

# Animal News

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## The Alliance for Animals

AFA is a non-profit 501(c)3 animal rights organization created to promote ethical, compassionate treatment of all animals through a variety of means including:

- Educating and increasing the awareness of the public on matters relating to the ethical treatment of animals and the philosophy of animal rights
- Promoting veganism, which is a moral and political commitment rather than simply a diet choice
- Bringing to public attention situations of animal abuse and exploitation
- Encouraging and supporting the efforts of pro-animal individuals and groups throughout the state

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## From Cradle to Grave: The Facts Behind "Humane" Eating

by Colleen Patrick-Goudreau

I have yet to meet a non-vegetarian who didn't care about the treatment of animals raised and killed for human consumption. Even people who eat meat will tell you they object to unnecessary abuse and cruelty. They declare that they buy only "humane" meat, "free-range" eggs and "organic" milk, perceiving themselves as ethical consumers. We kill over 10 billion land animals every year to please our palates, we never question the absurdity of this sacred societal ritual. Instead, we absolve ourselves by making what we think are guilt-free choices, failing to recognize the paradox of "humane slaughter" and never really knowing what the whole experience is for an animal from cradle (domestication) to grave (our bodies).

There are many misconceptions about the practices and principles of a "humane" operation.

The unappetizing process of turning live animals into isolated body parts and ground-up chunks of flesh begins at birth and ends in youth, as the animals are babies when they are sent to slaughter, whether they are raised conventionally or in operations that are labeled "humane," "sustainable," "natural," "free-range," "cage-free," "grass-fed" or "organic." Whether it is a large or small enterprise, manipulating animals' reproductive systems for human gain is at the heart of the animal agriculture industry. The keeping of male studs, the stimulation of the genitals, the collection of semen, the castrating of males, and the insemination into the female are not exactly on people's minds when they sit down to dine. Many animals endure the stressful, often painful, and humiliating process of artificial insemination.

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## Our Primate Freedom Committee Stays Focused

Richard (Richie) Davidson, Director of the UW Laboratory for Affective Neuroscience, continued to be a catalyst for the Primate Freedom Committee. In January, Davidson gave a presentation at the First Unitarian Society of Madison (F.U.S.) regarding his meditation research. We distributed flyers describing his primate experiments, and several of us attended his lecture. We tried to ask questions, but he ignored our raised hands. He later gave a similar lecture in Salt Lake City, Utah. Several Utah Primate Freedom Project members attended the lecture and brought Davidson's history of and current affiliation with primate experimentation to the shocked audience's attention.

In February we met with F.U.S. staff, Rev. Karen Gustafson and Social Justice Coordinator Wendy Cooper. Although both seemed receptive to our request for an opportunity to bring the debate regarding primate vivisection to the attention of their members and promised to continue their dialogue with us regarding a possible presentation on the ethics of animal research, neither have returned our many phone calls and e-mails requesting future meetings.

Five of our members met with Wisconsin State Journal editor John Smalley. We provided him with information regarding the 9,000 monkeys in Madison (7,000 at Covance and 2,000 at

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## A Letter from Executive Director Lynn Pauly

Hello and thank you to all of the wonderful AFA supporters across Wisconsin and beyond. I have enjoyed meeting you, in person, by phone, and through e-mails, this past year. I am sorry that we need organizations such as Alliance for Animals, but I am honored to spend my time working for the animals. Thank you for your trust and support.



I am making my note short, to leave room for Colleen Patrick-Goudreau's very important article "From Cradle to Grave," an article that discusses the myth of "humane" animal products. I hope you find it both informative and inspirational.

I'm happy to announce that Colleen will be our guest speaker at our Second Annual Vegetines Dinner and Dance on February 6, 2010. Watch for invitations.

Please keep making choices for the animals! 🐾

For all animals,

*Lynn Pauly*

## In Remembrance of Helene Dwyer

Long-time Alliance for Animals Board Member Helene L. Dwyer passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Helene will long be remembered for her work and efforts on behalf of cats suffering from FIV and feline leukemia and her advocacy for all beings. Throughout her illness, Helene was outspoken in her conviction that even people with devastating fatal illnesses should speak out against the use of animals in biomedical research. She was an inspiration to everyone who knew her.



Donations to AFA in Helene's name were given by *Philip Ashby and Renee Raines, Ruth Bewick, James Bredeson and Cheryl Becker, Donna Daguanno, Dane County Humane Society, Defillipo, William Drennan, Katy Francis, Georgette Frazer, Joyce Gaffney, William and Idy Goodman, Michael Graff, Diane Iverson, Karolina Johnson, Karen Julian, Kathlyn Klein, Jane Koenan, Lu Kummerow, Dawn LaLon, Mark and Joyce Landmark, Robert Lottridge, Christine Marceil, Donald and Susan Marx, Angela Menunez, Anne Meyer, Colleen Monogue, Tom Neal, Barb and Tony Nozzi, Carly Roe, Joe Rounseville and Jolynn Reali, Rose Santon, Sandra Stull, Robert and Kathryn Taylor, Andrew and Christine Thomas-Cramer, Yvonne Vitense, Judy Wahr and George Scott, Laura Ward and Ed Nelson, Gregory and Patricia Wise, Kimberlee Wright, Wendy Wait Chiropractic.* 🐾



# A Letter from Igor

Dear Friends,

It's me Igor. I wanted to update all of you and tell you how well I am doing here at Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary. I came to HEA after spending about 7 months in quarantine waiting to find out whether or not the judge would spare my life. Thank goodness, he did! My adjustment has been slow but I am making tremendous progress. I have a huge area all to myself, with access indoors and outdoors so I can move around as I please. I have lots of toys to play with and a nice cot and blankets to rest upon when I get tired. Before coming to HEA, I wasn't allowed to go outside, so when I got here I thought I was in heaven.



Igor and Amanda

I spent most of my first two days outside basking in the sun and playing in the rain. I very much trust two caretakers. I'm very lucky because some of human friends from Madison have been checking me, sending me food and treats, and of course sending me their love. I am very thankful to all of you who have showed me so much love and support.

Please know how truly grateful I am to all of you who have supported me and have saved me from euthanasia. Life is truly a precious gift and I am so thankful to all of you for allowing me to live my life.

With love,

Igor 🐾

You can visit Happily Ever After's website at [www.happilyeverafterinfo.org](http://www.happilyeverafterinfo.org).

## Companion Animals Rule Our Hearts

The Companion Animal Committee is comprised of an active group of AFA members. Currently we are working on an anti-chaining/tethering ordinance for Verona and the passage of the puppy mill legislation for the state of Wisconsin. We are developing companion animal care program for hospitalized people in Madison, and we are working with the Clarke County Humane Society, a no-kill shelter.

Additionally, we protest the Thorpe dog auction with CCHS. The committee decides the priorities and how much time and resources are devoted to these and other issues. We are open to anyone, so new ideas with follow-through are always welcome. Check the website for meeting times or call Betsy at 245-0281. 🐾



## Protesting is a fundamental right. Use it or lose it.

Kudos to Laura Rand who stood up to Dane County's claim that she was guilty of Disorderly Conduct when she protested against the Shrine Circus on February 21, at the Alliant Energy Center. She received her ticket in the mail three weeks after the protest.

And a big thanks to her pro bono attorney, Andrea Farrell who wrote an amazingly powerful Motion to Dismiss explaining that "Ms. Rand's speech was of the highest rung of speech protected by the First Amendment, and it was unconstitutional to enforce the Disorderly Conduct ordinance in this circumstance."

The charge was dismissed, and even the assistant district attorney said afterward, "Do me a favor, don't be afraid to protest that is your right." Be brave, take risks; the animals need all of us to speak out loudly on their behalf. 🐾



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Dairy cows are strapped into what the industry terms a “rape rack;” “natural turkeys” have to be artificially inseminated because their breasts are so large they’re unable to mate in the usual manner; and “free-range” egg farms perpetuate unthinkable cruelty by buying their hens from egg hatcheries that kill millions of day-old male chicks every year

Many who speak of “humane” meat are really referring to the conditions under which animals are raised—not killed. Animals from both conventional and “humane” farms are all transported to the slaughterhouse. The transportation process is excruciating and often fatal. The only law designed to “protect” animals in transport is weak, forcing them to endure oppressive heat, bitter cold, stress, overcrowding, and respiratory problems from ammonia-laden urine. Regardless of how they’re raised, all animals are sent to mechanized slaughterhouses where their lives are brutally ended. By law, animals must be slaughtered at USDA-certified facilities, where horrific acts of cruelty occur on a daily basis. Everyone from federal meat inspectors to slaughterhouse workers have admitted to routinely witnessing the strangling, beating, scalding, skinning, and butchering of live, fully conscious animals. When we tell ourselves we’re eating meat from “humanely raised animals,” we’re leaving out a huge



Colleen Patrick-Goudreau, author and guest speaker at our upcoming *Vegantines Dinner* in February.

part of the equation. The slaughtering of an animal is a bloody and violent act, and death does not come easy for those who want to live.

Our consumption of meat, dairy, eggs and other animal products perpetuates the pointless violence and unnecessary cruelty that is inherent in the deliberate breeding and killing of animals for human consumption. The fundamental problems we keep running into do not arise merely from how we raise animals but that we eat animals. The movement toward “humanely raised food animals” simply assuages our guilt more than it actually reduces animal suffering. If we truly want our actions to reflect the compassion for animals we say we have, then the answer is very simple. We can stop eating them. Every animal born into this world for his or her flesh, eggs or milk—only to be killed for human pleasure—has the same desire for maternal comfort and protection, the same ability to feel pain, and the same impulse to live as any living creature. There is nothing humane about breeding animals only to kill them, and there’s nothing humane about ending the life of a healthy animal in his or her youth. In short, there is nothing humane about eating meat. 🐾

Please check out Colleen’s website ([www.compassionatecooks.com](http://www.compassionatecooks.com)) and her cook books.

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the UW) and described several experiments on-going at the UW. We suggested several story ideas for the paper and asked that the WSJ report more critically by asking questions regarding the costs involved, both in animal suffering and in the funding of research of questionable value.

We have been meeting with and talking to several of our local alderpersons and county board supervisors about the primate experimentation going on in the Madison area.

We continue to attend monthly UW Institutional

Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) meetings where all experiments involving animals are reviewed and approved. There we learn about specific experiments and follow up with open records requests for copies of the experimental protocols. We also filed an open meetings complaint with the University of Wisconsin Office of Legal Counsel regarding the IACUC’s policy of discussing its semi-annual facility inspection reports in closed session.

Call Ann at 608-271-8790 to get involved. We need your help! 🐾

## The dogs and the cats...

...and the monkeys are a lot like you.  
The chickens and the cow and geese are a lot like me.  
We all just want to be, we all just want to be.  
We all just want to live happy and free.

This is the theme song for *Animals Have Rights*, which airs on WYOU and streams live every Monday at 10 p.m. Past episodes are now available on our website, so check it out. The show features commentary about local and national current events involving animals, obviously, as well as insightful and knowledgeable information about laws and legal issues surrounding animals in society. If you want to be up to date, don’t miss this great show. 🐾



## Help Wisconsin's Animals!

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*"I can't thank you enough for providing us with KIND News. It is an important part of our Humane Education program and our students really enjoy it. We are grateful to you!"* Katy G., teacher Falk School, Madison


*"The 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teachers said their students enjoy reading this very much. They called it an 'enjoyable read' and 'very user friendly.' Thank you!"* Julie F., Sandhill School, Stoughton


## In Celebration


 **Bailey, Boo, and Marbles.** A donation given by Michelle and Ross Neustedter.

## In Memory

 **Cap,** Helene Dwyer's wonderful companion. Cap will truly be missed for his soulful eyes and persevering spirit. *Donations given by Rick Bogle, Lesley Crocker, Marina Drake, and Betsy Munro, and Lynn Pauly.*

 **Cassee,** beloved dog of Susan and Spencer Krebsbach. *A donation given by Christine Marcell.*

 **Minilula,** companion kitty of Rick Bogle and Lynn Pauly. We love you Mimi. *Donation given by Rick, Lynn, and Mickey.*

 **Nellie,** Diane Iverson's wonderful dog. Nellie will always be remembered for her gentle, loving disposition. She will be truly missed. *Donations given by Lesley Crocker, Lisa Iverson, Susan Krebsbach, Marsha and Jon Laundrie, and Betsy Munro.*



*Cap will be missed by many.*



## Madison's Only Vegetarian Restaurant

If you're visiting the capital city, plan to visit The Dandelion Cart, Madison's only vegetarian/vegan restaurant. Located on Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive between the post office and the capitol, the cart is open Mondays through Thursdays from 11:30 to 1:30 from April through mid-October. Delicious vegan food! Friendly service. We love them! 🐾



## Vegan-Friendly Restaurants in WI

You wouldn't know it by reading local publications, but Wisconsin actually has several vegan-friendly restaurants. You can find reviews and add your own at [www.vegguide.org](http://www.vegguide.org).



Some favorites are The Cheese Factory Restaurant in Wisconsin Dells, Vita Raw-restaurant in Green Bay, and the Palomino Bar and Restaurant in Milwaukee. 🐾

## Upcoming Events:

Please see our website, [www.allanimals.org](http://www.allanimals.org) or call 608.257.6333 for more information about the events listed below.

Additionally, our active campaigns on vegan outreach, antivivisection, and companion animals meet frequently. 🐾

### Annual Chili Cook-Off

Saturday, September 19, 2009, Goodman Community Center.

### Quarterly Member Meeting

Wednesday, October 7, 2009, 6:30 p.m., 122 State Street, Suite 404, Madison

### Vegantines Dinner and Dance

Saturday, February 6, 2010

With special guest, **Colleen Patrick-Goudreau**, of [CompassionateCooks.com](http://CompassionateCooks.com) and author of *The Joy of Vegan Baking* and *The Vegan Table*. Invitations will be mailed.



## AFA Rock County: A thorn in the side of Janesville Petland

Alliance for Animals' Rock County chapter has continued to focus our efforts on getting the Janesville Petland to close its doors and on educating the many who still don't know what puppy mills are.

We get a lot of positive feedback at the Petland protest. There are always a few cars that stop to ask about puppy mills, request literature and/or bumper stickers, and almost constant honking. We've called enough attention to this issue, that the July 6 Janesville Gazette ran a front-page story on puppy mills!

We need more support at our protests, though! The more of us that are out there, the more attention we will draw to this very important issue. We have plenty of signs, but we're in desperate need of bodies to hold them. We want to show Petland that not only are we NOT going away, we are growing! If you live in the Janesville area, come join us!

Check our blog at [www.allanimalsrock.blogspot.com](http://www.allanimalsrock.blogspot.com). 🐾

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