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The Alliance for Animals

AFA is a non-profit 501(c)3 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

*Bringing to public attention situations of animal abuse and exploitation

*Encouraging and supporting the efforts of pro-animal individuals and groups throughout the state

*Promoting ethical and humane legislation and administrative policy affecting non-human animals.

AFA holds member meetings every month. All interested animal people are welcome to attend. Check our website for meeting dates and locations.

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Primate Freedom Project – Highlighted Actions and Plans

by Leslie Hamilton and Ann Emerson

Comprised of a small group of dedicated activists, PFP continues to advocate on behalf of Madison's monkeys. A select number of recent actions include:

- ▶ Protesting at multiple venues, including the Vilas Zoo in remembrance of the hundreds of monkeys taken 10-years ago from their long-time home only to be sent to research labs around the country; a biotechnology conference where Richard Davidson was a featured speaker; and the annual Crazy Leg's Race, which is partly sponsored by Covance—a Madison-based testing facility that houses over 5,000 monkeys.



- ▶ Staffing information tables at the Madison Farmer's Market weekly throughout the summer and at Fighting Bobfest in September;

- ▶ Attending UW Institutional Animal Care & Use Committee meetings where animal research is discussed and approved by researchers;

- ▶ Meeting with staff of Wisconsin's two state senators and with Representative Tammy Baldwin to discuss the value of research conducted by specific primate researchers at UW-Madison;

- ▶ Responding to Madison Magazine's dubious choice of Richard Davidson as "Person of the Year." Thanks to the dogged efforts of PFP member Rick Marolt, the magazine's editorial director Neil Heinen learned of Davidson's connection to some of the cruelest primate experiments at UW. Heinen then assigned a reporter to write an expose on primate research at the UW. Published in the June 2008 issue, the article was, according to Heinen, the "longest piece the magazine published in more than a decade."

- ▶ More recently, Rick Bogle and attorney Leslie Hamilton spoke at the UW Law School about (...continued, see PRIMATE, p. 4)

Companion Animal Campaign

by Betsy Munro

The goal of the Companion Animal Campaign is to raise public awareness about the protection and care of companion animals. To this end the campaign's most recent activities have included the distribution of 100 subscriptions of *Kind News*, the state-of-the-art publication curriculum developed by the Humane Society of the United States, to 42 elementary schools throughout Wisconsin.

We also developed a brochure encouraging spaying, neutering, and alternatives to declawing, with Spanish & Hmong versions planned. Future work will focus on issues that members have an interest in, such as monitoring "free to good home" ads, protesting the Thorpe dog auction, working on puppy mill legislation, and more! Won't you join us? Check our website for meeting dates and locations. 🐾





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A Letter from Executive Director Lynn Pauly

In looking back over my first six months as director for AFA, many moments come to mind, but the one that stands out most is sitting in the courtroom during the sentencing of Eric Shattuck.

Shattuck was angry at his dog Swiper, so he hung him from his choke collar in his garage until he died. Those of us in the courtroom were relieved to hear the judge sentence him with maximum jail time and to state that his crime "was one of extreme violence." The judge referenced the many letters he received, no doubt from AFA members who were horrified by this act of cruelty.

I will always keep Swiper in my heart; however I cannot help but be reminded of the millions of animals raised for food who die horrible and lonely deaths without any notice. Recently, at AFA's screening of the movie *Earthlings*, I watched as conveyor belts of pigs, animals known for their intelligence, loyalty, and affection, were hung by their hind legs, and killed with a slash of a knife.

As the saying goes, "If we love animals called pets, why do we eat animals called dinner?" We all see ourselves as good people, champions for the animals, so let's not forget the cows, the chickens, the turkeys, and the pigs; let's hold them, as well as Swiper, in our hearts.

I hope you enjoy our winter issue of Animal News. I'm sure you'll agree with me that editor Melissa Tedrowe and graphic designer Denise DeSerio did an excellent job of creating an efficient, informative, and attractive publication. 🐾

For all animals,

Lynn Pauly



Meet Our New Volunteer Coordinator: Jackie Wochos!

Jackie, tell us a bit about yourself.

I was born in Madison and grew up outside of Chicago, where I went to school, worked with Students for Animal Defense, and ate at Veggie Bite, the best vegan fast food restaurant, as much as I could. Now I'm back in Madison working as a veterinary assistant. In my spare time I love to read cookbooks and then make up my own recipes. I joined the Alliance for Animals earlier this year and took on the role of volunteer coordinator.

When and why did you first start getting involved with animal advocacy?

A couple years ago I saw *Meet your Meat*, a short documentary illustrating the common practices on factory farms (www.meat.org). I was horrified and knew that I could never support an industry like that ever again. I knew I

wouldn't ever beat, torture, or slaughter another living being, so why would I pay someone else to do so? From that day on I knew I would be fighting for the rights of animals.



Why is this issue so important to you?

I was raised to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and to stick up for what I know in my heart is right. Most people know that what happens in slaughter houses is not pleasant, and they don't really want to think about it. But the

majority of people don't have a clue about what happens before animals even get to the slaughter house. For instance, all male baby chicks born in egg laying hatcheries are killed and discarded because they are not profitable. They are not bred to gain weight rapidly like broiler chickens are, so they are gassed, ground up alive, or thrown into Dumpsters where they

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AFA Film Series

by Kristin Roosmalen

The AFA film series is a monthly event held at the new Goodman Community Center, 149 Waubesa Street. Each month a new animal rights related film is chosen to be shown. Past films include *Earthlings*, *The Witness*, and *Year of the Dog*. The goal in showing these films is to reach the community in a profound way and offer people an opportunity to learn, ask questions, and get involved on behalf of animals. Jackie Wochos, AFA Volunteer Coordinator, brings a wonderful variety of delicious vegan snacks to each screening and we provide plenty of information on all sorts of animal rights issues.

Below you'll find a list of films planned for early spring 2009. Additional information about dates and times will be posted on the AFA website. Check back and join us!

January 2009 - *Blinders*

Blinders takes viewers behind the scenes to expose the truth behind the tradition of NYC carriage horses through original footage taken with hidden cameras and interviews with carriage drivers, veterinarians, accident witnesses, animal rights activists, politicians, tourists, residents who live near the horses and people who have rescued NYC carriage horses from slaughter.

February 2009 - *Seeing Through the Fence*

Through a series of humorous and poignant interviews conducted across the U.S. and in Greece with everyday people, **Seeing through the Fence** explores our attitudes about the role of food in modern society and our connection or lack of connection, with both the processes and animals from which our food originates. The film asks the question, "What prevents ethical principles from being advanced to action?"

March 2009 - *Dealing Dogs*

Each year, thousands of dogs are bought by research labs and veterinary schools from "Class B" dealers who, although licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, have been known to violate laws meant to protect the animals. In 2002, Last Chance for Animals, a small U.S. animal-rights organization, placed one of its investigators, "Pete", undercover inside Martin Creek Kennel, one of America's largest and most notorious "Class B" dealers of dogs sold for research. This brutally revealing HBO documentary film chronicles Pete's daunting, highly dangerous undercover operation as well as its aftermath, when Last Chance for Animals shared its findings with federal authorities in an attempt to shut down Martin Creek Kennel—and save the dogs being mistreated there. 🐾

What's Our Ignorance Worth?

by Rick Bogle

About \$1.2 million. That's the estimated amount of money the University of Wisconsin, Madison's shell organization, University Research Park LLC spent to keep the public from learning what's going on in the primate labs.

On October 15, the Wisconsin State Supreme Court declined to hear our appeal of the Appellate court's ruling overturning our victory at trial over the validity of our option contract with Roger Charly, owner of Budget Bicycles and the parcel we were trying to buy next door to the primate center. The defeat is a profound loss for the monkeys and all the animals being



tortured daily in the university's labs and for the public, who will now remain largely ignorant of the nasty business being paid for with their tax dollars.

This is just the most recent in a long series of events that expose the reality of the labs, the failed ethics, and the underhandedness of the university and its vivisectioners. The Vilas monkey scandal, the Jennifer Hess affair, the Ei Terasawa debacle, the cage washing deaths, the dog and cows starved to death. The public learns only a tiny bit of the seedy and cruel reality, and for now, at a price tag of \$1.5 million, it is likely to remain happy and dumb. 🐾

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Animal Rights, the Law and the UW Primate Labs. This presentation was videotaped and appeared several times on Madison's local access cable channel WYOU.

Within the next few months PFP hopes to get a resolution introduced at the County Board condemning primate research. The group also will continue to investigate and expose the abuses of primates by the UW through Open Records requests.

To learn more about what we are doing, visit www.madison-monkeys.com, where you'll find the latest information and commentary regarding the plight of primates. Many of our events are also posted on the Alliance's website, www.allanimals.org. ❀

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suffocate under the weight of all the other chicks. Not only will I never support this violence ever again, but I will spend my life trying to stop it.

Tell us about some of the different volunteer opportunities with AFA.

The best way to learn about current opportunities is to check out our website, www.allanimals.org. You'll learn about our vegan pizza/poster making parties, our annual chili cook-off, leafleting, and educational outreach, and much more! If you have an idea, I want to hear it. And if you're super busy but want to help, let me know: together we can find creative ways for you to pitch in. There are even things you can do from home! So please come join us: you will learn valuable skills, have a good time, and make a difference in the world. ❀

Judge Allows Igor to Go to Sanctuary

AFA Urges You to Become an Advocate for Animals

by Lynn Pauly

After months of uncertainty about the life of Igor, the bull mastiff who was scheduled to be put to death for attacking Lily, a smaller dog at a park in Middleton (who later was euthanized), Judge Juan Colas decided that sending Igor to *Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary* in Marion, Wisconsin was not only in Igor's best interest, but in the best interest of the public. Igor will be moved to his new home this month.

When AFA heard about the attack last summer, we began looking for a sanctuary that would be willing to properly train and give a good home to Igor. Best Friends Sanctuary in Utah, the same place that took Michael Vick's fighting pit bulls, was full. Several breed specific organizations refused to help, but Amanda Reitz at *Happily Ever After* said yes, that they would not turn their back on this dog.

With AFA persistence, members and private citizens raised enough money to cover the costs of Igor's rehabilitation and sanctuary. Funds donated to AFA for Igor will only be

used to cover transportation, proper training, and sanctuary at his new home.

Alliance for Animals does not believe that Igor is any more important than the millions of animals who are killed for food, for research, or simply because their guardian no longer wants them. **All animals** need advocates. We were happy that we were able to give Igor a "happily ever after" life and urge you to become an advocate for animals - be it a cat languishing at a shelter needing to be adopted, a calf taken from her mother at a dairy farm, a neighbor's dog who spends too much time alone outdoors, or a primate living a life of solitude in a cage.



Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary

You can make a difference. If you live in the Green Bay area, please consider adopting a companion animal through *Happily Ever After Animal Sanctuary*.

Visit their website at www.happilyeverafterinfo.org. ❀



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Check Out Our New Website Design!



Many, many thanks to Randy Larson of Timebomb Productions for the amazing work he did on our dynamic new website! It's packed with information and sporting a fresh new look, so be sure to visit often to keep up to date on what you can do to help animals! 🐾

THANK YOU...

...to **Madison businesses** for their generous support of our Veggie Dinner/Auction. For a complete list of our supporters check our website. Please support our sponsors! 🌱

...to **Metcalfe's Sentry** for discontinuing their live lobster tank! Please give them a thumbs up next time you're shopping. Lobster Liberation! 🌱

Memorials

🐾 In honor of the birth of **Clover Helene**. Donations were given by her parents Lori & Tom and these friends: Betsy Munro, Denise DeSerio, Helene Dwyer & Pam Hathaway. Such a sweet baby girl and such a joy to all.

🐾 In memory of **Tagu**, Lori Nitzel's beloved Rottie. Donations were given by Betsy, Denise, Helene, Lesley Crocker, Norm Stockwell, Pam & Stacy Taeuber. Tagu will be missed by all who had the privilege of being around him.

🐾 In memory of **Bob, Holiday, & Lucky**, Helene Dwyer's special companion cats. Donations were given by Annette Kuhlman, Betsy, Denise, Ken & Lesley and Lori Nitzel. These three touched the heart of all.

🐾 In memory of **Jasper & Felix**, Lesley & Ken Crocker's wonderful cats. Donations were given by Betsy, Denise, Helene, Lori, and Susan Williams. Jasper will always be remembered for his holiday bandanas that he wore with such style.

🐾 In Memory of **Missy**, Marina Drake's special cat. Donations were given by Betsy, Helene, Lesley, Lori & Susan. She had a wonderful life.

🐾 In honor of **our dear pets**. A donation was given by Wayne & Audrey Yapp.

🐾 In memory of **Harry Nelson**. A donation was given by Bernice Oberbeck.

🐾 In memory of **Sadie & Sloussie**, my daughter Carolyn's two cats. A donation is given by her mother, Helene. These two kitties will be truly missed. 🌱



Friends Not Food Campaign

by Jim Arts

The Alliance for Animals launched the Friends Not Food Campaign in 2008 to promote plant-based agriculture and adoption of vegan diets. The purpose of this campaign is to promote ethical treatment of non-human farm animals, to reduce environmental damages caused by the existing animal agriculture food system, and to promote human health resulting from plant-based diets.

AFA will carry out this campaign through education and information programs and activities, and through the promotion of public policies intended to reduce or eliminate subsidies and other policies that subsidize animal agriculture.



Our first landmark success was convincing Metcalfe's Sentry grocery to discontinue its sale of live lobsters. This happened after store president Tim Metcalfe received an outpouring of calls from local customers concerned about this undeniably cruel practice. In the coming year Friends Not Food will be asking the other grocery store that sells live lobsters in Madison, the Jenifer Street Market, to follow Sentry's compassionate example!

If advocating for animals raised for food matters to you, join us! This campaign is just getting started; there are plenty of opportunities to assist in its development and organization. 🐾

Upcoming Events:

Please see our website, www.allanimals.org or call 608.257.6333 for more information about the events listed below. Additionally, our active campaigns on farm animal cruelty, animal research, and other animal issues meet frequently.

- Every Wednesday: AFA Primate Freedom Project Meetings 6:00-8:00 p.m., contact the Alliance for location.
- Saturday, Feb. 14: Vegantines Dinner & Dancing 6:00-10:30 p.m., West Side Club, 437 County Rd. M, Madison

Vegantines Day is a day in which we show our love and compassion for all beings - human and nonhuman. Our first ever Vegantines Day



party will be held on Saturday, February 14, 2009 at the West Side Club. Our honored guest will be Karen Dawn, author of *Thanking the Monkey: Rethinking the Way We Treat Animals*. We will be featuring a presentation of AFA's Heart of Journalism Awards to area journalists for their consistent and fair reporting on animals and society which will include Bill Leuders, *Isthmus*; Lee Rayburn, The MIC 92 radio; Neil Heinen, *Madison Magazine*; Dave Zweifel, *The Capital Times*; and WKOW News. Note: Not all awardees may be present to receive their awards. Enjoy a delicious lasagna dinner, a cash bar, raffle, and music



and dancing. For more information or to RSVP, please visit AFA's website www.allanimals.org or contact Kristin at 608-395-9741 or by email at roosmalen@charter.net. (RSVP deadline is February 5, 2009) 🐾

Karen Dawn, author of *Thanking the Monkey: Rethinking the Way We Treat Animals*

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