pledged to phase out mulesing by 2010, but as the deadline approaches there have been moves to not adhere to the deadline. Nike, Gap, Marks & Spencer and more than 10 other international retailing giants are also pressuring Australian wool farmers to dump a new "clip" technique they hoped would satisfy animal rights activists.

Matt Prescott, director of PETA Corporate Affairs, said that he hoped that other retailers would follow suit.

Animal Welfare - Law would ban circus animals in Italy

Italy -- A law being considered by the Italian legislature would ban animal acts from circuses in the country. The legislation would apply to both Italian and foreign circuses, the Italian news agency ANSA reported. The bill has support from members of parliament on both right and left. *UPI* reported that Gianluca Felicetti, head of the animal rights group LAV, said 15 European countries already ban either all animal acts or the use of wild animals in circuses. Animal advocates say Italian law fails to protect animals, banning abuse generally but without specific prohibitions against mistreatment.

Disease -- Hong Kong kills 80,000 chickens due to flu fears

Hong Kong / China - The Hong Kong government has shut down all poultry farms and markets, killed 80,000 chickens and halted chicken imports from mainland China after the bird flu virus was detected at a local poultry farm. The H5 virus, which causes avian or bird flu, killed 200 chickens at the farm, including vaccinated as well as unvaccinated birds, the *South China Morning Post* reported.

The Secretary for Food and Health declared a "serious alert," which means a 21-day shutdown of the trade until 29 December, if the outbreak doesn't spread.

Disease - Swiss chickens infected with campylobacter bacteria

Switzerland / Global -- On 12 December 08 *AFC Croatia* reported that as many as nine out of ten chickens in Switzerland are infected with campylobacter bacteria, which when transmitted to humans can cause cramping and diarrhoea. According to a report in the Sunday newspaper, *SonntagsZeitung*, the Federal Veterinary Office has called a crisis meeting of food and health experts, as well as poultry producers, for December 18.



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Summary

Two days before Christmas, and after over thirty three hours of deliberation, the jury at Winchester Crown Court returned their verdict on the five SHAC activists who had been tried on a charge of conspiracy to blackmail companies with links to HLS.

Gerrah Selby, Daniel Wadham, Gavin Medd-Hall, and Heather Nicholson were all found guilty. Trevor Holmes was cleared of the charge. It was noted that one of the jurors refused to be seen in court while the verdict was announced.

Selby, Wadham and Medd-Hall were released on conditional bail, while Nicholson was remanded in custody until sentencing on Monday 19 January 08. Three other people – Gregg Avery, Natasha Avery and Daniel Amos – previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to blackmail and will be sentenced on the same day. The maximum sentence for the offence is 14 years in prison.

Seven others, Thomas William Harris, Nicola May Tapping, Sarah Catherine Whitehead, Nicole Patricia Vosper, Jason Peter Mullan, Janet Claire Lawrence and Alfie Edward Fitzpatrick have been charged with the same offence of conspiracy to blackmail and it is believed that their trial will commence shortly after the sentencing of their fellow activists.

While the success of Operation Achilles in the UK – the arrest of over thirty SHAC activists in May 2007 – has greatly reduced the number of serious offences in the UK, criminal actions are still taking place in Europe.

A lengthy report on *Bite Back*, written in English from extremists describing themselves as the 'ARM warriors Switzerland', claimed responsibility for several attacks at the homes of Novartis employees in Schopfheim, Lorrach, Freiburg and Herbolzheim in Germany on the night of 7 December 08. The particularly nasty and threatening report included the full names and addresses of the targeted persons and also included family details.

On 20 December 08 two vehicles, belonging to a member of Euronext, were the subject of an arson attack. The incident took place at the home address in Lange Kerckdam in Wassenaar in the Netherlands. A few days later an anonymous communiqué on *Bite Back* claimed that devices had been placed under two cars by the 'ALF Netherlands.' A similar attack in Hilversum on 7 November 08 was reported by a group claiming to be the "NYSE Euronext Bomb Squad".

Damage was also caused at the home of a Euronext employee on 19 December. The offence took place in Noordwijkerhout, also in the Netherlands, and on this occasion slogans were painted on the home address. Once again the resulting communiqué gave personal details.

Following the incidents, the Dutch Interior Minister told *de Telegraaf* that extreme animal right activists will be targeted by a specialist team of policemen, intelligence agents and the ministry of Justice. The new counter-activism team was set up after the public prosecutor's office raised the alarm. Efforts to infiltrate the activists' movement had failed because of the secluded nature of the groups, the prosecutor said, rendering it impossible to fight them. The new police team will target radical animal rights groups and is tasked with preventing new attacks.

As can be seen from the above, the animal rights groups in the Netherlands have steadily become more militant over the last couple of years. Now that the Interior Minister has backed the initiative, it is to be hoped that the police will find it easier to pursue the offenders.



Future Events

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Research - SHAC protest in London

UK -- SHAC organisers say they will be holding a protest in the City and London areas on Wednesday 7 January 09. It is expected that the financial institutions, which the activists link to HLS, will be the likely targets.

Those attending are asked to meet at Cannon Street Station at 11 am. It is expected that no more than a dozen activists will engage in placard, banner and leaflet protest outside the targeted premises. Once again, one or more Barclays' premises are likely to receive some form of protest.

Other premises which have received recent attention are -

AXA in New Gate Street EC1A7NX
Bank of New York Mellon Corp, NY Mellon Centre, 160 Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 4LA
JP Morgan at 125 London Wall, London, EC2Y5AJ
Euronext, 25 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2BB
AstraZeneca 15 Stanhope Gate London W1K 1LN
Goldman Sachs International at Peterborough Court, 133 Fleet Street, EC4A 2BB

There is no evidence to suggest any substantial changes or increase in the level of protest.

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

UK -- The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late Wednesday afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. At present, only a handful of regular protestors are involved in relatively low-level action which does not require the presence of the police.

THURSDAY 08 JANUARY

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford

UK -- SPEAK activists continue to hold weekly Thursday demonstrations in a designated zone opposite the Biomedical Sciences Building in South Parks Road, Oxford between 1pm and 5pm – the time allowed by the University's injunction. Around twenty protestors have attended the recent weekly demonstrations, which are still monitored by the police and the University's security staff.

The campaigners occasionally hold one or more smaller demonstrations and information stalls in Oxford during the course of each week.

Now that the Biomedical Sciences Building has been built, protest action centres on the use of animals in scientific research at the University. The group also says it will be making efforts to discourage tourists visiting the City.



Israel / Palestine – Protest at M & S in London

UK -- Anti-Israeli activists are seeking to attract protest to M & S. A group has picketed the Marks & Spencer's at Marble Arch in London every Thursday for the last seven years during which time there have been counter-demonstrations which have led to difficulties for the police.

More problems may come on Thursday 08 January 09 when protest is again due to take place from 4pm to 8pm.

With the present level of conflict in Israel and Gaza increasing then further actions may occur against the Company outside of London. At present, the Revolutionary Communist Group are seizing upon the opportunity to continue their protests and raise their profile.

Israel / Palestine – Protests against Raytheon in Bristol

UK -- More protests are due to take place at the Raytheon offices at Argentum House, Bristol Business Park, Frenchay, Bristol on the afternoons of Thursday 8 and Saturday 10 January 09. In their appeal for protest support the same demonstrators also mention Boeing, claiming they have a 'long business history with the Israeli military.'

Factory Farming - Anti-McDonalds demonstration in London

UK -- This week's London anti-McDonalds protest is due to take place on Thursday 8 January 09 from 6pm to 7.30pm outside McDonalds Regent Street store, near to Piccadilly Circus. The regular protest fails to attract more than ten supporters and in the past few months has caused few problems.

FRIDAY 09 JANUARY

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

UK -- Generally, no more than five demonstrators are involved in the weekly protest at HLS in Woolley near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. The local group of protestors have indicated that they will be holding their protest on Friday this week. The demonstration will be carried out within the boundaries allowed by the Company's injunction. No actions have been noted for the Company's premises in Occold, Suffolk.

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshire

UK -- Friday protest may take place at Novartis' Ciba Vision at Hedge End in Hampshire from two or three young activists. Two months ago, animal rights-related damage was caused at the home of a member of staff. Following the incident no protests were made for a number of weeks but demonstrators returned during December to make low-key protests.

Foie Gras - Regular protests in London

UK -- London Animal Rights continues to appeal for support for foie gras demonstrations in London on Friday evenings between 6pm and 8pm at Central London restaurants. It is believed the group have turned their attention to Bonds Restaurant in Threadneedle Street, which is close to Bank Tube Station.

SATURDAY 10 JANUARY



Israel / Palestine - National Demonstration in London

UK / Global -- Following Israel's ground invasion of Gaza, a national demonstration, organised by Stop the War Coalition, will take place in London on Saturday 10 January 09. Assembly is at 12.30pm at Speakers Corner, Hyde Park after which a march will take place to the Israeli Embassy in High St Kensington.

A similar protest took place on 4 January 09. The daytime protest was peaceful but the residue of protestors led to later clashes with the police.

Daily protests are taking place throughout the week at the Israeli Embassy from 5.30 pm - 7.30 pm.

The London event is likely to be mirrored in a number of other cities in the UK and throughout the world on the same day.

Fur – Protests in the UK

UK -- The weekly Saturday protest outside Harrods commences around 11am and continues until around 5pm. Over the Christmas period demonstrations also took place on weekdays but for the foreseeable future, protest is likely to be only held on Saturday from around twenty supporters of CAFT and London Animal Action.

UK -- The Edinburgh Fur Free City (EFFC) group holds an anti-fur protest in Edinburgh every Saturday. They commence at 11am with an information stall outside the East Register House before moving to the Registry House on Princes Street.

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UK

UK -- Supporters of Greyhound Action South West London continue to hold a protest outside Wimbledon greyhound racetrack. Leafleting takes place on Saturday evenings from 10.15pm until about 11.30pm. Weekly Saturday protests also often takes place from 6.15pm until about 8pm.

UK -- Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) continues to hold a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK.

Foie Gras – Protest in Dublin

Ireland -- NARA continue to target the Pearl Brasserie, 20 Merrion Street Upper, in their anti-foie gras campaign. Another protest takes place outside the premises between 6pm and 8pm on 10 Saturday 09.

Research – CAV information stalls in Belgium

Belgium -- The Coalition Anti Vivisection (CAV) has announced that for the next few weeks it will be holding information stalls every Saturday in different towns in Belgium. No times and exact locations have been issued as yet. The details available at present are that they will be in Louvain on Saturday 10 January and Hasselt on Saturday 17 January 09.

Climate Change – Local March to stop the new Leeds opencast mining

UK -- Supporters of YANC (Yorkshire against New Coal) and RAGE (Residents against Greenbelt Expansion) say that on Saturday 10 January 09 they intend to march around the proposed open cast coal mine site at Newton Lane, Ledston, near Fairburn lngs nature reserve and Castleford. They say that they do not want 'a dirty opencast coal site adding to climate change'. It is likely that local media will be in attendance for what should be a peaceful rally.



Anti-Israeli – Protests against Raytheon in Bristolplease see 8 January

SUNDAY 11 JANUARY

Fur – Protest in London

UK -- Anti-fur activists hold a regular Sunday protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Protest takes place between noon and 4pm outside the shop. The activists claim the shop 'carries all manner of animal fur.' The group say there will be a 'protest outside this store every week until they go fur free.'

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex

UK -- Protest takes place every Sunday at the Brighton Sealife Centre situated near to the Pier and is staged between 1pm and 3pm in order to "bring to the public's attention to the 'unacceptable conditions' which exist for the animals kept in the Centre." There have been no reports of any incidents arising from last year's protests.

It is believed the main organiser for Brighton Animal Defenders group is Denise Friend. As well as protest at the Sealife Centre, the group also holds monthly Greyhound Stadium demonstrations and the weekly protest at Novartis in Horsham.

MONDAY 12 JANUARY

Research – Possible protests in Bicester area

UK -- An item on *Indymedia* drew attention to the fact that the Spindles Farm horse cruelty case is due to resume on Monday 12 January 09 at Bicester Magistrates Court. There is an appeal for as many protestors to be present, although they say that that they 'don't want any "rowdiness" - just placards and banners.'

Another item on *Indymedia* suggested that 'anyone going to the Spindles trial might be able to link up with others who are going to do a demo at Harlan.' As well as Harlan, other companies in the Bicester area may receive a surprise protest for the next month - the period the trial may takes place.

James Gray his wife, daughters and Jodie Gray, 26, of Park Road, Ashford, Middlesex, each face 12 charges under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 of neglect and failing to meet the welfare needs of 125 equines. So far, the Court has heard that horses, donkeys and ponies were found in a 'grotesque and distressing' state and 'left to die.'

Climate Change - Heathrow to be subjected to 'Climate Rush' protest

UK -- Earth First are advertising their intention to carry out a 'Climate Rush' on Monday 12 January 09. They say at 7pm that date the Climate Rush will 'hit' Heathrow. Activists are being asked to arrive in Edwardian dress (under a big coat) with hampers of food and intend to have their 'Dinner at Domestic Departures -Terminal One.'

The group say this will be an action against the 'construction of the third runway and the unsustainable use of short-haul, national flights.' It will take place on the day that the MPs return from their winter holiday. It is unlikely that their actions will cause delays to flights but in view of recent events at Stansted it cannot be entirely discounted.

The group claims this will be "the first peaceful sit-in of the environmental movement" and that "hundreds will join us and together we will make history. We have waited too long and been misled too many times. It is time for us to take control and to lead social change."



EF says the demonstration is being supported by 'Climate Action Now', 'The Women's Environmental Network' and Caroline Lucas MEP. They 'anticipate that the Government will soon announce its plans to expand Heathrow and that this will include the demolition of Sipson village.'

Climate Change -- Northern Climate Rush to take place at Manchester Airport

UK -- Following on from the announcements made that a Climate Rush was due to take place at Heathrow Airport on Monday 12 January 09, Earth First has announced a Northern Climate Rush will also take place at Manchester Airport on the same day.

EF says the 'rush' will take place in Terminal 3 (Domestic Departures) within the Airport at 7pm. The group have made an open invitation to activists to attend saying, "Everyone is welcome to join us. Come in Edwardian dress ..."

Protest is against airport expansion and domestic flights.

TUESDAY 13 JANUARY

Research - SHAC protests in the South

UK -- The SHAC website reports that every Tuesday there will be a protest 'in the South'. The protests generally cover the counties of Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and between two and six protests can be made during the day.

It appears that there are only four or five young activists in the region who are willing to engage in protest at targeted premises. Nevertheless, on many occasions, protests from those involved achieve their goal of temporarily disrupting the workplace.

In the past month protest actions have taken place in the areas of Basingstoke, Bracknell, Maidenhead, Uxbridge and Winchester

Research - Weekly demonstration at Novartis in Sussex

UK -- Four or five local SHAC supporters hold a weekly protest outside Novartis in Horsham, Sussex. Protest is held on a Tuesday or a Wednesday. The group display banners and placards in a designated the premises and out of sight of the employees. Their actions are restricted by the Company's injunction.

WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY

Research -- Possible SHAC protests in Londonplease see 7 January

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London....as above

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford.....please see 8 January

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY

Research -- Protests in Holland against use of animals in research



Netherlands -- On Friday 16 January 09 Stop Dierproeven activists will be holding another series of protests at locations in The Netherlands, which they claim are linked to the use of animals in research. Protests are expected to be noisy but within the limits allowed by the authorities. The announced protest times and locations at present are as follows -

09.30 to 12.00 – Nepalese Trades Fair at Vakantiebeurs in Utrecht
13.00 to 14.30 - Solvay in Weesp
15.30 to 18.00 - Animal Sciences Group, Lelystad

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshireplease see 9 January

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshireas above

Foie Gras - Regular protests in Londonas above

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY

Research – SPEAK protest in Oxford City centre

UK -- On Saturday 17 January 09 SPEAK activists will again be holding a protest outside the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford City centre. They will be meeting at 10.30am at the corner of Broad Street and Cattle Street in order to once again protest at a degree ceremony which will be taking place at the venue.

Several protests have taken place at the location and have attracted between ten and twenty-five supporters. During 2008 no incidents were reported. There is no intelligence to suggest any change in the present manner of protest.

Fur – Protests in the UKplease see 10 January

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UKas above

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

Fur – Protest in Londonplease see 11 January

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex ...as above

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

Research – Sentencing of SHAC extremists

UK -- Sentencing will take place at Winchester Crown Court on Monday 19 January 09 of seven SHAC extremists.

Three of the defendants, Greg and Natasha Avery and Dan Amos, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to blackmail before the trial started. Four others - Heather Nicholson, Gavin Medd-Hall, Daniel Wadham, and Gerrah Selby - were found guilty by the jury at Winchester Crown Court. Trevor Holmes was acquitted.

All defendants in the trial were charged with conspiracy to blackmail contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977. The particulars of the charge were that 'between the 15th day of November 2001 and the 2nd day of May 2007 they conspired together and with others to blackmail representatives of companies and businesses and other persons whom they



suspected of being associated with Huntingdon Life Sciences Plc by making unwarranted demands, namely to cease lawful trading with HLS, with menaces and with intent to cause loss to another.'

The maximum sentence for this offence is 14 years imprisonment. Greg Avery, Natasha Avery and Dan Amos pleaded guilty on 30 July 2008 to the offence with which they had been charged in May 2007. This was the day before the date on which the trial judge had indicated that the maximum discount in sentence for a guilty plea would cease to be available.

Seven others, Thomas William Harris, Nicola May Tapping, Sarah Catherine Whitehead, Nicole Patricia Vosper, Jason Peter Mullan, Janet Claire Lawrence and Alfie Edward Fitzpatrick have been charged with the same offence of conspiracy to blackmail.

It is believed that their trial will commence shortly after the sentencing of their fellow activists.

Research -- General support for 'SHAC 7'

Global -- Monday 19 January 09 should be seen as a higher risk day for protest. Seven SHAC extremists will be sentenced at Winchester Crown Court for conspiracy to blackmail HLS and it is expected that they will all receive custodial sentences.

Activists point out that if they are imprisoned this will bring the total number of animal rights prisoners in the UK to 17, many of them serving long term sentences. They are also concerned that with more trials in the pipeline in 2009, when the total number of prisoners is likely to reach an all time high.

The circulation is likely to be taken up by SHAC supporters in Europe and North America and there are appeals for a 'fight back' but few will be willing to risk becoming another arrest statistic.

Suggestions for protest are to hold a demonstration at 'a local lab, customer, supplier or animal breeder, hand out leaflets outside your local Cancer Research UK or British Heart Foundation charity shop or set up a town centre stall to raise awareness, stage a publicity stunt, go door to door leafleting or write letters to the press.'

All of the above may take place but at this stage there appears to be little co-ordination for action which will have any impact.

An appeal is also being made for environmental groups to show some form of solidarity with SHAC by 'dedicating an already planned environmental action to the campaigners or holding a small protest.' Few are likely to heed the appeal. The situation is being monitored and will be the subject of further report. Any specific information will be forwarded individually.

TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

Research -- New trial date for SPEAK's Mel Broughton

UK -- The SPEAK campaign co-founder, Mel Broughton, will face a new trial this month accused of plotting arson attacks on Oxford University.

Broughton, 48, of Semilong Road, Northampton, faces a retrial at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday 20 January 08, after a jury was unable to decide if he was involved in an arson attack at Queen's College sports pavilion and an attempted firebomb attack at Templeton College. The jury cleared him of keeping an explosive substance with intent.

Broughton denies conspiracy to commit arson and possessing an article with intent to destroy or damage property.



Past Events – Animal Rights

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER 2008 to MONDAY 05 JANUARY 2009

Arrests and Court Updates

Research – SHAC activists convicted over blackmail campaign against HLS

UK -- SHAC activists face up to 14 years imprisonment after being found guilty on 23 December 08 of blackmailing companies who supplied HLS.

Gerrah Selby, 20, Daniel Wadham, 21, Gavin Medd-Hall, 45, Heather Nicholson, 41, and Trevor Holmes, 51, were accused of orchestrating a campaign which ran between 2001 and 2007.

All five denied conspiracy to blackmail but Selby, Wadham, Medd-Hall and Nicholson were found guilty at Winchester Crown Court.

Holmes was cleared of the charge. One of the jurors refused to be seen in court while the verdict was announced, after 33 hours and 48 minutes of deliberation.

Selby, Wadham and Medd-Hall were released on conditional bail, while Nicholson was remanded in custody until sentencing on 19 January 08. Three other people – Gregg Avery, Natasha Avery and Daniel Amos – previously pleaded guilty to conspiracy to blackmail.

The maximum sentence for the offence is 14 years in prison.

Steven Bird, a lawyer for the defendants, said they were very disappointed at the outcome. "We will consider any grounds for appeal in the next couple of weeks and advise our clients accordingly," he said.



Clockwise from left

Gregg Avery, Nathasha Avery,
Gerrah Selby,
Heather Nicholson, Dan Amos,
Gavin Medd-Hall
and Daniel Wadham

Any substantial sentencing will serve as a deterrent on the actions of the activists remaining with the campaign against HLS. It will also help to make it unattractive for 'new blood' to become closely linked with the campaign. In the meantime, the activist groups are likely to carry on with their strategies of the past several months without much change.

A full supplement of the details and the points arising from SHAC trial will be issued together with our *Weekly Digest* of Wednesday 21 January 09.



Research - Activists deny farm raid charge

UK -- *This is Lincolnshire* reported that four animal rights activists denied charges connected to a raid at Highgate Farm, Normanby-by-Spital, near Lincoln. The farm was targeted because of its links to HLS, Lincoln Crown Court heard.

All four pleaded not guilty to conspiracy to cause damage, between April 13 and October 13. The four also denied charges of interfering with a contractual relationship so as to harm an animal research establishment and a further conspiracy.

Dean Cain (27) of King Street, Ulverston, Cumbria
Luke Steele (18) of Woodside View, Leeds
Victoria Waterhouse-Taylor (18) of Eva Street, Rusholme, Manchester and
a 17-year-old boy from Manchester, who cannot be named for legal reasons.

Cain and Steele were each remanded in custody. Waterhouse-Taylor and the 17-year-old boy were each granted conditional bail and the hearing was adjourned until 2009.

Highgate Farm was previously raided by activists in January when 129 rabbits were stolen and £100,000 damage caused by a group claiming links to the Animal Liberation Front. None of the four are charged with any offence in connection with this incident.

Fur – Arrests during protest in Emmen

Netherlands -- On Saturday 27 December 08 three activists were arrested during an anti-fur protest outside Helderling Fashions at Rietlanden 78 in Emmen. The protest group, Respect voor Dieren, were involved in the protest which consisted of around a dozen protestors outside the premises and the three arrested activists protesting in the premises.

The activists were particularly upset because they were of the opinion that the shop had given a pledge to them that it would no longer be selling fur products but they claimed the shop had reneged on its decision.

Criminal Actions

Offences against Research Industry - reported on Bite Back

Research – Homes of Novartis employees targeted in Germany

Germany – A lengthy report written in English / American from extremists, describing themselves as the 'ARM warriors Switzerland' has claimed responsibility for several attacks at the home addresses of Novartis employees in Schopfheim, Lorrach, Freiburg and Herbolzheim in Germany on the night of 7 December 08.

The particularly nasty and threatening report included the full names and addresses of the targeted persons and also included family details. Those details have been removed from the below report which otherwise is produced in full as it appears on *Bite Back*.

It reads as follows -

"On a night in December 7 Novartis executives and lab workers got a visit at home. The head office of Novartis is located in Basel, Switzerland and that's where these cowards work. These scumbags have been trying to hide by living just across the border of Switzerland in Germany. We will track down every single one of you and make sure you will all get the



treatment you deserve. Dealing with Huntingdon Life Sciences means getting a visit at your homes, family, friends and every single thing that is part of your private life. Novartis is dealing with Huntingdon Life Sciences and that means we will give you HELL Novartis.

This time we took out our ski-masks, spray paint, tools, paint stripper and petrol bombs. Next time we will just take out our SKIMASKS and BASEBALLBATS. It's less expensive, easier and more effective. So ask yourself, who will be next?

We started our payback time at the house of *(name)*, an executive at Novartis. This man has been smart by hiding his car but has a nice big white house which was covered in red spray paint saying things like drop HLS, scum, murderer and on his garage we spray painted in huge letters 'Murderer lives here' so all his neighbors could see he's a murderer.

We have been spying from the bushes in your garden on you *(name)* while you were having dinner with your family. We noticed you are having a son, is he someone close to you? Remember what we wrote earlier, who will be next?

Next was *(name)*, we paint stripped his big van in front of his house and slashed the tires. The house was covered in slogans. We know you are having your acupuncture centre at home *(wife's name)*.

This means you're home alone sometimes? The fire brigades in front of your house won't come and save you, we are professionals in sneaking around silently and breaking inside places.

(Name), executive at Novartis, did you like your paint stripped car, flat tires and spray paint on your house? We hope you do too Karin! It was funny how we were spray painting your house while you and your wife were still awake with the lights on. If you didn't see us, we were just sitting underneath your kitchen window! Good thing for you, you didn't come out.

(Name) was next having her car paint stripped, tires slashed and slogans sprayed on her house. You should watch your back too *(name)*!

The next house of *(name)* was quite funny. We found 3 cars in front of the garage doors next to your entrance, we weren't sure which one was yours so we just pain stripped them all and slashed the tires. To make sure your neighbors knew who to blame we covered your entrance with slogans.

Next visit was a special one and the final blow. These 2 murderers of Novartis, *(names)* are neighbors. Bad decision, you just make it so easy for us! We first spray painted the house and car of *(name)* and slashed the tires.

To finish the night we placed petrol bombs under two cars belonging to *(name)*, the wife of *(name)* who works at Novartis. You've got something to explain to your students of your dancing school at home *(name)* for what your husband is doing! Your students could easily be followed home... We hope your cars burned to ashes *(name)*!

It is clear to you Novartis, DROP HUNTINGDON LIFE SCIENCES or things will turn out bad for you. The animals in HLS live in a hell so will give you back what you did to them, WE WILL GIVE YOU HELL. We will continue the war by attacking your executives and other workers one by one, petrol bomb by petrol bomb, until you DROP HLS.

- the ARM warriors Switzerland

Remember all these 'people' work at Novartis in Basel, Switzerland. We should never hold back on these people, do what you feel like doing to them!

(List of all the names and addresses)



Research - Euronext targeted in the Netherlands

Netherlands – At around 2.30am on Saturday 20 December 08 two vehicles, belonging to a member of Euronext, were the subject of an arson attack. The incident took place at the home address in Lange Kerkdam in Wassenaar.



RTL-News reported that the police have not confirmed it was arson but the circumstances are suspicious and have issued details of the incident and their investigation to the media.



A few days later an anonymous communiqué on *Bite Back* read, "On Friday night 19th December the ALF placed [...] devices under two cars belonging to (name) living in Wassenaar, Lange Kerkdam [...]. This man has been working for NYSE Euronext for a long time and is one of the top people. [...]. ALF Netherlands"

On the *Bite Back* website it stated that the communiqué had been edited for legal reasons.

A similar attack in Hilversum on 7 November 08 was reported by a group claiming to be the "NYSE Euronext Bomb Squad".

Netherlands -- A previously mentioned incident, which took place in Noordwijkerhout has now been added to *Bite Back*. It reads, "In the night of the 19th of December we went to the house of (name), a director of NYSE Euronext. [...] We covered his [...] house in slogans with spray paint. Every single window they looked at from the inside and every door they went out was covered in slogans. [...] (Name), we left a secret message on your living room window for you [...] :). Again, *Bite Back* said the communiqué had been edited for legal reasons.

Research – UK offence against FedEx

UK -- A report simply claimed that 'in the early hours of the morning the ALF super-glued a FedEx van in the South West of England.' The Company is targeted because of claimed links to HLS.

Research – Barclays targeted in Spain

Spain -- A short report claimed that in early December 'a branch of Barclays Bank was stoned with construction rubble for its ties with HLS.'

Research – Claims of 'letter bombs' in the USA

USA -- Extremists claiming to be from the Animal Liberation Brigade say they have sent 'special letter bombs' to the Baltimore home addresses of two Johns Hopkins University (JHU) researchers. The communiqué also intimated that a letter-bomb may have also been sent to the JHU campus office one of the researchers.



Those responsible say the two researchers were 'chosen at random.' The article also warned, 'All responsible for the torture and oppression of innocent beings will soon receive the same treatment.'

Details of the Animal Liberation Brigade and their previous serious offences can be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Animal_Liberation_Brigade

If the claim can be verified then the attack indicates a step-up in the violent campaign against the use of primates in research in the USA. Similarly, if the attackers have local knowledge of Hopkins University, then the new level of violence suggests that the campaign is presently centred on the East Coast.

Other offences reported on Bite Back

Bite Back has been updated with a number of criminal offences. Summaries of the anonymous communiqués are reported in their various categories, as follows –

Factory Farming / Meat

UK -- A claim was made that 'in Somerset activists broke the window of a butchers shop.'

UK – A claim, dated 17 December 08, stated that seventy turkeys had been 'saved from a southern farm.' The fact that UK activists are extremely reluctant to provide photographic evidence to substantiate their claims or even specific details of location(s), times and dates is notable.

It is reasonable to suggest that a string of arrests and prosecutions by the police has caused activists to be even more guarded than previously. The claim ends with 'festive wishes' and purports to be made by members of ALF.'

Netherlands -- Activists claim that over the Christmas period they stole 13 white Flemish giant rabbits from a farm in the 'south of The Netherlands.' Those responsible did not know whether the rabbits were being kept 'for consumption or their fur.'

Fur

Greece -- The ALF has claimed responsibility for the liberation of 1000 mink at a fur farm in the town of Siatista. The article claims that the area of northern Greece, including the town of Siatista, is a major manufacturing centre for the fur industry in Europe.

Italy -- Local newspapers report a direct action at a Max Mara shop in the centre of Sassuolo in Modena. The shop has been damaged with paint, had its windows smashed and anti-fur slogans have been painted on the building.

Spain -- No location was given but there was a claim that during November more damage was caused to the fur shop Susanne. Those responsible say that 'locks were made unusable and the word 'murderers' as well as the initials FLA were painted on their metal shutters and on a stone wall that divides the store.' Threats of further action were made.

Actions in Mexico

Mexico -- A number of items were again reported by activists in Mexico. The most serious was on 22 December 08 when two trucks belonging to one of the many slaughterhouses in the City of Nezahualcóyotl, were set alight. The action was claimed by the FLA who, in their communiqué, surprisingly said they were 'Thinking of Ronnie Lee'. (Lee is regarded as the founder of the ALF)

Bullfighting



Colombia -- An item translated from Liberación Total claimed that on 10 December 08 the Autonomous Anarchic Cell of the FLT in Bogota sabotaged several phones of ETB, who the activist claim is a 'sponsor of bullfighting'. Support for Greek activists was given in the report.

Campaigns

Research - Gateway to Hell Campaign

Global -- Organisers of the Gateway to Hell Campaign say that on 20 November 08 an online petition was launched to demand an end to Nepal's monkey farming, and to pledge support for a boycott of Nepal. They say that 2,780 signatures from people across the world have signed a pledge to boycott Nepal in protest. Organisers said they would be submitting the petition to the Nepalese government on the 31 December 08.

Organisers have also identified the new Directors of the Nepalese Tourism Board and say they have 'massive political influence' but would be 'personally affected' by a boycott campaign. They say that they will be releasing detailed profiles of the new NTB Directors and their business interests soon but for now are asking supporters to politely email them with a letter of complaint. Emails and a sample letter are provided.

Germany -- On 13 December 08 protesters from the animal rights group 'Berlin-Vegan' and 'Tierversuchsgegner Berlin Brandenburg e.V.' organised a protest against the breeding and export of Nepalese rhesus monkeys to US primate centres.

They are demanding that the Nepalese government 'ban the capture, breeding and export of monkeys for biomedical research and to release the 310 monkeys still caged in the breeding farm in Lele.'

They stood next to the Weltzeituhr at the Alexanderplatz, in a peaceful protest in support of their cause.



Germany -- On 18 December 08 the Tierrechtsinitiative Rheine-Main animal rights group held a protest at the Nepalese Consulate in Frankfurt. This was the second protest from the group of five activists at the premises in two weeks. Their peaceful banner protest was in support of the Gateway to Hell campaign.

Research – Protest against Harlan

UK -- On Monday 29 December 08, following an earlier protest at Harlan's Hillcrest premises in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 9TE, a handful of activists made a nuisance of themselves at Harlan in Harlan, Blackthorn, Bicester. During their short stay they used their megaphones.



Research – Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- Only two protestors attended an announced demonstration at Huntingdon Life Sciences' premises in Alconbury near Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire on Friday 19 December 08. This was the only protest at the facility over the Christmas period. No demonstrations were held at the Company's premises in Occold, Suffolk.



Research – SHAC Campaign / HLS secondary targeting

UK -- On 19 December 08 seven SHAC supporters from the West Midlands area held a banner and placard protest outside a Barclays premises in Coventry. They also distributed leaflets during their stay outside the premises.

UK -- On Wednesday 24 December 08 two young activists held short but noisy protests at the following locations -

- Steris, Jays Close, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG22 4BS.
- Cardinal Health, Jays Close, Basingstoke, RG22 4BS.
- AXA, Winterthur Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 6SZ
- Barclays, Churchill Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 7GP
- PPD, Kings Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire, S023 7TW.



Their own account of their actions claimed that they had carried out the protests to show their solidarity with the SHAC extremists who had been found guilty at Winchester Crown Court.

UK / Global -- SHAC appealed for protestors to 'organise a demo in your Country' on Monday 29 December 08 and provided a link from its website of all targeted companies. The wide-ranging request did attract some report, although in some cases, previously organised actions were later attributed to the appeal.

The Vegan Prisoner Support Group (VPSG) reported that Natasha Avery's birthday was on 28 December but so far, none of the actions have been attributed to her continued detention at HMP Bronzefield.

UK -- On Monday 29 December 08 five protestors held a series of low-key demonstrations in London in support of the SHAC Campaign. Protests actions were held at -

- AXA in New Gate Street EC1A7NX
- Bank of New York Mellon Corp, NY Mellon Centre, 160 Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 4LA
- Barclays, Fleet Street, London
- JP Morgan at 125 London Wall, London, EC2Y5AJ

UK -- On Monday 29 December 08 six young activists held a number of protests - all in the Leicestershire area.

There was little finesse in their actions. They simply used megaphones and shouted at the locations.



The targeted locations were as follows -

- Harlan Hillcrest - Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 9TE.
- AstraZeneca - Bakewell Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 5RH
- Thermo Fisher - Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 5RG.
- Mettler-Toledo - 64 Boston Road, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE4 1AW.



Ireland -- On Friday 02 January 09, six activists from the National Animal Rights Association (NARA) held two announced protests in Dublin in support of SHAC's "Pick your own day" week of action.

AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals at College Park House on Nassau Street was the location for their first protest. The second protest was at Novartis Pharmaceuticals at Regus House, Harcourt Road, Dublin. The Gardai were present at both locations. Both demonstrations lasted for about an hour



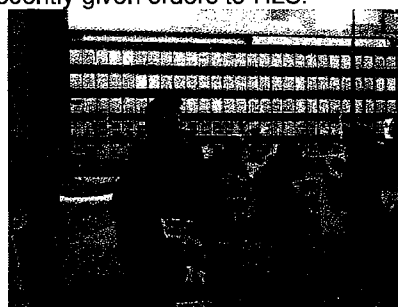
during which placards were displayed and leaflets distributed.

It appears that the National Animal Rights Association (NARA) is the animal rights group in Dublin which is prepared to support the SHAC campaign. Its main organiser, Laura Broxson, says they will continue to support SHAC appeals. There is no intelligence to suggest any increase in the level of support for NARA at the start of 2009.

Netherlands -- SHAC in the Netherlands carried out its promise of holding a monthly protest at Euronext on the Beursplein in Amsterdam. The group protested from 17.00 to 18.30 on Monday 22 December 08 but their actions held little impact.

Netherlands -- SHAC in the Netherlands ended 2008 with a series of announced protests on Monday 29 December against companies they claim 'had recently given orders to HLS.'

The demonstrations were not well supported and had limited impact because many of the employees were on holiday.



The locations for protest were as follows -

- Novartis Pharma, Raapopseweg 1, Arnhem
- Sanofi-Aventis, Kampenringweg 45 gebouw D-E, 2803PE Gouda
- AstraZeneca at Louis Pasteurlaan 5, Zoetermeer
- Astellas, Elisabethhof 1, Leiderdorp

They did not go ahead with the proposed demonstrations at Schering-Plough BV in Utrecht and Bayer in Mijdrecht but they did hold a surprise protest at Teva's premises at Computerweg 10, 3542 DR Utrecht.

Sweden -- On Monday 29 December 08 activists in Sweden, who are presently supporting the SHAC Campaign, held a number of protests in Stockholm. Noisy demonstrations were held by a group of seven activists at Abbott, Novartis and GSK.



In the past few months of 2008 the group, who are linked to the main Swedish animal rights group, Djurrattsalliansen, said they would be holding a monthly protest to support the anti-HLS campaign.



It seems that in December the protest was in response to SHAC's general appeal for protest on 19 December.

Monthly protests are likely to continue throughout early 2009.

Chile -- In response to SHAC's appeal for protest on Monday 29 December 08 a group of young activists held three protests. The first was held at the offices of Novartis.

Using megaphones, and displaying placards and banners they held a noisy protest until being moved by the police.

In the afternoon they protested at GSK premises and finally at the Sanofi-Aventis site. There were no reported incidents.





New Zealand -- On Thursday 25 December 08 two young activists held a protest on the doorstep at the home of GSK Director, Michael Bryant.

This was not the first time protest has taken place at the premises. The protestors say that 'there will be more actions carried out against all companies and people in New Zealand who are in anyway involved with animal testing at HLS' but it is to be hoped that before any such actions take place the authorities will take the necessary response concerning the Christmas Day protest.



USA / Global -- SHAC in the USA continues with its appeal for supporters to write and email companies who they allege are shareholders in HLS / LSR. The latest two companies are Numeric Investors and Peregrine Capital Management.

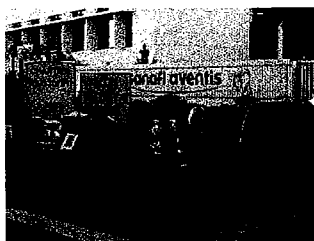
It is believed that the appeals are not well supported; nevertheless, 'polite' letters or emails from SHAC can still be disconcerting for the recipient.

Research – Protest at Sanofi in Paris

France -- On Thursday 18 December 08 supporters of the Coalition Anti Vivisection (CAV) and the Collectif Libération Animale (CLAM) (Animal Liberation Collective) gathered at 3pm at on l'Avenue de Lodève in Paris before moving to the nearby Sanofi-Aventis premises. Their announced protest commenced at 3.30pm and continued until 6.00pm.



The first part of the protest was along the roadway leading to the facility. The second part of their action was at the entrance / exit at the entrance to the site.



Protest was made to coincide with the employees leaving the premises.

Initially, a relatively peaceful placard and banner protest took place but it appears that some of the group of around fifteen protestors took advantage of the apparent lack of a police presence and made a nuisance of themselves around vehicles leaving the premises.



It appears that they were able to gain close access to the employees in their vehicles.

Dominique Joron from CLAM was mentioned as being one of the main organisers of the protest.

Research – Protest at Harlan in Leicestershire

UK – Supporters of Loughborough Animal Concern held an announced protest outside the gates of Harlan's premises in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leicestershire on Wednesday 10 December 08. The action commenced at 3pm and continued until 6pm.



A dozen protestors were involved in the action which remained peaceful throughout. For the first hour they remained at the top of the road leading to and from the premises. They then moved to near the gates but caused no problems.

Research - National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- On Wednesday 17 December 08 supporters of the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance held a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7 1AA. There were no reports of any incidents following the protest from the five demonstrators.

Research - SPEAK campaign against Oxford University

UK -- On Tuesday 17 December 08 eight SPEAK supporters held a 'petition stall', displayed banners and leafleted in Bonn Street in Oxford City centre. There were no reported incidents

UK -- The following day SPEAK activists held their weekly demonstration opposite the newly constructed biomedical laboratories in South Parks Road, Oxford. Twelve activists took part in the demonstration between 1pm and 5pm. Placards and a banner were displayed condemning the use of live animals in experiments. There were no reports of any incidents between protestors and the police.



UK -- On Saturday 20 December 08 a group of SPEAK activists met at the Martyrs' Memorial in Oxford city centre at noon and held a candlelit vigil in 'remembrance of animals.'



UK -- Around twenty-five SPEAK activists gathered for a Christmas Day protest at 11am opposite the Chemistry Laboratory on South Parks Road, Oxford.

The action was more of a friendly gathering rather than a protest and there were no incidents. The protestors remained for four hours during which they laid a wreath at the fence of the new laboratory.

UK -- On Sunday 4 January 09 Emma Speed and Amanda King from SPEAK appeared on BBC's 'Big Questions' TV programme. It was from Wychwood School in Oxford and covered religious and ethical debates which included the use of animals in research. Simon Festing from the RDS spoke on behalf of the research industry.

Research - Sequani

UK -- Four activists from the Stop Sequani Animal Testing (SSAT) group were joined by five unknown protestors during a lunchtime protest at Sequani in Ledbury in Herefordshire on Friday 2 January 09. The nine protested from 11.30am before leaving shortly after 2pm. A different five activists returned at 4pm to hold another protest. Their actions had little impact.

A lone protestor visited the premises on 22 and 29 December 08.

Research - Wickham Laboratories

UK -- No protest took place at Wickham Laboratories in Wickham Village, Hampshire over the Christmas and New Year period. The last protest to take place at the premises was on 10



December 08 when six local protestors held a low-key announced protest outside the premises.

Research – Christmas Day gathering at Covance in Harrogate

UK – Despite the fact that there had been next to no protests during 2008, some of the former and now more elderly protestors gathered at the gates of Covance in Harrogate, North Yorkshire. In all eight demonstrators attended between noon and 1.15pm but there was only a maximum of six at any one time.

Divisions in the Covance Campaign during 2006 resulted in the group failing to organise any form of sustained protest in 2007 and apart from one or two isolated actions, by one or two established protestors, no form of protest action took place against the Company in the UK during 2008.

At present, there is no intelligence available which suggests any change in the situation.

Research – ‘London against Camden Danger Lab’ Campaign

UK -- The London against Camden Danger Lab continue their efforts to stop the building of the new UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation (UKCMRI) in the Camden area of London.

The group continue to create an aura of fear about the premises being built and are presently bombarding *Indymedia* with appeals for contact to be made with local businesses about the potential risks from the ‘deadly bio hazard lab’.

Lengthy lists of St Pancras Eurostar restaurants and cafes and Embassies have been included.

Although there are wider issues it is becoming obvious that there is a strong animal rights influence developing. In one of the emails it states, “One of the backers behind the lab are the UCL ...these guys have Huntingdon Life Sciences customers on campus. We look forward to hearing from any students from UCL who want to take part in Action.’

Research - Policing the right to protest

UK -- Response from Anton Setchell, the National Coordinator for Domestic Extremism to article on 27 Dec 08 by George Monbiot’s in *The Guardian*, ‘Policing the right to protest’

“While I welcome some of the challenges George Monbiot makes about policing protest and domestic extremism (Comment, 23 December), I disagree with others. The police service has a long history of facilitating lawful protest.

The vast majority of protest is lawful and peaceful. Police forces and units like NETCU do a great deal to ensure campaign groups can exercise their democratic freedom of speech, but at the same time, to ensure that communities can continue to enjoy their freedom to go about their business with minimum disruption and without being subjected to disorder or intimidation.

But there are a small number who believe that breaking the law is justifiable and will help to further their campaign aims. NETCU is there to support forces in facilitating lawful protest and in preventing that which is unlawful. Most of the time, those willing to break the law associate closely with the law-abiding.



We try to ensure our response to both lawful and unlawful protest is even-handed and proportionate. It is essential the police remain absolutely neutral and impartial during protest or direct action. But it surely shouldn't come as a surprise when we mount an operation to prevent an openly declared intention by environmentalists to breach the security fencing of a power station, an airport or coal mine so that they can cause significant disruption and damage. Where direct action groups threaten and intimidate employees or cause damage to property, we will continue to support those victims and companies and bring offenders to justice. It is then through the criminal justice process and in the courts that we are held to account for our actions.

To clarify an earlier article in another newspaper, it is not and never has been our belief that there is a "lone maverick eco-extremist waiting to mount a terror attack aimed at killing large numbers of Britons" and we have not briefed anyone to that effect; the views expressed in that article and referred to by George Monbiot do not reflect ours and are misleading. We do agree with Mr Monbiot that environmental protest has so far been non-violent in Britain, even though it has been unlawful sometimes."

Research – NARA demonstrations in Dublin

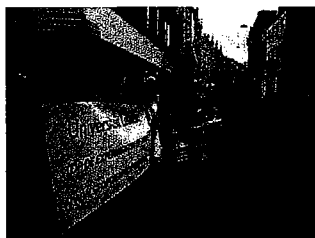
Ireland -- On Tuesday 06 January 09 activists from NARA held their usual weekday series of protests on the streets of Dublin.

Six activists were first engaged in an anti-fur protest at the Department of Agriculture in Kildare Street before holding an hour-long protest at Trinity College in Nassau Street against the use of animals in research at the College.



Later protest was held outside McDonald's in Grafton Street.

Research – Protest in Leuven against use of monkeys in research



Belgium -- On 28 December 08 activists from the Anti Dierproeven Coalition held a protest / information stall in Diestsestraat in Leuven against the use of animals in research at the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL). According to the group, the KUL carries out neurological experiments on monkeys but claim that alternative methods exist.

The protest consisted of street theatre with some activists dresses as monkeys in a cage while others were 'dressed as "mad scientists" who carried out tests on the caged animals.' The protestors said they wanted to bring their protest to the attention of the general public.

Belgium -- From 1.30pm to 4.30pm on Sunday 04 January 09 protestors held another protest action in Diestsestraat in Leuven against the use of animals in research at the Catholic University of Leuven (KUL).



The protest took the form of street theatre / information stall and there were no problems caused by the protest.

The ADC website says they have had no response from the KUL. The group's spokesperson, Danny Flies, says, "We will continue to confront the university with this problem until it is ready to have dialogue with us."



It would appear that in the coming months activists from Stop Dierproeven / Anti Dierproeven Coalition (ADC) will be concentrating a fair proportion of their efforts against the use of animals in research at KUL. They may see this as an achievable goal.

Research / Fur – Respect voor Dieren protest in Zaandam

Belgium -- On Saturday 20 December 08 an animal rights protest rally, organised by Respect voor Dieren, took place in Zaandam. Support came from Groningen, Zwolle, Emmen, Antwerp, Maastricht, Nijmegen, Rotterdam, Utrecht and Amsterdam.

The gathering commenced at 13:00 in an area behind the central station in the town and then a march, supported by around a hundred demonstrators, followed a route prescribed by the police. The marchers were not allowed to protest in the pedestrianised area of the town where the main thrust of the protest would have taken place.



A heavy police presence ensured that the activists followed the route, despite the organisers' best efforts to change it. At one stage the front section of the march was confrontational with the police and tried to change the direction of the march but police on horseback quickly restored order. No arrests were made.

Sara Blok was the main spokesperson for the event which gained some local media coverage. The march was in protest at premises with references to fur, animals in circuses and shops where animals are sold.

Prior to the event activists had placed large banners around the local railway station and there has been extensive advertising for the event.

Research – Protest at Allergan AG in Pfäffikon

Switzerland -- On Friday 19 December 08 Swiss activists said they would be holding a protest / vigil outside Allergan AG, Churerstrasse 135, CH - 8808 Pfäffikon (Freienbach). The organisers said the protest would be against animal testing, in particular experimentation in connection with Botox.

No reports have been received to date but a relatively peaceful protest was expected for the announced action.

Research - Police hit squad to target animal rights activists

Netherlands -- Extreme animal rights activists will be targeted by a specialist team of policemen, intelligence agents and the Ministry of Justice. (Source - RNW News)

Dutch Interior Minister, Guusje ter Horst, has decided this new approach against violence by activists is needed because "they are going too far", she told the *Telegraaf Daily* on Sunday 21 December 08. The minister was referring to increasingly violent actions "against directors of companies that cannot find favour in the eyes of animal rights activists."

The announcement almost coincided with an attack on the property of a senior official of the NYSE Euronext stock exchange. Two cars on the drive of his home in Wassenaar went up in flames. Euronext trades in stocks of British animal testing labs, Huntingdon Life Sciences.



Responsibility for the attack has not been claimed yet, but an earlier attack in Hilversum last month was claimed by British animal rights activists.

The new counter-activism team was set up after the public prosecutor's office raised the alarm. Efforts to infiltrate the activists' movement had failed because of the secluded nature of the groups, the prosecutor said, rendering it impossible to fight them. The new police team will target radical animal rights groups and is tasked with preventing new attacks.

In April, the southern city of Venray scrapped ambitious plans for 'Sciencelink', a high-tech campus focusing on biotechnological research and industry, after a series of attacks on the homes of investors and other individuals connected with the project. The attacks included the painting of slogans on walls of private property and the delivery of a mourning wreath. Animal rights activists said that, once in operation, Sciencelink would rely heavily on the use of lab animals.

Past Events – Animal Rights / Animal Welfare

Fur – Protests in UK and Europe

UK – Seventeen anti-fur activists held an announced protest as Welsh opera singer Katherine Jenkins opened the Winter Sale at Harrods at 9am on Saturday 27 December 08.

The protesters heckled and booed shouting 'shame' on Ms Jenkins as she arrived in a horse-drawn carriage and was ushered into the store by chairman Mohamed al Fayed.

The protest made little impact over the cheers of bargain hunters queuing outside the store but the activists will be pleased with the amount of media attention their protest attracted.

Jenkins later told the press that personally 'she did not eat meat or wear fur, but people were entitled to their opinions.'



It was feared that Ms Jenkins' December tour in the UK may be marred by protests at various venues but protests did not materialise.

UK -- On 22 December 08, Sheffield Animal Friends (SAF) held an anti-fur protest outside Cruise on Chapel Walk in Sheffield. This was the third such action in as many days. They claim that Cruise have removed all fur garments from their website but continue to sell fur in a number of their shops.

UK -- Throughout the afternoon of Saturday 20 December 08 around a dozen protestors were engaged in the weekly protest at Harrods. Banners were displayed and leaflets were distributed by the smaller than expected group. Protest also took place from 18 to 24 December 08 but only attracted an average of six protestors. Apart from the occasional use of the megaphone there were no incidents.

UK -- Anti-fur activists held their weekly protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Their action took place throughout the afternoon of Sunday 19 December 08 outside the premises.

Ireland -- On Saturday 20 December 08, CAFT / NARN activists were again involved in anti-fur protests in the centre of Dublin. They protested at the usual locations of Rohu Furs in



Castle Market, Sydney Vard Furriers in South Anne Street and Barnardo Furs in Grafton Street. NARN has also been assisted by supporters of ALib and ARAN, who have also protested at the premises.

Italy -- On 23 December, ten activists of the AIP campaign held a two hour anti-fur protest outside Max & Co in Milan city centre. The group distributed leaflets and involved themselves in some street theatre. The protest was directed against the Max Mara Fashion Group.

Several other similar actions took place in Italy and will be reported upon on a quieter report day.

Live Exports - Kent against Live Exports monthly protest at Dover Docks

UK -- Kent against Live Exports (KALE) says it holds a demonstration on the first Saturday of each month between noon and 3pm by Athol Terrace at the Eastern Docks Roundabout, Dover. Protest is also supported by Compassion in World Farming (CIWF). Their latest protest was due to take place on Saturday 3 January 09.

The group are one of the few involved in regular concerns on live exports issues. They are known to monitor heavy goods vehicles using the main roads in Kent and driving to the Port of Dover. KALE activists record the nationality of vehicles being used, details of their registration numbers, company names, vehicle colours, identifying features as well as the times and dates of the sightings.

Hunting – Another arrest in Otis Ferry case

UK – The *Shropshire Star* reported that a man had been arrested in connection with an ongoing court case involving Shropshire huntmaster Otis Ferry. Police have confirmed that a 29-year-old man from Caynham, near Ludlow, was arrested on 2 January 09 on suspicion of perverting the course of justice. Ferry, 26, of Eaton Mascott, near Shrewsbury, has been charged with assault, robbery and two counts of perverting the course of justice. He has denied all the charges against him.

Gloucestershire Police said that the arrested male from Caynham had been released on police bail until January 28 when he will appear at Stroud Police Station. Another male and female who were also previously arrested in connection with the case are also on police bail until January 28."

Ferry, son of singer Bryan Ferry, has been on remand at Gloucester prison since September, awaiting a trial which is set to take place at Gloucester Crown Court on March 9. It is alleged Ferry robbed and assaulted a hunt monitor last year as she filmed him at his sport. Ferry is also accused of approaching a witness involved in the robbery and assault allegations.

Hunting - Boxing Day Anti-Hunt Action

UK -- Boxing Day and New Years Day are the two biggest days in the hunting calendar and both draw attention from members of the Hunt Saboteurs Association (HSA), Hunt Watch and the League against Cruel Sports (LACS). However, there were no reports of any incidents.

Reports say claim more than 300,000 turned up at their traditional Boxing Day hunts. Pro-hunt groups used the turnout to renew calls to repeal the controversial 2004 Hunting Act, backed by a petition with thousands of signatures and Conservative plans to end the ban. But anti-hunt campaigners also criticised the law, claiming the hunters were exploiting loopholes to act 'with impunity' in killing animals. The bill made hunting with dogs a criminal offence,



although exercising hounds, chasing a scent trail and flushing out foxes to be shot are all still legal.

More than 300 hunts, including 194 fox hunts with packs of hounds, were held, according to the Countryside Alliance. More than 6,000 turned out for one in Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.



The majority used 'trails' in which a scent of the quarry is laid down artificially. A dead fox is often used as a reward for hounds at the hunt's end.

But many took advantage of exemptions, including around 50 which used the 'bird of prey' exemption. This involves a fox being flushed out by hounds into the path of a bird of prey.

Many hunts now have their own eagle owl or golden eagle. Other hunts use an exemption in which two dogs flush out quarry from woodland for shooting.

Hunt Saboteurs Association spokesman Lee Moon was at the Essex Hunt where he said 20 fellow saboteurs saved two foxes from the hunt. He says the Hunting Act needs to be strengthened with a recklessness clause added for the prosecution of hunts where animals are chased and killed "by accident".



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Summary

Monday 19 January will see the three co-founders of the SHAC campaign, Gregg and Natasha Avery and Heather Nicholson, sentenced to what are expected to be lengthy prison sentences. Four other SHAC activists will be joining them at Winchester Crown Court for sentence. All were found guilty of conspiracy to blackmail companies with links to HLS.

Gerrah Selby, Daniel Wadham and Gavin Medd-Hall will appear having been released on conditional bail, while Daniel Amos remains in custody with the Averages and Nicholson. The offence carries a maximum term of 14 years in prison.

During the trial it was shown how SHAC activists in the UK had spent time in Europe organising protests and spreading the boundaries of their campaign. However, UK activists no longer need to travel. Many countries now have their dedicated SHAC organiser(s) who can call upon support whenever there is a general appeal.

In 2008, SHAC protests were seen in Europe, Scandinavia, New Zealand, South Africa, the USA and more recently in South America. Despite a willingness to show occasional support for SHAC, many of the groups are now turning to protest actions against companies using animals in research, in particular those using primates. Unlike the campaign against HLS, which has now run for almost ten years, they see other aims as achievable.

The past year has shown no increase in support numbers for SHAC. Nevertheless, fears of a backlash following the sentencing are understandable. Recent events, against Novartis and Euronext in Germany and the Netherlands, have shown that there are still cells of extremists still willing to carry out criminal activity in support of the SHAC campaign - it is what has set the animal rights movement apart from other similar organisations.

With the success of the authorities and the police in the UK, political persuasion and the use of criminality are the only obvious means left to the activists in seeking their goals. Protests at the gates of premises are still of concern to companies but no longer have the impact they had initially when numbers were greater and were more hostile.

The fact that seven other SHAC activists, charged with the same offence of conspiracy to blackmail, will be standing trial in February at Winchester Crown Court should dissuade some from involving themselves in criminality – at least until that trial is over.

The period immediately following 19 January should be seen as a time when the property at the homes of senior personnel of companies, who have been targeted in the SHAC campaign, will be at greater risk from extremists, and as such, it should be seen as necessary to review security arrangements and be reminded of the need to remain vigilant.

Announced protests are due to take place at the HLS sites in Cambridgeshire and Suffolk, Harlan's premises in Cambridgeshire and at Sequani in Herefordshire. SHAC supporters say they will be holding demonstrations in the Netherlands on 23 January but no location details have been given as yet.

Away from SHAC, the SPEAK campaign co-founder, Mel Broughton, will face a new trial at Oxford Crown Court on 20 January accused of plotting arson attacks on Oxford University. A previous jury was unable to decide if he was involved in an arson attack at Queen's College sports pavilion and an attempted firebomb attack at Templeton College. The jury cleared him of keeping an explosive substance with intent. He denies conspiracy to commit arson and possessing an article with intent to destroy or damage property.



Future Events

THURSDAY 15 to MONDAY 26 JANUARY 2009

THURSDAY 15 JANUARY

Research - Action for 'Gateway to Hell Campaign' appeal

Global -- Organisers of the Gateway to Hell Campaign are appealing for a week of 'spontaneous actions' from 12 to 19 January 09 against Nepal's monkey business. They say the 'Nepal Minister has yet to decide the fate of Nepal's monkeys' and they are hoping that an increase in worldwide protests will influence a decision in their favour.

They appeal for 'demonstrations, outreach actions, sign petitions and send emails'. Peaceful protests are expected at a number of Nepalese Embassies worldwide. This could well lead to a temporary period of increased support for the campaign, which may well lead to increased support for any of the campaigns against the use of primates in research.

Research / Animal Rights – Nottingham Animal Rights (NAR)

UK -- Nottingham Animal Rights (NAR) remains a busy protest group supporting all aspects of animal rights demonstrations.

During the evening of Thursday 15 January 09 NAR will be holding another of its four-weekly networking meetings at the Sumac Centre, 245 Gladstone Street, (New Basford / Forest Fields), NG7 6HX, in order to plan forthcoming campaign activities. Before each meeting they hold some form of protest in Nottingham. On this occasion protest takes place at McDonalds in Exchange Walk from 6pm to 7.30pm.

An example of their varied protests comes from their actions this week -

Wednesday 14 Jan - Anti-Foie Gras demonstration outside French Living, King Street from 6pm to 8pm on

Saturday 17 January – SHAC 'Day of Action' outside Hotel Chocolat (opposite M&S), Albert St/St Peters Gate) from 1pm to 5pm

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford

UK -- SPEAK activists continue to hold weekly Thursday demonstrations in a designated zone opposite the Biomedical Sciences Building in South Parks Road, Oxford between 1pm and 5pm – the time allowed by the University's injunction. Around twenty protestors have attended the recent weekly demonstrations, which are still monitored by the police and the University's security staff.

The campaigners occasionally hold one or more smaller demonstrations and information stalls in Oxford during the course of each week.

Now that the Biomedical Sciences Building has been built, protest action centres on the use of animals in scientific research at the University. The group also says it will be making efforts to discourage tourists visiting the City.

Israel / Palestine – Protests against Raytheon in Bristol



UK -- Another protest is due to take place at the Raytheon offices at Argentum House, Bristol Business Park, Frenchay, Bristol on the afternoons of Thursday 15 January 09 from 3pm to 6pm. A number of protests have now taken place at the premises and police will be in attendance.

Israel / Palestine – Protest at M & S in London

UK -- Anti-Israeli activists are seeking to attract protest to M & S. A group has picketed the Marks & Spencer's at Marble Arch in London every Thursday for the last seven years during which time there have been counter-demonstrations which have led to difficulties for the police. More problems may come on Thursday 15 January 09 when protest is again due to take place from 4pm to 8pm.

With the present level of conflict in Israel and Gaza increasing then further actions may occur against the Company outside of London – as demonstrated last week with incidents occurring in Newcastle and Bristol.

Factory Farming - Anti-McDonalds demonstration in London

UK -- This week's London anti-McDonalds protest is due to take place on Thursday 8 January 09 from 6pm to 7.30pm outside McDonalds Regent Street store, near to Piccadilly Circus. The regular protest fails to attract more than ten supporters and in the past few months has caused few problems.

FRIDAY 16 JANUARY

Research - SHAC protest in London

UK -- SHAC organisers say they will be holding a protest in the City and London areas on Friday 16 January 09. It is expected that the financial institutions, which the activists link to HLS, will be the likely targets.

Those attending are asked to meet at Bank Tube Station at noon. It is expected that no more than a dozen activists will engage in placard, banner and leaflet protest outside the targeted premises. Once again, one or more Barclays' premises are likely to receive some form of protest.

There is no evidence to suggest any substantial changes or increase in the level of protest.

A list of likely targets can be found in Appendix "A" at the end of this report.

Research – Protests in Holland against use of animals in research

Netherlands -- On Friday 16 January 09 Stop Dierproeven activists will be holding another series of protests at locations in The Netherlands, which they claim are linked to the use of animals in research.

Protests are expected to be noisy but within the limits allowed by the authorities.

The announced protest times and locations at present are as follows -

09.30 to 12.00 – Nepalese Trades Fair at Vakantiebeurs in Utrecht
13.00 to 14.30 – Solvay, C J van Houtenlaan 36, Weesp
15.30 to 18.00 - Animal Sciences Group, Edelhertweg 15, Lelystad

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshire



UK -- Friday protest may take place at Novartis' Ciba Vision at Hedge End in Hampshire from two or three young activists. Two months ago, animal rights-related damage was caused at the home of a member of staff. Following the incident no protests were made for a number of weeks but demonstrators returned during December to make low-key protests. No incidents have been reported this year, thus far.

Foie Gras - Regular protests in London

UK -- London Animal Rights continues to appeal for support for foie gras demonstrations in London on Friday evenings between 6pm and 8pm at Central London restaurants. It is believed the group have turned their attention to Bonds Restaurant in Threadneedle Street, which is close to Bank Tube Station.

SATURDAY 17 JANUARY

Research – SPEAK protest in Oxford City centre

UK -- On Saturday 17 January 09 SPEAK activists will again be holding a protest outside the Sheldonian Theatre in Oxford City centre. They will be meeting at 10.30am at the corner of Broad Street and Cattle Street in order to once again protest at a degree ceremony which will be taking place at the venue.

Several protests have taken place at the location and have attracted between ten and twenty-five supporters. During 2008 no incidents were reported. There is no intelligence to suggest any change in the present manner of protest.

The SPEAK activists are set to continue their protests and have announced a number of similar demonstrations at the same venue for the first half of 2009. They say that actions at the Sheldonian Theatre will take place at the same ceremony which will take place on Saturday 7 March, 9 May, 23 May and 21 June.

A demonstration will also take place at the Encaenia Ceremony at the same venue on Wednesday 24 June.

Fur – Protests in the UK

UK -- The weekly Saturday protest outside Harrods commences around 11am and continues until around 5pm. Over the Christmas period demonstrations also took place on weekdays but for the foreseeable future, protest is likely to be only held on Saturday from around twenty supporters of CAFT and London Animal Action.

UK -- The Edinburgh Fur Free City (EFFC) group holds an anti-fur protest in Edinburgh every Saturday. They commence at 11am with an information stall outside the East Register House before moving to the Registry House on Princes Street.

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UK

UK -- Supporters of Greyhound Action South West London continue to hold a protest outside Wimbledon greyhound racetrack. Leafleting takes place on Saturday evenings from 10.15pm until about 11.30pm. Weekly Saturday protests also often takes place from 6.15pm until about 8pm.

UK -- Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE) continues to hold a regular Saturday evening protest against dog racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon. This is a well-supported action by some of the most dedicated animal rights supporters in the UK.

Research – CAV information stalls in Belgium



Belgium -- The Coalition Anti Vivisection (CAV) has held information stalls every Saturday in different towns in Belgium. No times and exact locations have been issued but they have indicated that on Saturday 17 January 09 in Hasselt.

SUNDAY 18 JANUARY

Fur – Protest in London

UK -- Anti-fur activists hold a regular Sunday protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Protest takes place between noon and 4pm outside the shop. The activists claim the shop 'carries all manner of animal fur.' The group say there will be a 'protest outside this store every week until they go fur free.'

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex

UK -- Protest takes place every Sunday at the Brighton Sealife Centre situated near to the Pier and is staged between 1pm and 3pm in order to "bring to the public's attention to the 'unacceptable conditions' which exist for the animals kept in the Centre." There have been no reports of any incidents arising from last year's protests.

It is believed the main organiser for Brighton Animal Defenders group is Denise Friend. As well as protest at the Sealife Centre, the group also holds monthly Greyhound Stadium demonstrations and the weekly protest at Novartis in Horsham.

MONDAY 19 JANUARY

Research – Sentencing of SHAC extremists

UK -- Sentencing will take place at Winchester Crown Court on Monday 19 January 09 of seven SHAC extremists.

Three of the defendants, Greg and Natasha Avery and Dan Amos, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to blackmail before the trial started. Four others - Heather Nicholson, Gavin Medd-Hall, Daniel Wadham, and Gerrah Selby - were found guilty by the jury at Winchester Crown Court. Trevor Holmes was acquitted.

All defendants in the trial were charged with conspiracy to blackmail contrary to section 1 of the Criminal Law Act 1977. The particulars of the charge were that 'between the 15th day of November 2001 and the 2nd day of May 2007 they conspired together and with others to blackmail representatives of companies and businesses and other persons whom they suspected of being associated with Huntingdon Life Sciences Plc by making unwarranted demands, namely to cease lawful trading with HLS, with menaces and with intent to cause loss to another.'

The maximum sentence for this offence is 14 years imprisonment. Greg Avery, Natasha Avery and Dan Amos pleaded guilty on 30 July 2008 to the offence with which they had been charged in May 2007. This was the day before the date on which the trial judge had indicated that the maximum discount in sentence for a guilty plea would cease to be available.

Seven others, Thomas William Harris, Nicola May Tapping, Sarah Catherine Whitehead, Nicole Patricia Vosper, Jason Peter Mullan, Janet Claire Lawrence and Alfie Edward Fitzpatrick have been charged with the same offence of conspiracy to blackmail.

It is believed that their trial will commence shortly after the sentencing of their fellow activists.

Research – Announced SHAC protests in support of 'SHAC 7'



UK -- Seven SHAC extremists will be sentenced at Winchester Crown Court on Monday 19 January 09, having been found guilty, or pleaded guilty, to conspiracy to blackmail HLS. It is expected that they will all receive custodial sentences.

As previously reported, the day, and the days soon after, should be seen as a higher risk period for protest and criminal damage attacks. A lengthy item, published on NETCU Watch, and probably written by the activist, Lynn Sawyer, has announced the following locations, dates and times where protest will take place -

19 January

07.00 - 11.00 - Harlan, Abbots Ripton Road, Wyton, Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE17 2DT
12.00 - 18.00 - HLS, Woolley Road, Alconbury, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire PE28 4HS

20 January

07.00 - 10.00 - Harlan, Abbots Ripton Road, Wyton, Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE17 2DT
12.00 - 18.00 - HLS, Barrack Road, Eye near Occold, Suffolk, IP237PX
Evening – Sequani in Ledbury, Herefordshire

It is expected that more locations will be added before sentencing. It is also anticipated that a number of unannounced actions may take place – especially in London and in the South of England. Support actions are also likely in the USA and in Europe. Protest now takes place in the Netherlands on 23 January – locations to be announced.

A list of where SHAC protest took place in the UK in the final three months of last year can be found in Appendix "A" at the end of this report.

Activists point out that if they are imprisoned this will bring the total number of animal rights prisoners in the UK to 17, many of them serving long term sentences. They are also concerned that with more trials in the pipeline in 2009, the total number of prisoners is likely to reach an all time high. There are appeals for a 'fight back' but few will be willing to risk becoming another arrest statistic.

Suggestions for unannounced actions are to hold a demonstration at 'a local lab, customer, supplier or animal breeder, hand out leaflets outside your local Cancer Research UK or British Heart Foundation charity shop or set up a town centre stall to raise awareness, stage a publicity stunt, go door to door leafleting or write letters to the press.'

All of the above may take place but at this stage there appears to be little co-ordination for action which will have any impact.

An appeal is also being made for environmental groups to show some form of solidarity with SHAC by 'dedicating an already planned environmental action to the campaigners or holding a small protest.' Few are likely to heed the appeal.

The situation is being monitored and will any specific information will be immediately reported.

Israel / Palestine – Protest at UAV Engines, Lichfield, Staffordshire

UK -- An item on *Indymedia* from 'Kirsty Rowan' is calling for a demonstration outside UAV Engines, on Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Litchfield, Staffordshire WS140DT on Monday 19 January 09, to call for an 'end to arms sales to Israel and an end to Israeli violent repression of the Palestinian people.'

Those attending are meeting at 11.15am at Shenstone Railway Station for a noon protest at the nearby premises. Support also comes from Nottingham activists who will be leaving from the Sumac Centre in Nottingham at 9.30 a.m.



TUESDAY 20 JANUARY

Research – New trial date for SPEAK’s Mel Broughton

UK -- The SPEAK campaign co-founder, Mel Broughton, will face a new trial this month accused of plotting arson attacks on Oxford University.

Broughton, 48, of Semilong Road, Northampton, faces a retrial at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday 20 January 08, after a jury was unable to decide if he was involved in an arson attack at Queen’s College sports pavilion and an attempted firebomb attack at Templeton College. The jury cleared him of keeping an explosive substance with intent.

Broughton denies conspiracy to commit arson and possessing an article with intent to destroy or damage property.

Research – Announced SHAC protests in support of ‘SHAC 7’ please see 19 January

Research - SHAC protests in the South

UK -- The SHAC website reports that every Tuesday there will be a protest ‘in the South’. The protests generally cover the counties of Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and between two and six protests can be made during the day.

It appears that there are only four or five young activists in the region who are willing to engage in protest at targeted premises. Nevertheless, on many occasions, protests from those involved achieve their goal of temporarily disrupting the workplace.

In the past month protest actions have taken place in the areas of Basingstoke, Bracknell, Maidenhead, Uxbridge and Winchester

Research - Weekly demonstration at Novartis in Sussex

UK – Four or five local SHAC supporters hold a weekly protest outside Novartis in Horsham, Sussex. Protest is held on a Tuesday or a Wednesday. The group display banners and placards in a designated the premises and out of sight of the employees. Their actions are restricted by the Company’s injunction.

WEDNESDAY 21 JANUARY

Israel / Palestine – Protest at ITT, formerly EDO/MBM, Brighton

UK -- On Wednesday 21 January 09 activists involved in the longstanding campaign against ITT, the former EDO/ MBM, will be involved in their weekly protest which takes place from 4pm to 6pm outside the premises in Home Farm Road, off the Lewes Road near Brighton.

Recent protests have attracted around fifteen local protestors but on this occasion they will be hoping for greater support as they we will be ‘naming the victims of Israeli massacres in Gaza.’ Organisers of the campaign claim that ITT has sole patents for items which are ‘secretly incorporated within the bomb racks of the Israeli F16 aircraft.’

Police will be concerned that the premises could become a focal point for protest against the continuing events in Gaza.

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London

UK – The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late Wednesday afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in the



Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. At present, only a handful of regular protestors are involved in relatively low-level action which does not require the presence of the police.

THURSDAY 22 JANUARY

Greyhound Racing - Charity night targeted by Greyhound Action

UK -- Greyhound Action (GA) have contacted their supporters in relation to an event being held at Belle View Stadium, Manchester on Thursday 22 January 09; the Northern Regional branch of Caravan, the National Grocers' Benevolent Fund, plan to hold a 'greyhound night' that date.

GA ask their supporters to email June Ghilene who is organising the event and "politely raise her awareness on the reality of greyhound racing and suggest they are far more ethical and enjoyable ways for a welfare conscious charity to socialise."

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford.....please see 15 January

FRIDAY 23 JANUARY

Research – Proposed protests in support of SHAC campaign

Netherlands -- On Friday 23 January 09, SHAC supporters in the Netherlands say they will be holding actions at several companies associated with HLS – companies the activists say are known to have recently given orders to HLS.

Organisers say the dates and locations will be disclosed before the end of this week. As soon as the details are known they will be the subject of a separate email report.

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshireplease see 16 January

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshireas above

Foie Gras - Regular protests in Londonas above

SATURDAY 24 JANUARY

Fur – Protests in the UKplease see 17 January

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UKas above

SUNDAY 25 JANUARY

Fur – Protest in Londonplease see 18 January

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex ...as above

MONDAY 26 JANUARY

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

UK – Generally, no more than five demonstrators are involved in the weekly protest at HLS in Woolley near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire. It is likely that the local group of protestors will be holding their protest on Friday this week. The demonstration will be carried out within the boundaries allowed by the Company's injunction. As yet, no actions have been noted for the Company's premises in Occold, Suffolk.



Past Events

TUESDAY 06 to TUESDAY 13 JANUARY 2009

Arrests and Court Updates

Climate Change - Stansted protesters sentenced amid threat of £2m damages claim

UK – The *Guardian* reported that the group of climate change protesters who brought Stansted airport to a standstill after occupying a taxiway in December were sentenced on 9 January, as it emerged that they and others who joined them face the threat of being sued for more than £2m in damages.

Most of the 22 campaigners, who are members of the group Plane Stupid, were ordered to do between 50 and 90 hours community service after admitting aggravated trespass. The incident closed the airport in Essex for five hours. (Source - The Guardian)

Each of the protesters must pay compensation of £60 to cover £3,000 worth of damage to the perimeter fence, which they cut through in the early hours of 8 December, and orders made for court costs totalled £570.

A total of 57 people had been arrested shortly before 3am when the protest began, he said, and 49 had been charged. The rest are due to appear at a later date. A number of the defendants are current or former students at Cambridge University.

Meanwhile lawyers working for Ryanair have lodged a compensation claim for €2.5m (£2.2m) with the police and are also seeking €500,000 for "reputational damage". Neither Ryanair nor BAA ruled out suing the protesters in the civil courts. A spokesman for the airline said the compensation bill had been sent to BAA.

Environment – Rodney Coronado released from prison

USA -- The celebrated environmental activist, Rodney Coronado, was released from prison on 5 January 09. In December 07 he entered a guilty plea to one count of "distribution of information relating to explosives, destructive devices, and weapons of mass destruction," relating to a speech he gave in San Diego in 2003.

In exchange for a guilty plea, the U.S. government agreed to ask only for a one-year prison sentence, and dropped pending charges in Arizona and Washington, D.C.

Criminal Actions

Research – Claim of 'poison-coated razor blades' sent to researcher

Los Angeles, USA -- According to an anonymous communiqué received by the North American Animal Liberation Press Office, a previously targeted researcher at UCLA was sent razor blades in a greeting card, coated with 'blood and rat poison.'



Her home was flooded with a garden hose in October 2007 and an incendiary device burned on her front porch in February of last year.

The current communiqué reads:

"A New Years greeting was sent to Mrs. Edythe London at (address) in Los Angeles California. Inside a greeting card were blood and rat poisoned covered razor blades. Edythe, as long as you continue to terrorize and murder monkeys for a living, you and your entire family are in harms way. This is just the beginning. - Justice Department"

Research - Extremists threaten two UCD primate researchers

USA -- The *Daily Democrat* reported that a group called the Revolutionary Cells - Animal Liberation Brigade (RCALB) claimed on 10 January 09 that it had sent letter bombs to two UC Davis researchers. The researchers work in the Primate Research Centre.

The UCD Police Department are working with municipal police on the case. They report that so far no suspicious packages have been found, stating 'they have any indication anything was actually sent.' Employees have been advised to be careful when opening mail.

According to information published by the *San Jose Mercury News*, the RCALB, styled after the leaderless ALF, gained most of its notoriety in August 2003 when it used pipe bombs to attack the office building of an Emeryville business doing work for an animal testing company. The group's last documented attack was a failed car bomb attached to a van used by a UCLA researcher, according to the Anti-Defamation League. The RCALB is considered a terrorist organization by the FBI.

The Primate Research Centre is one of eight facilities in the U.S. funded by the National Institutes of Health. Research at the centre includes studies on HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases, asthma, autism and Alzheimer's disease.

Animal Rights – Damage at home address in Lelystad

Netherlands -- *Volkskrant* reported that on 6 January 09 damage was caused to a vehicle at the home address in Lelystad of Arie den Hertog, the co-director of the only Dutch company that specializes in the capture and killing of nuisance birds.

He has suffered at the hands of animal rights for some time with damage at his premises, pasting stickers on vehicles and sending hate mail.

Offences reported on Bite Back

Bite Back has been updated with a number of criminal offences. Summaries of the anonymous communiqués are reported in their various categories, as follows –

Factory Farming / Meat

Spain -- A lengthy report from the Animal Equality (Igualdad Animal) 'Open Rescue Team' explained how and why they had taken 31 rabbits from a farm located in the 'centre of Spain.

Eight activists were involved - Sun, Edgar, Ivan Yahira, Jose, Esther, Sharon and Eu. They say this is their fourth 'open rescue'.



Their aim for this year, under the slogan 'Educate, Investigate & Liberate', is to 'save at least one animal every day'. They also make a funding appeal.



Fur

Greece -- Activists claim that late on 14 December 08 they broke into a mink farm outside Siatista and released more than 1.000 mink.

In a lengthy communiqué they criticised the conditions at the farm and also criticised the fur industry in general. They call upon like-minded activists to carry out similar actions and appeal to the 'national federation to fully ban fur enterprises in Greece'. The article was signed 'Corvus revengis'

Sweden – A number of offences against the fur industry were reported in two new reports.

The first stated that during the night of 5 January 09 damage was caused by the DBD to the fur shop Havgårds Päls in Malmö. Shutters, doors and walls were spray-painted.

A second report listed a number of offences. On 21 October two activists were arrested for causing damage to the Göran Larsson fur shop. After a few weeks in police custody, they were convicted and fined.

On 15 November 08, it was claimed the owner of Orebro's last fur shop had a 'home visit' from the DBF. 'Murderer' and 'DBF' were sprayed on the walls.

On the same night, in the same town, the walls of porn store Tutti Frutti Video, which sells animal porn, was painted bloody red.

Similar damage was caused on 12 and 13 December 08 with additional damage being caused to the fur shop owner's vehicle.

Bullfighting

Mexico -- A report claimed that on 01 January 09 activists from the Frente de Liberación de la Tierra de México (FLTM) set fire to a phone booth of the Telmex Company causing considerable damage.

Mexico -- A similar report claimed that on 07 January 09 activists from the 'FLT/ELF- Mexico' burnt five phone booths belonging to Telmex.

The company is targeted because of its sponsorship for bullfighting in the Country.

Climate Change

UK -- Activists, describing themselves as 'Elves from the Earth Liberation Front', say they glued the doors of an RBS bank 'in the south west in resistance to anthropocentric policies.'

Israel / Palestine – Damage to Boeing office in Bristol

UK -- On 10 January 09 an item on *Indymedia* claimed that ten windows at Boeing's offices in Bristol were broken on 31 December 08.

Activists involved in the campaign against the nearby Raytheon claim that the 'premises have been closed since the attack and that the windows have been boarded up, but not replaced.'

There is no reference to why the damage was caused but it is believed that activists have made tenuous links with the Company to Israel.



Campaigns against Research Industry

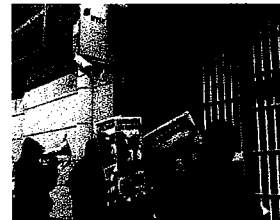
Research – Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- Five protestors attended an announced demonstration at Huntingdon Life Sciences' premises in Alconbury near Huntingdon in Cambridgeshire on Friday 09 January 09. There were no incidents. The next protest at the premises is expected to take place on Monday 19 January 09.

Research – SHAC Campaign / HLS secondary targeting

UK -- SHAC held a protest in London on Wednesday 07 January 09 and once again some of the financial institutions the activists link to HLS were the secondary and tertiary targets.

The arranged meeting place was at Cannon Street Station. Seven activists then went on to hold placard protests outside the following locations –



Euronext, Cannon Bridge House 1 Cousin Lane London EC4R 3XX
Bank of New York Mellon Corp, NY Mellon Centre, 160 Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 4LA
Legg Mason 75 King William Street EC4N 7BE

Without the use of megaphones their protests would have been relatively ineffectual.

Global -- Email appeals from SHAC continue to 'focus on the shareholders of HLS / LSR' to call on them to take an 'ethical stance and drop their shares.' The two most recent emails provide a sample letter and email details of the senior personnel within the Vanguard Group and also the MD of Northern Trust.

UK -- Four local SHAC supporters hold their weekly announced protest outside Novartis in Horsham, Sussex on Tuesday 30 December 08.

The group made use of the five minutes they were allowed to use a megaphone and spent the rest of their time displaying their array of placards.



Their actions are restricted by the Company's injunction.

Research- Garstang man's 'living hell' at hands of SHAC

UK – The *Garstang Courier* reported that a business whose family, home and company were targeted by animal rights extremists has spoken of the nightmare campaign against him.



The extremists targeted Bill Denison's workplace with a hoax bomb, posted letters to his neighbours claiming he was a paedophile, daubed graffiti labelling him a murderer close to his home, and set off klaxon horns and fireworks over his house in the countryside near Garstang.

The hoax letter bomb sent to Bill Denison (picture courtesy of Kent police)



SHAC chose Mr Denison as one of their targets in their efforts to force the closure of the HLS - even though the Preston Company where he is the MD only has tenuous links with Huntingdon. The intimidation began in 2003 when Mr Denison, and the company for which he works, F2 Chemicals, were listed on SHAC's website as Huntingdon "collaborators". Abusive letters and emails were sent to the company headquarters at Lea Town, near Preston.

Four leading members of SHAC, who were convicted at Winchester Crown Court of orchestrating the blackmail campaign, will join three other extremists, who had previously pleaded guilty to the offence, for sentencing on 19 January 09. . .

The full account of Bill Dennison's evidence will be included in a composite report on the SHAC trial in next week's *Digest*.

Research - National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- On Wednesday 07 January 09 supporters of the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance held a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7 1AA. There were no reports of any incidents following the protest from the five demonstrators.

Research - SPEAK campaign against Oxford University

UK -- On Tuesday 7 January 09 seven SPEAK supporters held a 'petition stall', displayed banners and leafleted in Oxford City centre. There were no reported incidents

UK -- SPEAK activists held their weekly demonstration opposite the Biomedical Laboratories in South Parks Road in Oxford on Thursday 15 January 09. Fifteen activists took part in the demonstration between 1pm and 5pm. Placards and a banner were displayed condemning the use of animals in research. There were no reports of any incidents between protestors and the police.

Research - Sequani

UK -- There were no incidents reported at Sequani in Ledbury in Herefordshire over the past seven days.

Research - Wickham Laboratories

UK -- So far, in 2009 no protests have taken place at Wickham Laboratories in Wickham Village, Hampshire.

Research - 'London against Camden Danger Lab' Campaign

UK -- The London against Camden Danger Lab continue their efforts to stop the building of the new UK Centre for Medical Research and Innovation (UKCMRI) in the Camden area of London. The group continue to create an aura of fear about the premises being built and are presently bombarding *Indymedia* with appeals for contact to be made with local businesses about the potential risks from the 'deadly bio hazard lab'.

This week appeals went to Unison and Camden Council to ask them to support Council workers in opposing planning permission for the proposed building of the UKCMRI.



Research – NARA demonstrations in Dublin

Ireland -- On Tuesday 13 January 09 activists from NARA held their usual weekday series of protests on the streets of Dublin. Activists were first engaged in an anti-fur protest at the Department of Agriculture in Kildare Street before holding an hour-long protest at Trinity College in Nassau Street against the use of animals in research at the College.

Research - Animal Rights main theme in Parliamentary Questions

Netherlands -- The Lower House presented almost 3,000 written questions to the government last year, 302 more than the previous year.

According to *Nisnews* the busiest MP was Marianne Thieme from the Party for the Animals (PvdD). The leader was the most active requesting clarification 184 times which converted to 350,000 Euros worth of questions. The agriculture ministry, which deals with animal rights, had to take on two extra civil servants to be able to answer Thieme's questions.

Research – Email action appeal against Solvay

Netherlands -- The Anti-Animal Coalition (Anti Dierproeven Coalitie) has been calling for fortnightly email protests at companies who they say use animals in research.

Their latest target is Solvay in Weesp and again they ask supporters to copy a text message they provide in their appeal and forward it to a provided list of Solvay's management emails.

The letter reads, "Dear..., While you read this mail will painful experiments on animals in your company. Instead of using outdated methods, Solvay would be better to opt for an innovative and ethical form of research. It is a real shame that Solvay animals still used. These animals, like humans suffer pain and anxiety. Anno 2009 is no longer a place for this outdated method of research. I ask you to take everything they can to bring about Solvay an ethical company that opts for scientific progress without animal. I therefore associate myself with the actions that the Anti-Animal Coalition argues the port of your company."

Research - Anti-Animal Coalition information stalls

Belgium -- On 10 January 09 three activists from the Anti-Animal Coalition held an information stall in Breda in an effort to gather more support for the campaign.

Information was distributed on all aspects of animal rights issues but concentrating mainly on the use of animals in research, in particular at the BPRC and Notox.



Animal Rights / Animal Welfare

Fur – Protests in UK and Europe

UK -- Throughout the afternoon of Saturday 10 January 09 around twenty protestors were engaged in the weekly protest at Harrods. Banners were displayed and leaflets were distributed by the group – two of whom occasionally used megaphones.



UK -- Anti-fur activists held their weekly protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Their action took place throughout the afternoon of Sunday 11 January 09 outside the premises.

Netherlands -- An item from the Netherlands reported that anti-fur supporters from Respect for Animals held an afternoon protest on Saturday 10 January 09 at Mody Mary in Den Haag. The report suggested that previous damage had been caused to the premises - 'glass was broken and there were splashes of red paint everywhere.'

Factory Farming - PETA Update

USA -- Animal Agriculture Alliance reported that there appeared to be an increase in well-funded animal rights activities directed at animal agriculture. In 2007, the latest reporting period available for review, charitable donations to animal rights groups rose 11% providing activist groups with more funds to develop wide ranging activities such as undercover video operations, legislative initiatives and legal actions. Donations to the extremist People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) and its subsidiaries increased 11%.

Donations to Humane Society for the United States (HSUS), the largest animal-rights activist group in the USA, remained about the same as last year when including subsidiary organizations the Fund for Animals and Doris Day Animal League (DDAL).

Total donations to the most significant domestic and international animal-rights groups reached nearly \$330 million in 2007. This level of funding will only improve the ability of animal rights groups worldwide to continue their multi-dimensional efforts attacking animal agriculture and other animal use businesses.

Bangkok -- PETA carried out a protest in Bangkok business district on 7 January 09. The restaurants, which have branches in many countries, were blamed by the group for 'abusing chickens in the production process.' *Mathaba* reported that three naked rubber dolls were placed in front of a fast food restaurant to represent chickens 'mistreated by the global restaurant chains.' The spokesperson for the group was Chalee Yant.

Global -- The *Daily Telegraph* reported that PETA had launched its most bizarre campaign yet, demanding fish be renamed "sea kittens". PETA believes calling fish sea kittens will make sea food less appealing.

PETA, about to launch a dedicated Australian arm, is known for headline-seeking controversial campaigns, including supermodel-fronted anti-fur protests. The group is the driving force behind several major overseas clothing, retail and textile companies abandoning Australian wool because of concerns about the mulesing of sheep

Live exports -- Protest at Ipswich Docks

UK -- *EADT24* reported that from 6am on Wednesday 7 January 09 six protestors, including Judy Massie from Colchester, held a live exports protest at Ipswich dock's west bank terminal.

They displayed banners and placards objecting to the potential arrival of animals for slaughter but lorries, which were due to dock in Dover at 9.30am that same morning, were redirected after the port's closure.

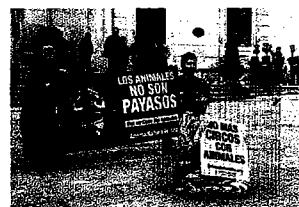
Protesters were being kept constantly up-to-date on movements by their counterparts, Kent against Live Exports (KALE). No one from ABP, which operates Ipswich port, was available to comment on the possible resumption of live animal exports.



Animal Welfare – Circus protest in Tarragona

Spain -- A group of animal activists have caged themselves outside the Tarragona Town Hall in a protest against the use of animals in the Venice Circus which is visiting the town.

The item from *Typically Spanish* stated that the activists from AnimaNautiris painted their bodies in animal prints, and called on the local Town Hall not to allow such circuses to stay and to introduce a ban which is already in force in Barcelona and Lleida and some countries such as Sweden, Switzerland and Denmark.



Disease - Case of Mad Cow disease in Madrid

Spain -- A cow has been slaughtered in Galapager, Madrid after being suspected of having Mad Cow disease. The Environment Council of the Madrid Regional Government said the ten year old animal was killed in a local abattoir and the case was confirmed on December 29. Protocol was followed at all times and the case will not affect the food chain. This was the first case in the Madrid region since 2004.

Disease – Hong Kong confirms dead Beijing woman had H5N1 bird flu

China -- A 19-year-old woman has died of the H5N1 bird flu virus in Beijing, the Beijing Municipal Bureau and Hong Kong's government said on 6 January 09.

"The woman fell ill on Dec. 24, was hospitalised on Dec. 27 and died on Monday "bureau said in a statement. Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection said the woman had had contact with poultry before the onset of symptoms. China's official Xinhua News Agency earlier reported the woman had bought ducks at a market in Hebei province, which surrounds Beijing.

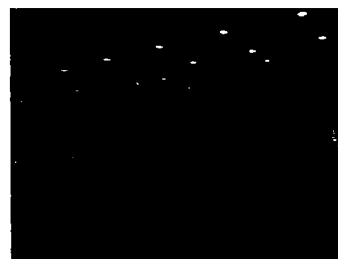
Armament / Civil Unrest

Israel / Palestine - Picket of M&S in Newcastle

UK -- On 8 January 09 around twenty people took part in a noisy picket of Marks and Spencer in Newcastle at Israel's actions in Gaza and Britain's 'continuing complicity.' They say that M& S is 'Britain's biggest corporate sponsor of Israel' but the evidence they provide is sketchy and dated.

A banner was held across the main entrance and information was distributed to passers-by. Many members of the public took the opportunity to join the picket and express their anger

Details of the protest were provided in an item on Indymedia which also gave details of their future intentions, reading as follows -



"For those not travelling to London this Saturday 10th January at least three separate mobilisations are taking place for Gaza in Newcastle, all meeting at Grey's Monument from



noon. Actions which have been discussed include protest, street theatre, hurling of shoes at images of British and Israeli government leaders and a 'Women in Black Vigil.'

Also taking place this Saturday will be a picket of Middlesbrough Marks and Spencer (from 11am), which will be building for a march in Middlesbrough on 17 January.

Similar actions in major cities in the UK during the same period and the foreseeable future are likely.

Israel / Palestine - National Demonstration in London

UK / Global -- Following Israel's ground invasion of Gaza, a national demonstration, organised by Stop the War Coalition, took place in London on Saturday 10 January 09. The march ended at the Israeli Embassy in High Street Kensington with damage being caused and 23 arrests being made.

The London event was mirrored in a number of other cities in the UK and throughout the world on the same day.

In depth reporting on the present concerns arising from the targeting of Israeli-linked companies will be the subject of a separate report.

War / Armament – Anti-Raytheon protest enters second month in Bristol

UK -- Protesters have now been in occupation of the roof of an office of Raytheon in north Bristol for over a month. Their temporary structure has so far stood up to the winter weather.

They appeal for more support for their campaign. Only a small group of protestors are involved at present. The premises are situated on the Bristol Business Park, off Coldharbour Road, Frenchay, Bristol.

War / Armament – Protest at Heckler & Koch in Nottingham

UK -- At 12.30pm on Monday 12 January 09 eight protestors gathered at the gates to the UK HQ of Heckler & Koch, based within the Easter Park Industrial Estate on Lenton Lane, Nottingham. Several protests were held at the site during 2008.



On this occasion the group said that 'leaflets handed out, drums banged, speeches made and banners displayed. To highlight their concerns, some folks held a "die-in" to help illustrate their worries for the violence attributed to the arms trade and its consequences.'

Police were in attendance throughout.

To highlight the link between the arms trade and refugees, Shut Down H&K and No Borders Nottingham held a demonstration on Saturday 29 November 08 in Market Square in Nottingham called "Full Circle – from weapons to wars to refugees".

Civil Unrest – Problems continue in Athens

Greece -- Hundreds of anarchists broke away from a larger central Athens rally in of protest education reforms and attacked police and property on Friday 09 January 09. (Source – Bombs and Shields)



Demonstrators chanted "These are the government's last days" as they marched and led many to wonder if Greece would see a resurgence of the violent protests that spread throughout the country in the weeks before Christmas. Widespread rioting in December was sparked by the fatal police shooting of a youth and caused extensive damage to property in the capital alone.

Earlier in the week a riot police officer was machine gunned down by a suspected member of Revolutionary Struggle an armed far left-wing group that fired a missile at the U.S. Embassy back in 2007. The 21-year-old police officer is in critical condition and his injury has generated a significant degree of sympathy amongst the countries more conservative populace.

Climate Change

Climate Change – 'Climate Rush' occupy Heathrow and Manchester Airports

UK -- Both Heathrow and Manchester airports were targeted at 7pm on Monday 12 January 09 with the domestic departure lounges of both airports being simultaneously occupied by protesters staging a sit-down 'dinner'.

In London around 400 people defied airport bylaws by holding the protest - there were no arrests.

The protesters, many of them students, dressed in period Edwardian costume, reminiscent of the Suffragettes. 'Climate Rush' were demanding that the UK government sticks to its promises on climate change.



The actions were timed to coincide with MPs return to the House of Commons. The government has been expected to announce the go-ahead for Heathrow's third runway this week although there is now speculation that the announcement will be delayed again.

Security

Warning given on tax returns scam

UK – The BBC reported that fraudsters are targeting people with scam e-mails in the run-up to the self-assessment tax returns deadline. HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) said the e-mails suggested the recipients were due for a tax refund and went on to ask for bank or credit card details. Victims who provided these details faced the threat of their accounts being emptied of funds. HMRC said it was also aware of a growing number of telephone scams in which fraudsters posed as tax officials arranging rebate payments. But it was particularly concerned about the e-mail scam, which thousands of people had received and many more were set to receive in the coming weeks.

"This is the most sophisticated and prolific phishing scam that we have encountered," said Lesley Strathie, HMRC chief executive. We only ever contact customers who are due a refund in writing by post. We never use e-mails, telephone calls or external companies in these circumstances. I would strongly encourage anyone receiving such an e-mail to send it to us for investigation."



Appendix "A" – SHAC targets in UK during fourth quarter 2008

A list of where SHAC protest took place in the UK during the final three months of last year is as follows -

Region

Berkshire

Abbott Laboratories, Vanwall Business Park, Vanwall Rd, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 4XF
Sanofi Pasteur MSD, Mallards Reach, Bridge Avenue, Maidenhead, SL6 1QP
Syngenta Jealott's Hill Research Centre, Bracknell Berkshire RG42 6EY

Cambridgeshire

AstraZeneca, Cambridge Science Park, Milton Road, Cambridge
Biocair, Business Centre, Church End, Cambridge CB1 3LB
Harlan, Wyton, Sawtree Way Huntingdon Cambridgeshire PE28 2DX.
Syngenta, Whittlesford, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, CB2 4QT

Cheshire

AstraZeneca at Alderley Park, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 4TF
Bristol-Myers Squibb, Chester Business Park Wrexham Road Chester CH4 9QW
Bristol-Myers Squibb, Reeds Lane, Morton, CH46 1QW
Phenomenex, Melville House on the Hurdsfield Ind Est, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 2BN
Sanofi-Aventis, London Road, Holmes Chapel, CW4 8BE

Essex

GSK, New Frontiers Science Park, Third Avenue, Harlow, Essex CM19 5AW
Teva, Harlow, Essex CM17 9LP

Gloucestershire

Astra Tech Ltd, Stroudwater Business Park in Stonehouse, Gloucestershire GL10 3SX

Hampshire

AXA, Winterthur Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 6SZ
Barclays, Churchill Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG21 7GP
Cardinal Health, Jays Close, Basingstoke, RG22 4BS.
PPD, Kings Worthy, Winchester, Hampshire, S023 7TW.
Steris, Jays Close, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG22 4BS.
Wyeth Pharmaceuticals in 32 New Lane, Havant, Hampshire, PO9 2NG

Herefordshire

Arrowmigh Biosciences, Rotherwas Industrial Estate in Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6JD.
Hereford Fast Freight, Rotherwas Industrial Estate in Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6JD.
Propath, Rotherwas Industrial Estate in Hereford, Herefordshire HR2 6JD.

Kent

GSK South Eden Park Road, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3BS
Transglobal Freight Management Birchwood House, Victoria Road, Dartford, Kent, DA1 5TG

Leicestershire



Harlan Hillcrest - Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE12 9TE.
AstraZeneca - Bakewell Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 5RH
Thermo Fisher - Bishop Meadow Road, Loughborough, Leicestershire, LE11 5RG.
Mettler-Toledo - 64 Boston Road, Beaumont Leys, Leicester, Leicestershire, LE4 1AW.

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AXA in New Gate Street EC1A7NX
Bank of New York Mellon Corp, NY Mellon Centre, 160 Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 4LA
Barclays in 118 High Holborn, EC1N2LL
Barclays 38 Islington Green, Angel
Barclays 14 Upper Street, Angel
Barclays in Fenchurch Street, EC3P3HY
Euronext, 25 Dowgate Hill, London EC4R 2BB
Goldman Sachs International, Peterborough Court, 133 Fleet Street, EC4A 2BB
JP Morgan at 125 London Wall, London, EC2Y5AJ
Legg Mason at 75 King William Street London, EC4N7BE – an asset management company
Merrill Lynch, 2 King Edward St, EC1A 1HQ
Novartis Foundation, 41 Portland Place. London

Merseyside

Novartis, Speke, Liverpool

Middlesex

Bayer, Hunton House, Oxford Road, Uxbridge, Middlesex, UB8 1HU
Bristol-Myers Squibb, Uxbridge Business Park, Sanderson Rd, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB8 1DH
GSK, 980 Great West Road, Brentford, Middlesex, TW8 9GS
PDP Couriers, Unit 10, Shield Road, Ashford, Middlesex TW15 1AU

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AXA – Financial, 23 St Leonards Road, East Sussex
Teva, Brampton Road, Hampden Park, East Sussex

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Summary

The success of the Police Operations in the UK against animal rights extremism can now be easily measured by the fact that some of the key extremists, within the four main UK campaigns, are all now serving terms of imprisonment. Mel Broughton of the SPEAK campaign was the latest addition when he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment at Oxford Crown Court last week. He joins the founders of SHAC - Greg and Natasha Avery and Heather Nicholson - who were sentenced to nearly thirty years at the end of last year.

Sean Kirtley received four years imprisonment last year, relating to secondary targeting offences in the campaign against Sequani, while Sarah Whitehead, who was heavily involved in regular protests against Wickham Laboratories, remains in custody. At present, both the Sequani and Wickham campaigns offer few problems. The SPEAK campaign is contained but despite the successes of Operation Achilles, SHAC remains a global problem.

Commencing on Monday 23 February there is an appeal for 'a week of action' to focus entirely on the financial companies the campaign links to HLS. A monthly appeal is now a major part of SHAC's present strategy. The appeal has been met with a response from the Dutch activists who, on Monday 23, are holding demonstrations in Amsterdam at the offices of several financial institutions. It is likely that other countries will follow the example of the SHAC supporters in the Netherlands and protests will be undertaken.

The main event of the week, in the UK, is a 'national march and rally' in London on Friday 27. Organisers are hoping to march in the City holding short protests at a number of locations, finishing at the NYSE buildings. The event has been well advertised, but at present, it appears that there has not been a great response for the Friday protest with the result that numbers may not be high.

Prior to SHAC's financial week of action, activists in the Netherlands will be holding two days of announced anti-HLS protests. They take place on 19 and 20 February at numerous large pharmaceuticals. After a relative period of inactivity, SHAC Netherlands has returned with a vengeance. The organisers have set a busy schedule for the two days. It may be difficult to carry out all the demonstrations but nevertheless, they will be aware that all the companies will have to make the necessary arrangements to deal with the prospect of protest.

On Thursday, the targeted Companies are Bristol-Myers Squibb, Actelion, Schering Plough, GlaxoSmithKline, Phenomenex, Teva, Bayer and Novartis Pharma and on the second day, Pfizer, Sanofi-Aventis, AstraZeneca, Astellas, Sandoz, Abbott Labs, Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Pharmachemie (Teva) and Daiichi Sankyo, are the targeted Companies

The Anti-Dierproeven Coalition will be back in Amsterdam on Friday 27 February to continue their protests against the use of animals in research. A demonstration will take place outside the Nepalese Consulate with further actions taking place during the day at Hartelust in Tilburg, the BPRC in Rijswijk and TNO in Delft.

There were few incidents of crime reported last week. In the USA extremists claimed they had 'mailed envelopes containing razor blades covered in rat poison' to two primate researchers residing in North Carolina. In Europe, activists, claiming to be from 'ALF Poland', stated that they threw red paint on Astellas and Schering-Plough buildings in the Netherlands.

This week, false callers, purporting to be from the MHRA, were again attempting to obtain the details of Company personnel. The MHRA has circulated an appropriate warning note and advice on its website.



Future Events

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 01 MARCH 2009

THURSDAY 19 FEBRUARY

Research – Two days of SHAC protests

Netherlands -- On Thursday 19 and Friday 20 February 09 activists in the Netherlands will be holding two days of announced protests at numerous locations in support of the SHAC campaign.

After a relative period of inactivity, SHAC Netherlands has returned with a vengeance. The organisers have set a busy schedule over the two day period. It may be difficult to carry out all the demonstrations but nevertheless, they will be aware that all the named companies will have to make the necessary arrangements to deal with the prospect of protest.

Recent actions have attracted around fifteen protestors who have remained within the boundaries of lawful protest. However, unless the areas of allowed protest are clearly defined, some demonstrators may take the opportunity to gain close access to employees or vehicles entering or leaving the premises. Noisy protests can be expected.

The times and locations for the demonstrations are as follows –

Thursday 19 February 09

0800 - 0900 at Bristol-Myers Squibb, Vijzelmolenlaan 9, Woerden
0915 - 1000 at Actelion, Beneluxlaan 2B, Woerden
1030 - 1115 at Schering Plough, Walmolen 1, Houten
1130 - 1230 at GlaxoSmithKline, Huis ter Heideweg 62, Zeist
1315 - 1400 at GlaxoSmithKline, Van Deventerlaan 20, Utrecht
1415 - 1500 at Phenomenex, Maarssenbroeksedijk 13D, Utrecht
1500 - 1545 at Teva, Computerweg 10, Utrecht
1615 - 1700 at Bayer, Energieweg 1, Mijdrecht
1715 - 1800 at Novartis Pharma, Hullenbergweg 83/85, Amsterdam Zuidoost

Friday 20 February 09

0800 - 0900 at Pfizer, Rivium Westlaan 142, Capelle Aan Den IJssel
0915 - 1000 at Sanofi-Aventis, Kampenringweg 45 gebouw D-E, Gouda
1015 - 1115 at AstraZeneca, Louis Pasteurlaan 5, Zoetermeer
1145 - 1230 at Astellas, Elisabethhof 1, Leiderdorp
1315 - 1400 at Sandoz, Pastoorlaan 28, Hillegom
1430 - 1515 at Abbott Labs, Siriusdreef 51, Hoofddorp
1530 - 1615 at Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Waarderweg 39, Haarlem
1615 - 1700 at Pharmachemie (Teva), Swensweg 5, Haarlem
1715 - 1800 at Daiichi Sankyo, Wilgenlaan 5, Zwanenburg

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford

UK -- SPEAK activists continue to hold weekly Thursday demonstrations in a designated zone opposite the Biomedical Sciences Building in South Parks Road, Oxford between 1pm and 5pm – the time allowed by the University's injunction.



Around fifteen supporters have attended the recent weekly protests. There may be a temporary increase in numbers to show some solidarity with the imprisoned Mel Broughton, the co-founder of the group.

The campaigners occasionally hold one or more smaller demonstrations and information stalls in Oxford during the course of each week. This week, it is believed supporters will be meeting in Oxford on Saturday.

Research – Protests in Dublin in support of SHAC campaign

Ireland -- The National Animal Rights Association (NARA) says that instead of holding its usual Saturday demonstrators, it will be holding protests in support of the SHAC campaign in Dublin on Thursday 19 February 09.

The announced protests are as follows -

1230 - 1330 at AstraZeneca, College Park House, Nassau Street, Dublin 2
1400 -1500 at Novartis, Regus House, Harcourt Road, Dublin 2

The group of around six to eight protestors have not caused any undue problems to date. NARA remains busy in protests on all aspects of the animal rights movement.

Research - Weekly Protest at HLS in Cambridgeshire

UK -- This week, the small local group of protestors have indicated that they intend to protest at HLS in Woolley near Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire on Thursday 19 February 09. Their demonstration will be carried out within the boundaries allowed by the Company's injunction. As yet, no actions have been noted for the Company's premises in Occold, Suffolk.

Animal Rights - London Animal Rights evening Meeting

UK -- The next London Animal Rights Meeting takes place on Thursday 19 February 09 at Conway Hall, Red Lion Square, WC1R 4RL. So far, there has been no evidence that the gathering has attracted any problems, before, or after the event.

Those attending gather from 6pm onwards and the formal meeting takes place between 7.30pm until about 9pm, followed by 'more food and a chance to discuss issues from the meeting.' Organisers will also hope for further recruitment.

Local issues, including the fur and foie gras campaigns, will be discussed, as well as the national and international campaigns. Arrangements will also be made for future events.

Climate Change – Heathrow Expansion protest in Whitehall

UK -- The *Protest* website states that from 5:30pm to 7:00pm on Thursday 19 February 09 there will be a 'Heathrow Expansion' protest outside Downing Street. The item claims that it is 'expected to attract many of the growing number of people concerned about the escalating threat from climate change as well as West London residents. Any further developments will be reported accordingly.

Israel / Palestine – Protest at M & S in London

UK -- Anti-Israeli protestors have picketed outside Marks & Spencer's at Marble Arch in London on a regular basis and on occasions there have been counter-demonstrations which have led to difficulties for the police.

Another protest has been announced for Thursday 19 February 09 with protest taking place from 6pm to 8pm. Police will be in attendance.



Hunting – Protest at Ward Union Hunt fundraising event

Ireland -- The Irish animal rights group ALib intends holding a protest from 7.30pm on Thursday 19 February 09 at the Ward Union Hunt fundraising event at the Coolquay Lodge in the Ward at Mays Cross County Dublin. Bernie Wright, the group's organiser and press spokesperson says the protest is particularly directed at the Hunt because of the 'children and teenagers attending, who are part of the Hunt, are usually integrated into the Ward Union pony club as an introduction to hunting.'

FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshire

UK -- The *Veggies AR Calendar* reports that Friday protest may take place at Novartis' Ciba Vision at Hedge End in Hampshire from two or three young activists. No incidents of note have been reported this year at the premises.

Animal Welfare – French groups unite against use of animal in circuses

France -- Activists in France have been protesting about the increasing number of circuses in the Paris area using animals. Since November 2008, an umbrella protest group, "Pour des cirques sans Animaux" (For circuses without animals), has been involved in weekly actions – mainly operating information stalls outside schools and community centres and also operating a media campaign.

Organisers now say that on Friday 20 February 09, just days before the start of the last circus, a gathering will mark the end of the campaign and will demand a change in the law of animals in circuses. Meeting is at 14:30 at la rue Constantine / rue de l'Université, Paris 7è.

The following groups are committed to attending - Anica (Douai), Association Stéphane Lamart (Paris), Combactive (Dijon), CVN (Veyrines de Vergt), Fondation 30 Millions d'Amis (Paris), Fondation Brigitte Bardot (Paris), Le Clan (Villeneuve-lez-Avignon), PETA France (Paris), RAC (Mérignac), (Toulouse).

For the future, the Campaign will move east where different actions have already taken place. Continued efforts will be made to unite the associations and work on the development of the Campaign.

SATURDAY 21 FEBRUARY

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxford

UK -- SPEAK organisers say that following the recent court case involving SPEAK's Mel Broughton, there will be a demonstration in Oxford on Saturday 21 February 09 where supporters 'can show solidarity with Mel and the campaign.'

Meeting takes place at 1pm at the Carfax Tower. Leaflet, placard and banner action is expected at Carfax and in the vicinity of and the nearby Cornmarket. Numbers may be higher than usual for such an action, which is expected to remain peaceful throughout.

Animal Rights – Efforts to gather support for AR actions in York area

UK -- On 21 February 09 Action for Animals (YAFA) will be holding a gathering in the hope of 'getting Animal Rights back up and running in the York area.'



YAFA claims it 'successfully removed foie gras from all the restaurant and deli menus in 2007-8 with over seven months of daily demonstrations in the City' but now is the time to 'regroup, get new members and get the AR message out there again.'

To take steps to achieve this aim they will be holding a meeting at 2pm on Saturday 21 February 09 in the function room of the Golden Fleece pub, 16 Pavement, York YO1 9UP. The organiser(s) say there will be free information magazines and leaflets to take away and short films will be shown.

Factory Farming - Protest against Tesco selling battery eggs

UK -- Plymouth animal rights activists intend to carry out a peaceful demonstration on behalf of Compassion in World Farming (CIWF) at the Tesco Metro store in Plymouth City Centre from noon to 2pm on Saturday 21 February 09. This is to highlight Tesco's 'refusal to stop selling battery eggs.'

The group are likely to feature one or more protestors dressed in chicken costumes and will have placards condemning Tesco's sale of the items.

Animal Rights - AL Workshop in Bern

Switzerland -- The Swiss protest group SALA has organised an 'animal liberation workshop and party' to take place at LaKuZ, Farbgasse 27, 4900 Langenthal on Saturday 21 February.

The event commences at 1pm and there will be workshops about veganism, single issue campaigning, computer security, 'food not bombs cooking' and running campaigns and projects. In the evening four rock groups will be performing.

The event is likely to be well supported. At this stage, there is no indication that there are any protests organised but Companies should be aware that activists will be travelling to and from the event during the weekend period.

Horse Racing - Demonstration at Kempton Park

UK -- Opponents of horseracing are organising a leafleting campaign at Kempton Park racecourse on Saturday 21 February 09. There have been similar protests at the venue -- none of which have caused any undue problems. Other leafleting campaigns are being planned for Kempton Park in April and May this year.

Fur - Protest in Genoa against Max Mara

Italy -- The next major anti-fur protest by the AIP against the Max Mara group is due to take place on Saturday 21 February 09 in Genoa.

A similar protest was held in Bologna outside Max Mara premises in January. The group were initially compliant with the police instructions to protest away from the premises but later broke away and held protests outside the shop, leading to altercations with the police.

Similar actions may take place on this occasion but it is expected that they will be solely directed against the fur industry and Max Mara in particular.

Fur - Regular weekend protests against the Fur Industry

UK -- The weekly Saturday protest outside Harrods commences around 11am and continues throughout most of the afternoon from between ten and fifteen and supporters of CAFT and London Animal Action. Protests this year have not involved in any disorder requiring any police action.



UK -- Sheffield Animal Friends will be holding an anti-fur protest on Saturday 21 and 28 February at 11am in Chapel Walk at the Cruise outlet. Finishing Touches on Oakbrook Road is also now included for protest because it is selling 'real Russian fur hats'.

Germany -- Activists in Germany will be holding another anti-fur demonstration outside Escada at Rathenauplatz in the centre of Frankfurt.

Greyhound Racing – Protests in UK

UK -- Supporters of Greyhound Action South West London continue to hold a protest outside Wimbledon greyhound racetrack. Leafleting takes place on Saturday evenings from 10.15pm until about 11.30pm. Weekly Saturday protests also often takes place from 6.15pm until about 8pm.

UK -- Saturday evening protest against greyhound racing at Coventry Stadium in Brandon is held by members of Coventry against Greyhound Exploitation (CAGE). The regular protest has not caused any undue concern.

Bullfighting -- Campaign to end bullfighting in Catalonia

Spain -- During the month of February, the Spanish animal rights / welfare group, AnimaNaturalis, say they intend holding information stalls and events in different cities to support and promote the campaign for the abolition of bullfighting in Catalonia.

They intend gathering signatures to support a legislative initiative they hope will prohibit by law bullfighting in Catalonia. On Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 February they will be at the Information Bureau in Carrer Major in Terrassa. Some street theatre may take place but it is unlikely the group will hold any other form of animal rights protests on the day.

SUNDAY 22 FEBRUARY

Animal rights - Brighton Animal Defenders protests in West Sussex

UK -- Protest takes place every Sunday at the Brighton Sealife Centre situated near to the Pier and is staged between 1pm and 3pm in order to "bring to the public's attention to the 'unacceptable conditions' which exist for the animals kept in the Centre." There have been no reports of any incidents arising from last year's protests.

It is believed the main organiser for Brighton Animal Defenders group is Denise Friend. As well as protest at the Sealife Centre, the group also holds monthly Greyhound Stadium demonstrations and the weekly protest at Novartis in Horsham.

Fur – Protest in London

UK -- Anti-fur activists hold a regular Sunday protest at Moda Show at 220 Brick Lane, London E1 6SA. Protest takes place between noon and 4pm outside the shop. The activists claim the shop 'carries all manner of animal fur.' The group say there will be a 'protest outside this store every week until they go fur free.'

MONDAY 23 FEBRUARY

Research – Focus on the Financial Companies SHAC link to HLS

UK -- SHAC says that between Monday 23 February and 01 March 09 they will concentrate their efforts entirely on "HLS' financials, their shareholders and the NYSE."



Once again, any supporters planning demonstrations are asked to inform the SHAC organisers of their intentions. The week commences on Monday 23 with an appeal for a 'Global Day of Action' against HLS and NYSE.

SHAC is simply asking its supporters to organise a 'demo in your country' and a link is provided to SHAC's list of financial targets on their website.

The main event of the week is being held in London on Friday 27 February (see below).

Research – SHAC demonstrations in Amsterdam

Netherlands -- On Monday 23 February 09, SHAC supporters in the Netherlands will be on the Beursplein in Amsterdam in order to hold their monthly demonstration against the nearby NYSE Euronext.

However, on this occasion they are supporting the appeals for action against the financial establishments linked to HLS and have announced a series of protests throughout the day – all in Amsterdam. It is as follows –

1115 - 1215 at State Street, Thomas R. Malthusstraat 1 - 3
1315 - 1400 at Bank of New York Mellon, Strawinskylaan 337 Toren B
1400 - 1445 at Vanguard Investments, Strawinskylaan 261 Toren D
1445 - 1530 at Barclays, Strawinskylaan 1453 Toren C
1630 - 1800 at Euronext, Beursplein 5

The last few monthly protests at Euronext have not attracted more than ten supporters but greater support may be seen on this occasion.

Some of the target locations will not have been the subject of previous protest. Some may be small offices with only a few employees. It is to be hoped that the police take these points into consideration and give sufficient coverage to reassure the employees.

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY

Research - SHAC protests in the South

UK -- The SHAC website reports that every Tuesday there will be a protest 'in the South'. The protests generally cover the counties of Hampshire, Sussex, Surrey, Middlesex, Bedfordshire and Buckinghamshire and between two and six protests can be made during the day.

It appears that there are only four or five young activists in the region who are willing to engage in protest at targeted premises. However, over the past month even this has number has fallen to two or three who, during the past two weeks, have held short but noisy protests in the Southampton area.

Research - Weekly demonstration at Novartis in Sussex

UK – Four or five local SHAC supporters hold a weekly protest outside Novartis in Horsham, Sussex. Protest is held on a Tuesday or a Wednesday. The group display banners and placards in a designated premises and out of sight of the employees. Their actions are restricted by the Company's injunction.

WEDNESDAY 25 FEBRUARY

Research - Wednesday protest at NIMR in London



UK – The Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance holds a late Wednesday afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR) in the Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7. At present, only a handful of regular protestors are involved in relatively low-level action which does not require the presence of the police.

THURSDAY 26 FEBRUARY

Research - SPEAK protest in Oxfordplease see 19 February

FRIDAY 27 FEBRUARY

Research – ‘SHAC City Shakedown’ demonstrations in London

UK – Details have been published on a number of activists' websites concerning the SHAC protest in London on Friday 27 February 09.

Under the title of 'SHAC City Shakedown', supporters of SHAC are asked to meet outside the Bank of England at noon with a view to marching through the financial district of London, finishing at the New York Stock Exchange buildings.

Some SHAC-related emails have said the campaign has reached 'a critical time.' They claim HLS financials are 'wobbling dangerously close to the edge' and if sufficient influence is brought to bear on key financial institutions 'it could be enough to force the closure of HLS.'

This rhetoric is far removed from the reality of the situation. Over the past few months the vast majority of targeted companies have remained steadfast in their stance of not capitulating to any of the demands of the SHAC campaign.

Any companies who have received recent protests in the City may receive a protest on the day. All the demonstrations are expected to include a strong police presence.

There have been plenty of appeals for support but it remains unclear how many activists from around the UK will be prepared to travel to London for the Friday protest.

In general, there is a higher risk of a surprise protest taking place during the day, simply because of groups travelling in and out of the Capital from around the UK.

The situation is being monitored and will be the subject of further report.

Research - Protests against use of animals in research

Netherlands – The Anti Dierproeven Coalition continue their protests in the Netherlands against the use of animals in research. On Friday 27 February 09 four announced protests are due to take place at premises all previously targeted by the Group. .

The times and locations are as follows –

0800 - 1000 at Hartelust, Kapelmeesterlaan 112B, Tilburg
1200 - 1300 at the Nepalese Consulate, Keizersgracht 463, Amsterdam
1430 - 1530 at BPRC, Lange Kleiweg 139, Rijswijk
1600 - 1730 at TNO HQ, Schoemakerstraat 97, Delft

Numerous protests are taking place in the Netherlands in support of the SHAC campaign on 19 and 20 February 09.

The amount of support on those days should give a better indication as to the present level of animal rights protest in Holland.



Animal Welfare – Circus protests in Nottinghamshire

UK -- The Great British Circus, which will be in Newark from Friday 27 February to Sunday 08 March, will be the subject of protest because of its use of animals in the performances.

Protest takes place on the first night from 5.30pm at the Newark Showground in Winthorpe, Nottinghamshire and on 01 March from around 1pm.

Research – Regular protest at Ciba Vision in Hampshireplease see 20 February
Foie Gras - Regular protests in Londonas above

SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY

Research - Day of Action to End Primate Experiments

UK -- Animal Aid is taking its campaign to end primate experiments in Europe by holding street stalls on Saturday 28 February 09.

Under the title of 'Day of Action for Primates' it is appealing to its supporters to set up a street stall to collect signed postcards with the end result of lobbying the European Parliament, which is currently finalising the updated version of the Directive governing animal experiments.

They accept that they cannot stop animal experiments through this law but they feel that their effort and the efforts of other campaigning groups may stop research carried out on primates.

One advertised action takes place from 11am to 3 pm on Exeter High Street. The event has been organised by Toni Vernelli from Viva and 'Kate' from Animal Aid and may include some street theatre.

Fur - Anti-fur march and rally in Zagreb

Croatia -- Animal Friends Croatia are once again organising a large anti-fur march and rally in Zagreb. The event takes place on Saturday 28 February 09 and the gathering commences at 10.45am in King Tomislav Square by the Zagreb Central Railway Station. The rally ends in Ban Jelacic Square where they intend holding a performance in order to portray the 'cruelty of the fur industry.'

Similar events have attracted substantial figures but have not led to any undue problems for the authorities. Animal Friends Croatia (AFC) remains the busiest and well supported animal rights / welfare group in Croatia. It also runs a well research website and holds regular information stalls throughout the Country.

Fur – Protests in the UKplease see 21 February
Greyhound Racing – Protests in UKas above

SUNDAY 01 MARCH

Animal Rights – Northern Animal Rights Coalition Meeting in Leeds

UK -- Initial reports suggest that there will be a Northern Animal Rights Coalition (NARC) meeting in Leeds on Sunday 01 March 09. Full details are unknown at present but the situation s being monitored and will be the subject of further report.



Past Events

THURSDAY 12 to WEDNESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 2009

Arrests and Court Updates

Research - Broughton jailed for 10 years

UK -- On Friday 13 February 09 Mel Broughton, 48, was found guilty by a jury of one count of conspiracy to commit arson, following a retrial at Oxford Crown Court. In the previous trial, in November 2008, the jury has been discharged after failing to reach a verdict.

The Judge, Patrick Eccles said: "The firebombs that you planted at these two buildings were out there as part of a ruthless campaign to instil fear to all those connected to the laboratory, whether they were workers, managers, academics or tradesmen. A real and profound sense of fear has pervaded the lives of very many people here in Oxford as a result of the campaign by individuals who have no care for the feelings or sense of security of the innocent men or women who happened to be associated with the laboratory. Your involvement in this conspiracy has made a significant contribution to that fear."

Judge Eccles said Broughton's "passionate objections" to animal research were shared by many and acceptable as long as the objections were within the law. He added: "What is not acceptable is for you to harass, bully and intimidate those that engage in lawful research."

He then sentenced Broughton to ten years imprisonment. It is believed that Broughton will have the opportunity of serving the final five years of his sentence on licence.

Broughton planned and possibly carried out arson attacks using homemade petrol bombs on college buildings at Oxford University. Two improvised devices, constructed with fuel and a fuse made from sparklers, exploded at Queen's College sports pavilion in November 2006, causing almost £14,000 damage. Two similar bombs were planted underneath a portable building at Templeton College in February 2007 but failed to go off.



The court also heard that a DNA sample found on a matchstick used as part of the fuse in one of the failed Templeton devices was found to be a match to Broughton. When police arrested him at his home in December 2007, they discovered 14 packets of sparklers in an unused water tank in his bathroom.

They also found, underneath his carpet, a university employee's security pass and a notebook containing a list of those identified as targets for "direct action". The improvised devices were constructed of water bottles containing petrol and a "delayed-action fuse" made of ordinary sparklers. A sequence of these sparklers were bound together with thread to bring into contact their active parts so, when ignited, it gave those planting the bombs time to escape.

The court heard how Broughton, 48, a single man of Semilong, Northampton had "effectively dedicated his adult life to the cause of animal rights." He was a member of a hunt saboteurs group by 16. The life-long vegan decided at 22 to have a vasectomy so he could dedicate himself 'to the animals'.

He received a six-month suspended sentence in 1988 for a failed plot to steal a dolphin from captivity in Morecambe, Lancashire, and return it to the sea.



In 1999 he was jailed for four years for conspiracy to cause an explosion likely to endanger life after a bomb was found in his car. He served two-and-a-half years and was freed in June 2002.



In 2003 he co-founded the SPEAC group, which later became SPEAK which spearheaded opposition to the building of the new research laboratory for Oxford University.

Prosecutor Neil Moore had told the jury about the SPEAK campaign. He described how acts of intimidation and violence were directed towards any companies who were even remotely connected to the project. And he said the attacks on the Queen's College sports pavilion and the

attempted attack on Templeton were both part of a "wider campaign" intended to bring to an end the construction of the laboratory in Oxford.

Broughton told the court he had helped organise legal demonstrations against the lab and could understand why people chose to take direct action. He used a megaphone to lead chanting at the builders, and gave interviews as the group's 'law-abiding' leader. But the escalating demonstrations led the university to secure an injunction limiting them. Builders took to wearing balaclavas.

The Court also heard that the Animal Liberation Front claimed responsibility for a number of attacks in Oxford. Those in which Broughton was involved were boasted of on an extremist website. He denied responsibility.

Despite Broughton's bombing campaign, and the demonstrations, the £20million Biomedical Sciences Building took its first delivery of mice in November.

Comments

A spokesman for Oxford University -

"The University has always accepted the rights of protesters to voice their objections within the law. However, we will continue to work with all relevant authorities to protect staff and students from criminal activity of any kind."

Paul Harrison, of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) Thames and Chiltern Complex Casework Unit -

"Although Mel Broughton claimed to be merely a spokesperson for the campaign against the building of the Oxford Laboratory and a peaceful protestor and activist, we produced evidence in court to show that he played a far more proactive and sinister role by taking part in a fire bombing campaign. Evidence presented to the jury included Mel Broughton's inflammatory speeches and his previous conviction for a similar offence, along with his DNA material and fingerprints on the unexploded devices and material associated with them."

"Police also found a quantity of sparklers, similar to those used as a fuse in the unexploded devices, deliberately concealed at Broughton's home. "The attacks were aimed at damaging property rather than people as they were carried out at night, but fire bombs are indiscriminate. As well as causing serious damage to property they also threaten the lives of anybody in the vicinity and particularly those of members of the emergency services who have the task of dealing with the aftermath.

"While our society supports the right to free speech and to campaign peacefully, Mel Broughton went well beyond that by using force against a legitimate academic institution and business in an attempt to further his aims. This prosecution demonstrates that, where there is evidence of criminal behaviour, regardless of the perceived cause, a prosecution will almost certainly follow."



Neurological professor John Stein –

"He [Broughton] has been a thorn in my flesh. He has been extremely rude to me and accused me of all manner of cruelty to animals, which is all untrue, so I am very relieved that somebody so unpleasant has got his just desserts. He is one of the people who has made it very difficult for this facility in Oxford to be built. I hope this will make people less frightened to do medical research and less frightened to talk about the benefits of animal experiments. It's people like him that have made people so terrified they would be attacked as myself and Tipu Aziz were, and the public doesn't get to hear about the advances in medical research."

Pro-Test spokesman, Tom Holder -

"The conviction of SPEAK leader, Mel Broughton, is a victory of democratic process over extremism. With the recent success of several high profile prosecutions of animal rights extremists, we hope that debate can now move towards the important issue of why animals are necessary in medical research. For most people, the issue of animal welfare has always been more important than animal rights, and with most extremists now in jail, research institutions, such as Oxford University, can move forward unhindered in their efforts to set a new gold standard in animal welfare."

Oxford University's Professor of Physiology, Colin Blakemore, and former Chief Executive of the Medical Research Council -

"While he didn't kill anybody, the burning down of a building is a potentially very serious offence. I have no problem with peaceful campaigning. That's an absolute right, which I will defend to the hilt. But I hope there will never be another Mel Broughton."

Prof Blakemore and his family suffered 15 years of terror at the hands of other animal rights extremists. He said: "It was before Mel Broughton's time. After they discovered my address, which it took them a couple of years to find, most of the activities were directed at my children. There were death threats, my children had to have police accompaniment everywhere they went and letter bombs were sent to my home. There were also lots of demonstrations outside my home, paint stripper was poured over my car and there were bricks thrown through my window. There was a very real fear for me and for my family."

Dr Evan Harris, the Liberal Democrat MP for Oxford West and Abingdon, who supported the University –

"Peaceful campaigning for a cause is entirely reasonable. When SPEAK have persuaded enough MPs to ban the use of animals for food, which merely provides menu choice, then Parliament might ban the use of animals for saving human life. I don't think banning either is desirable or likely but that's the logical order and SPEAK are free to campaign peacefully for it. What is unacceptable is intimidation and harassment."

SPEAK political, who say they intend to contest the next general election -

"Evidence against him [Mel Broughton] was flimsy, including:
His moral support for illegal direct action, which he was perfectly open about.
His previous convictions for arson, which again is no secret
His speeches against the Oxford lab, which were perfectly legal
Possession of some sparklers, which isn't illegal
Supposed DNA evidence on a match found on an incendiary device, which an expert claimed in court to be fatally flawed.
He was under surveillance by police for a long time, so they must have known he wasn't involved. Also, a tape recording accidentally made by police talking amongst themselves revealed they were out to get Mel, they "planning to wage a 'dirty war' against him":
You can write letters of support to Mel at: Mel Broughton (TN9138), HMP Woodhill, Tattenhoe Street, Milton Keynes, Bucks MK4 4DA."

A spokesman for SPEAK –

"Mel Broughton founded SPEAK and dedicated his life to working tirelessly for animal rights. We will be continuing our campaign in Oxford — and this has in no way affected it. While there are animals suffering in Oxford laboratories, SPEAK will be there."



Factory Farming - Cumbrian factory bomb threat man guilty

UK -- A man accused of making a hoax bomb threat to a poultry factory was found guilty on 11 February 09 by a jury at Carlisle Crown Court.

The *Cumberland News* reported that Gerald Lenton was convicted of making the threat to the Frank Bird factory in Langwathby following a three day trial. It took jurors less than an hour to find him guilty.



Carlisle Crown Court heard earlier how Lenton called the factory at about 9am and told the receptionist on the premises: "We are animal rights. We have an incendiary device on your premises." He claimed that he had made a phone call to tell the factory that the gate was stopped halfway across the road into the factory, and that he could not get his lorry inside.

It is believed that Lenton, who lives in Peterborough, is not an animal rights supporter. He was bailed and will return to the court for sentence on 27 March 09.

Hunting - Huntsman facing jail over assault of hunt monitor

UK -- A Devon huntsman is facing prison after being found guilty on 11 February 09 of deliberately assaulting an animal rights activist.

The *BBC* reported that Christopher Marles, 48, of Farringdon, used his horse to knock Helen Weeks to the ground as she filmed the East Devon Hunt, Honiton magistrates heard. He was serving a suspended sentence for attacking another hunt monitor when the assault happened in March 2008. Marles admitted assault but had denied he intended to hurt her. He will be sentenced next month.

In October 2006, he was sentenced to nine months, suspended for two years, for causing actual bodily harm to 58-year-old Kevin Hill. Mr Hill was left with two black eyes and needed six stitches after being punched while filming the Devon and Somerset Staghounds.

In the latest attack, magistrates heard Ms Weeks was filming near Whimpole as Marles repeatedly rode his horse into her. Footage of the attack was shown in court.

Criminal Actions

Research - Claim of razor blades in letters sent to University researchers

USA -- Extremists, claiming to be operating under the auspices of the Justice Department, state that they have 'mailed envelopes containing razor blades covered in rat poison' to two Wake Forest University primate researchers residing in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. A lengthy press release was made on 14 February 09 from the US Animal Liberation Press Office included the full name, addresses and family details of the intended recipients.

The senders are aware that the FBI or Postal Police may intercept the mail but ask, "Can they screen the mail forever?" They also demand an end to experiments on primates and warn of more actions.

Activists claim that the Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem, NC currently has 1300 non-human primates and recently accepted the transfer of over 300 non-human primates from the University of California-Los Angeles (UCLA).



There is no group of individuals known collectively as the Justice Department. The ALF say that they will not harm the 'Human species'. When the same activists do threaten other persons they merely give themselves another name of convenience. The Animal Rights Militia; the Justice Department and the Provisional ALF have all been used. The names are used in an attempt to create a greater degree of fear in the intended victim.

The original person who used the name, 'The Justice Department', sent a number of explosive devices in the UK contained in Post Pack tubes to victims in the early 1990s. He was prosecuted and served a term of imprisonment.

Offences reported on Bite Back

Bite Back has been updated with a number of criminal offences. Summaries of the anonymous communiqués are reported in their various categories, as follows –

Research

Netherlands -- Overnight 05 / 06 February 09, activists, claiming to be from 'ALF Poland', stated that they threw red paint on buildings at Astellas in Meppel and Schering-Plough in Houten. They say their action was 'dedicated to the SHAC prisoners in the UK and USA and to all other prisoners.'

Fur

Italy -- A short report claimed that on 06 January 09 a Max & Co premises in Milan had anti-fur slogans painted on the entrance. The attack was part of the campaign against the Max Mara Fashion Group.

Italy -- Late on 09 February 09 as many as 3,000 mink were freed from cages at the Italo Rossi fur farm in Fossoli, Modena.

Lighting and alarm systems were disabled during the raid, and "ALF" and "Close down this concentration camp" were painted at the property.

The offence made headline news in the local media.



Factory Farming

UK -- Animal rights activists, describing themselves as the North Yorkshire ALF, say that in protest to the egg industry they recently stole some hens from a barn of Yorkshire Farmhouse Eggs in Catton, Thirsk, North Yorkshire and smashed 'thousands of eggs stacked in the entranceway.'

Czech Republic -- Activists in the Czech Republic have produced a detailed photographic account of their theft of sixteen battery hens.

They say their 'open rescue' which took place in January 09 was in support of SHAC prisoners.



Animal Welfare

Spain -- Supporters of Frente de Liberación Animal say they stole a pit-bull which would have been used in dog fighting in the Granada area. The action was in 'honour of their compañero, Mel Broughton.'



Campaigns against Research Industry

Research - Suspicious Phone Caller

UK -- On 16 February 09, a Company which is secondary target in the SHAC campaign, received telephone calls from 'Adam Reid at the MHRA' and 'Philip Henderson from the NPSA.' He / they attempted to glean details of Company personnel and phone numbers but hung up when challenged. Further enquiries revealed that 'Adam' was not a member of the MHRA nor was 'Philip' part of the National Patient Safety Agency (NPSA).

It was reported towards the end of January that the same method was being used by activists in an effort to obtain internal company information.

It would appear that the calls on Tuesday were not isolated cases. Under the heading of "Alert: Impersonation of MHRA staff", the MHRA has issued the following warning and advice on its website on 18 February 09.

"We have again been alerted that there have been calls made to companies recently from people purporting to be members of MHRA staff, but who do not work for the Agency. We know that companies are generally alert to this type of activity but please remind your staff to be vigilant. If you do not recognise the name of the caller, please do not hesitate to take their number and call our Central Enquiry Point on 020 7084 2000 to check whether the caller is genuine before you give them any information."

Harlan -- Protest at Harlan in Leicestershire

UK -- A protest took place outside Harlan in Dodgeford Lane, Belton, Leicestershire from 3pm to 6pm on Friday 13 February 09 by seven demonstrators.

The announced event was organised by Loughborough Animal Concern, which consists of four or five members, who have held regular protests at Harlan over many years. The busy Nottingham Animal Rights group also indicated that they would be attending. Police were in attendance.

Research -- Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS)

UK -- There have been no protests held at HLS in Alconbury, Huntingdon since the afternoon of Wednesday 04 February 09 when three local protestors held a low-key protest.

Research -- Secondary targeting in SHAC Campaign

UK -- On Wednesday 11 Feb 09 three SHAC supporters held another of their demonstrations outside a Barclays premises in Birmingham City centre. They displayed an ant-HLS poster and distributed leaflets as well as occasionally using a megaphone. Police attended but according to the activists they were allowed to continue their demonstration.

UK -- During the afternoon of Wednesday 11 February 09, SHAC activists were again present in the City of London to hold another series of protests in support of their campaign. At present, it is not known the full extent of their actions during the day. A full account will be reported in due course.

UK -- On Thursday 12 February 09 five SHAC activists held unannounced demonstrations in the City of London at the following four locations -



Bank of New York Mellon Corp, NY Mellon Centre, 160 Queen Victoria Street, EC4V 4LA
Barclays Bank at 28 Minories, Aldgate, EC3N 1DE
AIG, 58 Fenchurch Street EC3M 4AB
Barclays Bank, 1-7 King Street, EC2V8AU



It was the first occasion that they had protested at the AIG premises. It was held because they claimed that the American insurance company had 'recently bought over 40,000 shares in HLS.'



Police were in attendance. From the activists' own account of their protests they claimed that there was media interest in their actions.

Protests included the display of placards and a banner and also the use of megaphones.



The following morning, the same protestors held two more unannounced protests in London. On this occasion the two targeted premises were

Barclays Wealth Intl & Corporate Banking, 38 Hans Crescent, SW1X
AstraZeneca 15 Stanhope Gate London W1K 1LN

UK -- On Thursday 12 February 09 activists in Cambridge continued their support for the anti-HLS campaign. The three protestors held a placard and leaflet protest outside Barclays 30 Market Hill, Cambridge, CB2 3NX. It appears that for once they were not moved on by the police.

They returned to the same venue on 17 February 09. During the day, the same group also protested at Biocair, The Business Centre in Church End, Cambridge CB1 3LB where police attended and moved the group away from the premises.



UK -- On Monday 16 February 09 two SHAC activists held short but noisy protests at the following two locations -

Promega, Delta House, Southampton Science Park, S'ton SO167NS
Barclays, Barclays House, 20/24 Upper Market Street, Southampton

UK -- Three SHAC activists held another unannounced protest outside Barclays in Birmingham City centre on 16 February 09. The peaceful protest from what appeared to be a young family consisted of the display of an anti-HLS banner and placards.

UK -- As previously reported, SHAC appealed for support for an Electronic Sit-In against HLS' auditors RMSBG and Bayer on Friday 13 February 09. An addition to the original article appeared on Boston Indymedia which read as follows -

"Files for Online Sit-In against HLS - You can download the files for the Electronic Sit In against HLS on 13 Feb from the following websites. Once you have downloaded the file (called frame.html) from one of the following websites, open the file in your internet browser and you're good to go. If the first website doesn't have the file, try the next one until the bottom. Leave this file running on the browsers of as many computers as possible for as long as possible"

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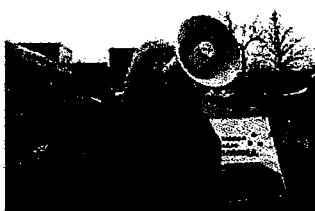


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The impact of the action is unknown at present.

UK – Activists said they would be involved demonstrations in the City of London on Wednesday 18 February 09. Protests were again expected at Barclays' premises; for full report in due course.

Italy -- A handful of protestors supporting the SHAC campaign held another protest outside Barclays in Milan city centre. The demonstration, during which leaflets were distributed, took place on 12 February 09.



Sweden -- On Tuesday 10 February 09 the active animal rights group in Gothenburg held a protest outside Ciba Vision in Askim in support of SHAC. For the information of its prospective supporters it stated that 'Ciba Vision is a global leader in the research, development and manufacturing of contact lenses and lens care products and is also the sister company of Novartis, which is one HLS' customers.'

The previous day the group held protests outside Bayer and AstraZeneca in Mölndal, again in support of the SHAC campaign. Banners and placards were used as well as shouting anti-HLS slogans through a megaphone.

Sweden -- Animal rights activists remained committed to supporting the SHAC campaign and held more protests in the Gothenburg area on 16 and 17 February 09. AstraZeneca and Bayer premises were again the targeted premises.



The same group of protestors are involved in anti-fur protests in Gothenburg. Damage to fur shops in the City has been reported on *Bite Back*.

Research - National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR)

UK -- On Wednesday 11 January 09 supporters of the Mill Hill Anti-Vivisection Alliance held a late afternoon and early evening demonstration outside the National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), The Ridgeway, Mill Hill, London NW7 1AA. There were no reports of any incidents following the protest from the small group of protestors.

Research - SPEAK campaign against Oxford University

UK -- On Thursday 12 February 09, fifteen SPEAK activists held their weekly demonstration outside Oxford University's biomedical laboratories in South Parks Road, Oxford. The demonstration began at 1pm and went on until 5pm. Placards and banners were displayed and the activists shouted their usual slogans against the use of animals in research at the University. SPEAK organisers are appealing for greater support.

The protestors say they will continue their protests against an animal research centre in Oxford. They remain limited by a temporary High Court injunction won by Oxford University to protect its staff, students and contractors from potential intimidation, harassment, and violence. They are banned from the exclusion zone around the new research centre, except on Thursday afternoons and then they must stay within an area marked by a plastic fence.



A High Court hearing will take place this year to decide whether to make the injunction permanent.

UK -- On Sunday 15 February 09 the group held an information / petition stall from 11am in Cornmarket in Oxford City centre. Six activists were present.

Animal Rights / Animal Welfare

Fur – Protests in UK and Europe

Global -- The International Anti-fur Coalition appealed for its supporters to organise information booths/stands and demonstrations 'all over the world' on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 13, 14 and 15 February 09. It is likely that most anti-fur groups will have made some effort to support the appeal.

UK -- For the first weekend for many months no protestors attended the advertised Saturday anti-fur protest at Harrods.

Belgium -- The Belgian animal rights group, Bite Back claimed that following lengthy negotiations with the company of fashion for girls and young women's Apple, it had obtained an official statement stating that any fur items would be permanently removed from Apple's twelve stores.

Ireland -- National Animal Rights Association (NARA) and the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade (CAFT) said they would be holding their annual anti-fur demonstration against the Chinese Embassy in Dublin on 13 February 09. Protest was due to take place outside the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ailesbury Road, Ballsbridge. Relatively peaceful placard and banner protest was expected.

Ireland -- On 17 February 09 NARA held a protest outside the Department of Agriculture in Kildare Street, Dublin to coincide with their release of a video which they claim shows poor conditions in four of Ireland's mink fur farms.

Organisers handed in a 'copy of the video to the Department of Agriculture, as well as a letter and a report documenting the alleged breach of welfare legislation seen in the footage. A bundle of petitions collected recently, with over 2000 signatures on them, were also given in.' Copies were also be given to the media

Peaceful protest took place from the group who will continue their quest to have fur farming in Ireland banned.

Italy -- Protests continued against Max Mara shops in Bologna and Emilia. On 13 February protesters held a protest in Bologna but were not allowed near Max Mara, nor were they allowed to use a megaphone. They displayed a large banner in sight of passing trams.

The following day ten protestors were involved in all-day protests outside three Max Mara, Max & Co, and Marina Rinaldi Marella premises in Reggio Emilia, Carpi and Modena.

Italy -- On 12 February 09 around eight activists, describing themselves as the 'AIP Milan Street Team' held a protest in Milan outside a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Unicredit Piazza Cordusio Group, which includes Luigi Maramotti, the president of the targeted MaxMara Fashion Group. The anti-fur protestors claim they held a noisy protest for over an hour and distributed leaflets.



Russia -- Anti-fur activists held protests on 10 February 09 against the Zenit Bank in Saint-Petersburg, Moscow, Kaliningrad and Nizhny Novgorod because of what they claim is its controlling stock of the fur auction 'Sojuzpushnina' and also some fur farms.

Around 10 people were involved in the Moscow protest. Smaller protests took place at the other locations.



Foie Gras – PETA protest outside Selfridges in London

UK -- Animal rights protestor Linzi Waddington from Brighthouse went topless in London's Oxford Street on 11 February 09 to expose what PETA describes as the "naked cruelty" involved in creating foie gras.

Waddington joined members of campaign group PETA urging Selfridges to stop selling foie gras. They waved heart-shaped signs with the slogan "Have a heart - drop foie gras" outside the store.



They said Selfridges should follow Waitrose, House of Fraser, Sainsbury's and other British grocery chains which have stopped stocking foie gras.

PETA Europe director Robbie LeBlanc was the press spokesperson for the group, which is calling on the company to follow the example of Waitrose, House of Fraser, Sainsbury's and most other British grocery chains, which have pulled foie gras from their shelves in the UK.

Factory Farming – 'Have a Heart for British Pigs' - Day of Action and ASA decision

UK -- Animal Aid and Viva teamed up for an appeal for supporters, 'who care about the standards of pig welfare', to protest outside their local supermarket on Saturday 14 Feb 09. Leaflets, badges and posters were provided by the groups. One announced action was due to take place on Exeter High Street.

Both groups have conducted 'investigations' into leading pig farms in the UK and claim their findings reveal 'widespread suffering, death, neglect and misery.' They also claim that the coverage of Jamie Oliver's new crusade wrongly implied that only foreign farms mistreat their animals.

Last week, the Advertising Standards Authority (ASA) ruled that pork adverts which maintained British pigs have "very high welfare standards" were misleading and must not be used again. Animal rights campaigners raised objections to the campaign which they said implied all UK pigs were well cared for.

In another ruling published, the ASA found the National Farmers Union was wrong to claim that 40,000 cattle would be lost to bovine tuberculosis in 2008 "unless action is taken to eradicate TB from infected badgers". Researchers have not been able to separate cattle to cattle transmissions and those caused by badgers, the ASA said.

Animal Welfare – Actions in Darmstadt against Krone Circus

Germany -- On 10 February 09 activists demonstrated in Darmstadt against 'animal exploitation by circus companies' in particular Circus Krone. Protest was directed against the



district council in an appeal for them to examine suspected violations of the Animal Welfare Act. They are also demanding 'an immediate ban on all animals in circuses.'

Hunting - Anti-hunting protest in Luxembourg City

Luxembourg -- Around 40 activists demonstrated outside the Luxembourg parliament (Chambre des Deputes) on Saturday 07 February 09 in protest against hunting in the Grand Duchy. Many came with their dogs and protested from the Place d'Armes and onto the Parliament building.

They carried banners calling for an end to "perversion of the forest". They handed over 60 copies of appeals to ban hunting.

Armament / Civil Unrest

Armament - Arrests follow university rooftop protest

UK -- Three people were arrested following a rooftop protest against Lancashire defence firm BAE Systems at Preston's University. The three, carrying a loudhailer, took to the roof of the Foster Building on the University of Central Lancashire's (UCLan) campus at just after noon on Wednesday 11 Feb 09. A further two people were distributing leaflets to students on the ground.

According to the *Lancashire Evening Post*, the protestors were from the 'Study War No More' group, a joint venture between the Campaign against the Arms Trade and Fellowship of Reconciliation, although a later item on *Indymedia* stated they were from the Disobey direct action group and Preston Anarchists.

Police arrived at the Foster building shortly after 1pm to remove the protestors from the roof. The three, none of whom are believed to be students, were duly arrested but later released without charge.

It is believed the timing of the protest was deliberately staged during a University open day. BAE employs 11,500 people at its bases in Warton and Samlesbury, near Preston.

A UCLan spokesman said he believed they were protesting against research carried out by the university on behalf of BAE but action was also in 'solidarity to the people of Palestine' and one of nineteen campus protests across the country.

Israel / Palestine -- Arrests during Carmel Agrexco blockade

UK -- On 12 February 09 a group of women locked themselves to the gates of Israeli export company Carmel Agrexco in Hayes, Middlesex to 'stop the delivery of Valentines roses.' Police were in attendance and three women were eventually arrested.

In an item on *Indymedia*, Emma Goldman, a member of the London Anarchafeminist Collective, was a spokesperson for the group.

In the UK Agrexco is known under the Carmel, Coral and Jaffa brands. The activists say that the UK is the most important foreign market for Israeli fresh produce but that much of the produce comes from colonies in the Jordan Valley.



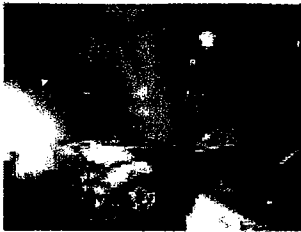
Civil Unrest – Protests follow banning of Basque groups from elections

Spain -- Last week, hundreds of demonstrators in Bilbao, the Basque region's largest city, built barricades of burning dumpsters and fought police for control of the streets. Incendiary devices were thrown at the offices of the Basque Nationalist Party.

Bombs and Shields reported that the provocation for the riot was the banning by Spain of pro-independence groups from participating in elections. The Basques are one of Europe's longest-colonized and least-assimilated indigenous cultures, with an equally long history of resistance to the rule of Madrid and Paris.

Civil Unrest - Attacks blight Berlin and other German Cities

Germany -- An activist website published details of what appears to be a series of linked attacks in Germany in recent weeks. Beginning on 27 January 09 in Berlin the first crime was an arson attack on a parked car in the district of Neukölln. Those responsible claim that the fire set to this vehicle "is already the number 22 car burned in Berlin this year."



That same morning a Porsche Cayenne was 'torched' in Mitte and this was followed by a BMW which was set on fire about 3.30am on Saturday 28 January. The ensuing flames also caused damage to an adjacent parked vehicle. This attack also took place in Mitte (Berlin's oldest and most central borough).

Letter boxes in the city of Wuppertal were painted olive green on the night 27-28 January. The offenders later claimed this gesture was to highlight the carrier DHL's (owned by the German Post Office) involvement with the military and transportation of supplies and equipment on their behalf.

Overnight 28 / 29 January anti-capitalism graffiti was spray painted on to the offices of a Christian Democrat Union party's member's offices. A house also suffered damage when cobblestones were thrown at its door. It would seem the CDU, Germany's ruling party, have attracted bitter criticism following legislation introduced in Bavaria banning the wearing of black clothing and any other garments by groups of people that would give the impression of 'uniforms.' This legislation may be introduced elsewhere in Germany.

Two more cars were damaged by fire in the inner city boroughs of Friedrichshain and Prenzlauer Bery, Berlin on 31 January. In the early hours of the following morning the early anti-war graffiti was applied to offices in Potsdam in used to record German military history and also at buildings used by the University for Applied Science.

That same morning flats viewed by some as being ostentatious, in the inner Berlin borough of Kreuzberg, were attacked by offenders throwing objects through windows and smashing bottles of paint against doors. The flats are known as 'car-lofts' and allow their owners to drive their vehicles to a waiting lift which in turn transports their car to the same level as their flat, allowing it to be parked directly outside their living space,

In the university town of Tübingen, some 20 miles south of Stuttgart, black paint and stones were thrown at the windows of the CDU party's offices in the town. The attack took place in the early hours of 05 February - the damage caused was in the region of 5,000 Euros.

In the early hours of 06 February activists claim to have attacked the administration building of the Berlin's police, located in Friedrichshain, by using butyric acid (said to be a weak fatty acid found in animal fats and plant oils). This 'action' is said to have been in protest against deaths in police custody throughout Europe and against forthcoming police and military conferences in Germany.



The final incidents 'claimed' in this sequence related to further arson attempts on vehicles parked in the borough of Kreuzberg. A device placed under a vehicle which had begun to burn was removed by passers-by and three more devices were removed from beneath vehicles before they had begun to burn.

These events may prove to be a turning point in this series of attacks. If the police have managed to recover one or more of these devices, intact subsequent forensic examination should provide a wealth of evidence and generate a series of enquiries.

The attacks described could be seen by many as the acts of jealous underachievers who use political dogma to mask their spite. What should not be discounted is the high cost of damage caused to date and the inconvenience and distress suffered by the many vehicle owners and buildings users affected by these actions.



Problems continued in Germany when anarchists and antifascists in Dresden broke away from a permitted demonstration on 15 February 09 of 10,000 to battle police protecting 6,000 Nazis and nationalists gathered to mark the 65th anniversary of the firebombing of Dresden by the allied forces.

objects hurled at police."

Rage against the fascist presence resulted in two flipped police vehicles and hours of clashes with rocks and other

Later in the day five people were injured when 15 and 20 neo-Nazis attacked two buses full of left-wing activists at a motorway rest stop after more the main protest in Dresden.



One man suffered a severe skull fracture. It is believed that some of the attackers were from the states of Hesse, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saarland, as well as from Sweden.



Far-right groups have for years used the anniversary of the Allied Dresden bombings for propaganda purposes. Members of Germany's far-right NPD party in the Saxon parliament have scandalized the city by referring to it as the "Bombing Holocaust."

Meanwhile Stephan Kramer, general-secretary of the German Jewish Council, told the *Daily Berliner Zeitung* on Monday that the large neo-Nazi turnout at the Dresden march was a dramatic signal that fears of growing right-wing extremist movements are justified.

Civil Unrest – Another series of firebombings in Athens

Greece - A small anarchist group has claimed responsibility for 17 firebombings carried out last week and threatened further attacks.

"Our attacks are not symbolic, they are acts of war. ... We will be back soon," Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei, a self-described "urban guerrilla" group, said in a statement published on a leftist website at the weekend.

All but one of the attacks, made with makeshift bombs, were carried out in Athens on 11 and 12 February 09. They targeted people such as a top anti-terrorism prosecutor, a prominent politician and a judge.

No injuries or serious damage resulted, but the firebombings were carried out during the day, making them very unusual for arsonists' attacks in Greece.



The little-known Conspiracy of Fire Nuclei group only surfaced last year, and police have said they know little about it but take its threats of sustained urban guerrilla action seriously. It said it dedicated its attacks to "authentic revolutionary" Dimitris Koufodinas, a prominent member of the terrorist organization, November 17, who was arrested in 2002 and is serving multiple life sentences.

Civil Unrest - Strasbourg prepares for siege as Anti-NATO forces gather

France -- *Russia Today* reported that from 03 to 05 April 09, 40 heads of state and government leaders, including U.S. President Barack Obama, will come to Strasbourg and Baden-Baden to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the NATO alliance.

Opponents of NATO from 80 countries are preparing a counter summit and are holding a unique conference this weekend at Strasbourg University to plan strategy. The coalition of 500 associations, known as the Strasbourg Collective, claims the right to demonstrate in the centre of the city.

The French government is determined to stop them. Nothing is to be allowed that could threaten the security or the dignity of the occasion. A secure 'red zone' is planned to cover a large part of greater Strasbourg.

On the surface all is sweetness and light. On each side of the Rhine a village is to be set up for protesters with the help of the local authorities. However, all demonstrations in the centre of Strasbourg will be banned. A huge security operation is gradually being unveiled involving thousands of police and military. No one knows how many but estimates vary from 12,000 to a massive 45,000. The whole of greater Strasbourg is to be locked down.

Letters have been sent to all the local inhabitants warning them of strict security measures. Cars are to be banned from large areas of the centre.

Speakers at the preparatory conference were clear that they insist on their right to demonstrate peacefully in the centre of the city that symbolises European unity. They say there can be no compromise on an issue involving the fundamental civil rights of the people of Europe and Strasbourg.

To applause from the delegates, John Rees from Britain, co-founder of 'Stop the War' movement, asked "how can an organisation that claims to defend democracy, human and civil rights refuse us the right to express our views?"

From Germany, Reiner Braun announced that the heads of state were having a banquet in nearby Baden-Baden. "We have not been invited but we shall be at the door," he said.

A French trade unionist explained the need to widen the protest beyond the circle of anti-war activists to ordinary people and ask them: "Do you really think NATO and its wars are a priority in a time of economic crisis?"

He stressed, "The NATO anniversary conference was planned long before the western banking fiasco. This economic crisis has blown up in their faces".

Asked by RT what the Collective hopes to achieve, Frédéric Henry said "The different bodies each have their own ideas about dealing with the issue, but essentially they have a common ground opposition to NATO. We all believe that war is not the answer and that NATO is essentially an organisation for war. Together we are holding an Anti-Summit to make sure that other views are heard as well as those that will come out of the official event."

The event is being monitored and will be the subject of future reporting.



Climate Change

Climate Change - Arrests during Plane Stupid protest at Southampton Airport

UK -- On 17 February 09 seven people from the anti-aviation group Plane Stupid chained themselves to the entrance of Southampton Airport. Police attended and made arrests over aggravated trespass allegations.

The group erected tents to make a so-called "refugee camp" outside the airport as part of the protest to highlight rising passenger numbers.

The Plane Stupid spokesman was Pete Barker. He wants an increase in investment in railways instead of Airports. A spokesman for Flying Matters, a coalition in favour of sustainable growth in air travel, criticised the protest however, saying it was "misdirected and irresponsible".

Police used cutting equipment to free the protesters. The seven in custody are two men, aged 34 and 44, and a woman, aged 32, all from Wareham, Dorset. A 20-year-old woman from Southampton and a 28-year-old man from Gwent in Wales were also arrested. A 19-year-old woman and a 25-year-old man also being held have not given police their addresses.

Climate Change - Manchester students hold rooftop protest at Campus RBS



UK -- Around thirty students held a climate change 'Eviction Demonstration' outside (and on top of) a Royal Bank of Scotland branch at the University of Manchester Students Union on Wednesday 11 February..

The group from People and Planet have submitted a motion to the Union General Meeting proposing that the Union does not renew the lease for RBS' branch when it expires in January 2010.

They gained access to the roof of the single-storey building and dropped banners advertising RBS' fossil fuel investments and advertising the Union general meeting the following week.



Toby Brett, 19, Physics Student at Manchester University was a spokesperson for the group. He said that the action was part of a wider national campaign calling for a boycott on RBS in September 2009.

Manchester People and Planet have previously staged a flashmob protest against RBS at a University recruitment event.
