Members of our group, the Wisconsin Animal Education Network (W.A.E.N.), had been helping a group in Rockford with their protests against the Petland store in CherryVale Mall because we had heard and read a lot about Petland buying puppies from puppy mills. When we saw a Petland store would be opening in Janesville, we decided to shift our focus to protesting that one.

Before we took any action, we went in and talked with the owner of that new store, Michael Sardina. As he gave us a tour, he talked about the kind of trucks that the puppies arrive in, and the “wonderful, healthy puppies” they get. He did not tell us where the puppies come from, but said that they “encourage people to have their puppies neutered,” and that “there is instant financing right there in the store” (so you can buy an expensive puppy even if you don’t have the money).
A Letter from the Director...

Dear friends and supporters,

It is with both sadness and excitement that I write this final letter to you as the director of the Alliance for Animals.

My sadness comes from leaving an organization and position I truly love. Not only have I enjoyed the work of running a nonprofit and being a more dedicated animal advocate, I’ve grown a great deal in both my activism and professional development during these last four-and-a-half years.

I’m excited because of the innovative energy entering the organization in the form of our new director, Lynn Pauly. Lynn is an incredible person and activist, and brings an amazing array of skills to this position. I can’t wait for you all to be introduced to her in person and/or through our electronic and mailed communications! Read more about Lynn and her background on page 3.

On a personal level, I’m excited because I’m heading off to Colorado with my partner and our large family of four-footed friends. We’ll also be welcoming a human to the family, due in September. Big changes are in store!

So, dear friends: stay strong and steady in the face of the anti-animal forces and keep working hard to protect those who have no voice! Thank you for your support and enthusiasm over the years. This has been an experience I will always treasure.

Sincerely,

THE ALLIANCE FOR ANIMALS

The Alliance for Animals is a Wisconsin-based nonprofit organization advocating for the rights of all non-human animals by campaigning for humane treatment and educating for change. The Alliance for Animals advances its goals through demonstrations, media outreach, conferences, investigations, legislation, and person-to-person contact, as we strive to fundamentally transform how society views and treats all sentient beings.

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Thank you to all those who remembered a special person or animal with a donation to the Alliance for Animals. This is a wonderful way to honor someone special and help animals at the same time.

In Memory Of...
• Donation to our efforts against puppy mills, in memory of Macy Miller, rescued from a puppy mill. Donation given by Rose Pickering.
• “In loving memory of our dear pets.” Donation given by Wayne and Audrey Yapp.
• A donation has been made in the memory of Dan Birk, past board member of the Alliance for Animals. He will be missed. Donations given by Helene Dwyer, Betsy Munro & Susan Williams. (Please see accompanying article on next page).

“Let my name stand among those who are willing to bear ridicule and reproach for the truth's sake, and so earn some right to rejoice when the victory is won.”

--Louisa May Alcott (1832-1888)
The Alliance is excited to announce that we’ve hired a wonderful animal activist as the new director! **Lynn Pauly**, long-time Alliance member and activist, will be starting on May 19 and will officially take over the director’s position on June 1.

Lynn is a longtime vegan who has an extensive and solid background in animal advocacy. After teaching middle school for 14 years, Lynn moved to California and worked at In Defense of Animals (IDA), a national animal rights organization where she was Assistant to the President and later Director of Major Giving. While at IDA she had the opportunity to care for orphaned chimpanzees at IDA-Africa in Cameroon. She has promised to share some of her African experiences with our members at a future meeting.

Lynn has extensive experience in desktop publishing, editing, non-profit management, and innovative campaign strategies. She and her best friend (and husband) Rick Bogle, founded the Primate Freedom Project, a small but vocal national non-profit. She developed the organization’s signature Primate Freedom Tags. She considers education and outreach to be among the keys to success of the animal rights movement.

Lynn works with older adults in her other job and is a part-time massage therapist. Over the years, she and Rick have shared their home with many animals. Right now, she is mom to Minnie, a rescued kitty and Mickey, an adopted dog. Lynn is very excited about the opportunity to grow the Alliance for Animals and give the animals in Wisconsin an even greater voice.

She is looking forward to meeting our many members. Please give her a hearty welcome when you see her at our next event!

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A Tribute to Daniel Birk: A Friend to Animals

The Madison animal protection community has lost a true friend with the unexpected passing of Daniel Birk, recent Alliance for Animals board member and volunteer.

Dan was elected to the Alliance board in 2005 after attending our monthly meetings and events for a while. Serving as secretary of the board for a year, Dan handled the dreaded minute-taking task with enthusiasm. Always smiling and eager to assist, Dan’s energy helped us through many a Veggie Brat Fest and Vegetarian Dinner!

He had a special place in his heart for cats, sharing his life with two special felines since we knew him.

Dan’s funeral was held in Appleton, and a memorial service was held for Dan at the VA Hospital in Madison for his local friends at the end of May. Many attended and shared their personal memories of him and his impact on our community. An avid volunteer, his work in this community and for the Alliance for Animals will not be forgotten.

The Alliance for Animals has set up a memorial fund in Dan’s name, which will finance the animal protection work he so enjoyed. If you would like to donate, please feel free to send a donation in the enclosed envelope (note on the memo line that you are donating to the Dan Birk Memorial Fund) or call 608-257-6333 or email alliance@allanimals.org for more information.

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Daniel Birk, at one of the Alliance for Animals’ Veggie Dinners.
Update on the National Primate Research Exhibition Hall

by Rick Bogle, Primate Freedom Project and Alliance for Animals

By the time you read this, we should have (or soon will have) a ruling by the Wisconsin Court of Appeals on whether or not our signed, notarized, and duly recorded option agreement for the property sandwiched tightly between the infamous Harry Harlow Primate Psychology Lab and the NIH Wisconsin National Primate Research Center is binding.

Our legal sojourn began in early June 2005, after a public announcement that we had secured a contractual obligation on the property and began a major fund-raising effort to develop the property into a national showcase and public educational resource. Upon learning our plans, the University, through its putative nonprofit corporation University Research Park LLC, offered the property owner $1,000,000. He decided to renege on his contract with us.

Some background: the owner, Roger Charly, had been trying to sell the property to the University for many years. They had repeatedly refused to meet Charly’s price of $1,000,000, and had refused to negotiate. The University had rightly assumed that no one would ever buy it due to its unfavorable location; they could just wait him out until they could pick it up from his estate some day for its much lower assessed value of $130,000.

But the characteristic that makes the property unsuitable for typical uses—its hidden location nearly surrounded by monkey labs—is of inestimable value as a public relations tool to call attention to the realities of the suffering in the labs and the waste of public healthcare dollars. Unlike annual protests or campaigns that come and go, the National Primate Research Exhibition Hall, NPRX, will be a spotlight on the issue 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, fueled by constantly changing nationally advertised exhibitions, displays, conferences, and workshops.

When we first approached Charly and inquired about the property, he said that it wasn’t for sale. After we explained what we wanted if for, he immediately changed his mind and said he would sell it to us for $750,000. During that and subsequent conversations he made it clear that he relished the opportunity to get even with the University for not negotiating with him.

During the next few months, we negotiated the price down to $675,000, and agreed on various other details to Charly’s benefit. When Charly contacted us and said that he would not honor his contract with us, we were surprised and explained to him that the likely result would be a long court battle. He was unconcerned; it is a near certainty that he has become a pawn of the University and that his great legal costs are of no concern to him.

So here we are three years later awaiting yet another decision from the courts. We’ve won twice before, at trial and in a reconsideration of the facts by the court, and we expect to keep winning, even if the case goes to the state supreme court, which it easily could.

The Primate Freedom Project is a small not-for-profit staffed by volunteers with a burning passion and desire to end the atrocity of primate vivisection and cruelty to animals everywhere. The establishment of NPRX has the potential to be a watershed event in the fight for animals’ rights. We appreciate your continuing support.

A Sad Ten-Year Anniversary

On March 8, 2008, a small group of Alliance members braved the wind and cold and gathered at the Henry Vilas Zoo to remember the 150 monkeys taken from the zoo in March 1998, and shipped off to Louisiana to be used in tropical and infectious disease research.

The monkeys were disposed of by the University of Wisconsin, Madison after a whistle-blower revealed that in spite of multiple written promises by the University not to do so, at least 200 monkeys had been secretly taken from the zoo, used in invasive and terminal experiments in the UW’s labs, or sold to other labs around the country.

University student newspapers, the Badger Herald and the Daily Cardinal, covered the story and wrote reasonably accurate and long news stories recounting the eight years of broken promises and the scramble to bury the embarrassing details.

Television Channel 27 ran a long video segment with good footage from their extensive nearly yearlong coverage of the story ten years ago. The video news segment is still available on their website; just search for monkeys on http://wkow.madison.com.

Bitter icing on the event came when Primate Center Director, Joe Kemnitz lied to a student reporter when he told her that the university had not entered into any sort of agreement to protect the monkeys at the zoo. The Alliance filed a formal ethics complaint over his behavior, but, surprise, surprise, the university dismissed it as warrantless, saying that he had not intended to deceive anyone... just like they had not intended to deceive anyone with their promises that the Vilas monkeys were exempt from harmful experimentation.
Wisconsin’s own baseball star, Prince Fielder of the Milwaukee Brewers, has made local and national news with his decision to adopt a vegetarian diet. The 270-pound slugger, who holds the Major League Baseball record for youngest player to reach the 50 home run mark in a season, went vegetarian for ethical reasons.

According to news reports, Prince’s wife, Chanel, gave him the book *Skinny Bitch* by Rory Freedman and Kim Barnouin (www.skinnybitch.net). *Skinny Bitch* was written for individuals wanting to lose weight (from the website: “If you can’t take one more day of self-loathing, you’re ready to hear the truth: You cannot keep shoveling the same crap into your mouth every day and expect to lose weight.”)

In discussing weight loss, the authors advocate a vegan diet and talk about animal cruelty in agriculture and the pervasive problem of factory farming. Reportedly, Prince was quite affected by what he read and began his vegetarian diet soon after.

As a professional athlete, Fielder has received much media attention about his decision to go vegetarian. Seeming to take it all in stride, he has taken reporters to vegetarian restaurants and has talked freely about his decision. Even though he states that he is getting all of the nutrients his large frame needs, he has taken heat from the sports community, which tends to treat the issue of animal cruelty with derision.

In support of Prince Fielder’s decision, 26 members and supporters of the Alliance for Animals are headed to the June 22 Brewers game to counteract the negative feedback he has received from so many. We will have a vegan tailgate party in the parking lot before the game, and we’ll take our positive signs into the stadium and let him know that we (and the animals!) appreciate his compassion. We’ll have pictures in the next newsletter of the event, which we’ve called Go Prince! Go Veg! day at Miller Park.

In other celebrity news, Oprah recently made headlines with the announcement of her 21-day “vegan cleanse” diet. Oprah was inspired by two books: Kathy Freston’s *Quantum Wellness: A Practical and Spiritual Guide to Health and Happiness* and Eckhart Tolle’s *A New Earth*.

Along with all animal products, Oprah is also giving up alcohol, sugar, caffeine, and gluten! Oprah has been blogging about her experience, and said on day one of the cleanse:

“Wow, wow, wow! I never imagined meatless meals could be so satisfying. I had been focused on what I had to give up—sugar, gluten, alcohol, meat, chicken, fish, eggs, cheese. ‘What’s left?’ I thought. Apparently a lot. I can honestly say every meal was a surprise and a delight, beginning with breakfast—strawberry rhubarb wheat-free crepes.”

Oprah’s focus seems to be on conscious eating, and her cleanse and discussion about this important topic will hopefully inspire others around the world to think twice about what they eat.

As she so rightly states, “How can you say you’re trying to spiritually evolve, without even a thought about what happens to the animals whose lives are sacrificed in the name of gluttony?”

**Vegetarianism Making Waves in the World of Sports and Television: Prince Fielder of the Milwaukee Brewers and Oprah Go Veg!**

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He also showed us the “sick dog area” in back. The store had been open for only two weeks, but there were already eight puppies back there! One dog was “recovering from Parvo.” There were also small mammals and fish for sale. We asked if he was going to sell cats. He said he “maybe will sell Bengal kittens,” but that was it.

Mike Sardina did NOT tell us the truth. Those special trucks recirculate the air, so if one dog is sick, they all can catch it. Many of them have had pneumonia and other airborne illnesses. Consequently, he has changed his “return” policy. Now, it is almost impossible to get a full refund. Area animal shelters have seen many Petland animals come in, most of them sick or with genetic disabilities. And Mr. Sardina does have kittens for sale, and not just Bengals!

It is for these reasons and because of the places Petland buys the puppies from that we spend an afternoon each month protesting outside the Janesville Petland store. We are there mainly to educate the public and to make them aware of where Petland animals come from. The more people know about Petland and the suffering that goes on in puppy mills and other animal mills, the less likely they are to spend their money there. Each time we’ve been out protesting, people have stopped and thanked us. Many of them have a horror story to tell about buying a pet from Petland.

Recently Oprah Winfrey did an exposé on puppy mills on her show, educating an even larger population. The episode hopefully had an adverse effect on Petland sales because it told of the risks of getting a dog from an overbred mother—that they inherit genetic problems while at the same time, beautiful, loving, healthy dogs die at shelters for lack of homes.

On April 20, 2008, we protested the Janesville Petland store in front of the shopping center it is located in, at the corner of Highways 14 and 26. We announced that we would be there in a letter to the editor of the Janesville Gazette newspaper and it was printed in their Public Forum. There were two police squad cars there, waiting for us to arrive, and they stayed the entire time we were there. We suspect Mr. Sardina requested that police stay on site during the entire time of our peaceful demonstration.

Recently, an article about the Janesville Petland store appeared in the business section of the Janesville Gazette, and Mr. Sardina was quoted as saying that people who criticize pet stores that sell animals are one of his biggest challenges. That means we are doing our job and we’re happy about it! ✨

### Alliance for Animals and Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project launch new Boycott Petland website!

Thanks to the volunteer graphic design assistance of Four Feet Forward (www.fourfeetforward.org), the Alliance for Animals and the Wisconsin Puppy Mill Project (www.nowisconsinpuppymills.com) have teamed up and created a new website encouraging Wisconsin residents to boycott the three Petland stores in the state (located in Janesville, Pewaukee, and Racine). See our new website by going to www.boycottpetland.com!

**What is wrong with Petland?**

Petland purchases animals from puppy mills and other undesirable breeders. Many of these animals are sick and unsocialized, having lived their entire short lives in filthy cages. The parents of these puppies and kittens suffer the terrible fate of living their whole lives in these same cages, forced to produce litter after litter for years until they die.

Petland is the nation’s largest pet store chain, with 123 stores in the USA and 57 stores in other countries. Petland sells puppies, kittens, and other small animals such as guinea pigs and rabbits.

In Defense of Animals, a national organization based in California, has investigated Petland and found that their shipments of puppies come from Midwestern puppy mills. These animals, barely old enough to survive on their own, are shipped as cargo by truck or airplane around the country to Petland’s stores.

One of Petland’s largest supplies of dogs, Do-Bo-Tri Kennels in Nashville, TN, has been repeatedly charged with violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

Puppy mill animals continue to suffer in deplorable conditions, while animals all over the country die every day in shelters. As IDA states, “the euthanasia of millions of animals at shelters due to a lack of adoptive families compounds the tragedy of mill animals enduring a miserable existence to satiate the demand for their offspring.”

Please visit our website, boycottpetland.com, and please tell all of your friends and neighbors not to shop at Petland! ✨
Wisconsin’s Wolves – From Endangered to Hunted in Just a Few Short Years?

In April of this year, Wisconsin residents around the state traveled to their county Conservation Congress meetings to vote on important issues affecting our state’s wildlife. One of the questions on the ballot was this:

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QUESTION 71: Wolf Management

The gray wolf has made a dramatic comeback in Wisconsin. Wolves in Wisconsin have recently been taken off the Federal Threatened and Endangered Species List. The wolf population is predicted to continue to increase if no control methods are implemented. Currently there is no public harvest system set up to have sportsman assist in maintaining the population of wolves at the population goals established in the wolf management plan.

Do you favor the Department of Natural Resources, Wisconsin Conservation Congress, and the Wisconsin Legislature develop a season framework and harvest goals to maintain the wolf population within management objectives?

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Not surprisingly, as usually happens at Conservation Congress meetings since an overwhelming majority of attendees are hunters and trappers, this measure passed statewide 4848 – 772. It passed in every single county.

Wisconsin’s wolf population stands at approximately 550 wolves (around 138 packs). Historically numbering in the thousands, wolves were hunted to extinction by the 1950s in the state because of bounty hunting. After wolves were placed on the federal endangered species list in the 1970s, wolves migrated to Wisconsin from Minnesota and reestablished packs in the northern and central parts of the state.

In January 2007, amidst public outcry, wolves were removed from the endangered and threatened species lists in the Midwest and states were allowed to manage wolf populations. While not even close to returning to historical numbers in any region, the removal of the species from the lists was simply a political move to appease livestock and hunting interests. In March 2008, the northern Rocky Mountain gray wolf was removed from the endangered species list. Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming immediately took action and began drafting state regulations allowing for wolf hunting. Lawsuits have been filed in both the Rocky Mountain region and in the Upper Midwest by animal advocacy and environmental groups arguing that the federal government delisted the wolves unlawfully.

Wisconsin is the first state in the upper Midwest to take up the issue of a public wolf hunt (Minnesota and Michigan, the other two Midwestern states with wolves, have not yet raised the issue of a wolf hunt.) Since the wolf hunting measure passed in April, members of the Conservation Congress have recommended to the Wisconsin Natural Resources Board that a potential hunt be restricted to state residents, with a $10 license application fee and a $100 license fee. A license would be granted only once in a hunter’s lifetime. A management goal of 350 wolves in the state is required by federal regulations, allowing the DNR to authorize hunting when the population rises above that number. The Natural Resources Board may or may not recommend to the state legislature that legislation be passed allowing for a statewide public hunt of the timber wolf.

Far from a “success story,” as the wolves’ return to Wisconsin is often called by the DNR and hunting enthusiasts, the DNR has recently stated that wolves are not increasing in number and that the recent growth trend seems to have leveled off. Furthermore, biologists have stated that a wolf hunt would destroy wolf pack structures, sending animals wandering outside their territory and causing more problems throughout the state.

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ACTIVIST PROFILE: Dennis Lee Cleven

What compelled you to get involved in the Animal Rights movement? How did you hear about AFA?

When I was 18, I moved to Madison and two of my first friends were vegetarian. One of them gave me a copy of *Animal Liberation* when I was 19. I was feeling guilty being an omnivore so I welcomed reading this book, which was really making waves at the time. I was horrified by it, but I was uncertain how to become vegetarian. My friend asked me, “Can you kill your own meat?” I replied, “Gawd, no!” and she said, “Then why have someone else do the dirty work?” I was hooked, and when I grew up I became a vegan.

**Mobilization for Animals** held a huge rally on the Library Mall and I really wanted to get involved, but found that the group was gone! It was long after that in 1983 that I found a newsletter at The Mifflin St. Co-op by a different group and I wrote to them thanking them for working for animals. I made their day and they published my letter in their next newsletter. That group was the **Alliance for Animals**! I began going to their meetings and have been involved ever since that time. I was overjoyed that at long last, we had an animal rights group in Madison!

What is your current involvement with AFA? Tell us what you have been doing and will be doing for animals here in Madison.

One thing I have been doing for some 15 years is acquiring items for our twice-a-year Veggie Dinner & Silent Auctions. I am the main person who obtains items from locally-owned and operated businesses. It is a big job but very necessary and there are others who also help a great deal.

I also screen films monthly at Escape Java Joint & Art Gallery, which is a great way to educate the public and I urge them to become members of AFA and to get involved, as we always need volunteers. Other than that, I attend the monthly meetings and I put out literature wherever I can to spread the word as to the truth about how abysmally our species treats other species. I always talk to people, too. I am neither confrontational nor proselytizing, but knowledge is power, and it really does begin with what is on one’s plate. I live my convictions.

What issues concern you most in the fight for animal rights? Why?

Agribusiness has gone mad. The sheer number of animals produced for food has gone up and what so many people don’t know is that these horrible factory farms are a major polluter of our waterways, harm our health, and are a huge contributor to global warming. Al Gore conveniently left this factor out of *An Inconvenient Truth*. I have been to Farm Sanctuary a few times and it was a spiritual experience being with “farmed animals” who live in clean conditions and are treated with love. Each is as much of an individual as any cat or dog or person. I have a special fondness for pigs; they are more intelligent than any cat or dog, but they are treated horribly. Chickens are far from stupid and there are more chickens than people in this country. Mad Cow Disease is in this country but the meat and dairy industries have so much power that they are lying to the public. Avian Bird Flu is here, too. It is no wonder why animals are treated like things. Look at the TV commercials during primetime: all these chains/corporations pushing nothing but meat and animal products. People know about factory farms but who sees them? They are hidden away so people go for convenient fast food and are far too complacent. I’d love to find where the nearest factory farms are and have demonstrations with the media there to expose the cruelty.

Tell us a bit about yourself before you awakened to the suffering of animals.

I was always a very sensitive person. I grew up outside Madison where there were small farms but they are all gone now. My parents had a general grocery store and, being the youngest of five sons, I was the last to work there with my parents. I recall going with my father to some farmer’s place where the pigs were in stalls. I was so little but I wanted them to have more room. I was curious about them and I really wondered what these animals were like. I remember holding my hand out to a pig and letting her sniff my hand. I also recall as a child going to the circus and not enjoying it at all. I just knew that the elephants were unhappy and it

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We received enough donations to offer over 100 subscriptions to classrooms all over Wisconsin. Think about it: that’s 2,800 kids getting a newspaper about the compassionate treatment of animals each month!

Focusing on the geographic areas where our donors are from, we have managed to cover just about the entire state: from the little town of Holmen, WI (near La Crosse) to the inner city schools of Madison and Milwaukee, we have reached out far and wide.

We are also learning new things about our Wisconsin schools. We discovered that an elementary school in Appleton serves up veggie burgers, and that all Cambridge elementary school classrooms already have subscriptions to Kind News!

Almost all schools were very excited to learn about their gift subscription. There are many more schools out there we would like to reach, and we would like to keep the subscriptions going past the 2008-2009 school year. So, keep an eye out for more opportunities to donate (or continue your donation) to this wonderful program.

And, if you missed the first fundraising drive, you can still participate! Use the enclosed envelope to send us a check for $30 per subscription (and the name of a school/teacher, if you have one!) and we will get the subscriptions out to the teachers. Note on your check that you are donating to the Kind News project.

The Alliance sends a huge thank you to the many donors who are making this project so successful! Teaching children compassion is one of the finest ways to build a more caring world.

Besides activism, what do you like to do in your spare time?

I am a voracious reader and there are times I just have to stop reading animal-related books and magazines. I am constantly signing petitions online for many different causes, so there goes the myth that we only care about animals and not humans! We are all interconnected.

I am a real humanities person and I love films from all eras. I also love music; there are some female singers whose music I am devoted to. Many of these singers came from the 60s British Invasion but have evolved with the times. Anyone has to have a balance, have some fun, and not lose his or her other interests.

I also spend a lot of time with the two cats who own me and they allow me to live with them. One came from a feral colony and no one sees her because she hides whenever anyone comes over. The other was dumped and she wants to be the queen of my apartment but she will have to wait her turn!

Do you have any advice for animal rights or other aspiring activists in Wisconsin?

Open your hearts and get involved now. Don’t wait for the next person, as there is no next person. That person is you. Don’t think that you have nothing to offer because we all have something to offer to make a change for animals and there is no more important time than now. I got involved as soon as I could. I had to wait from 1976 to 1983 for a local group to start up in Madison and I jumped in right away. I always had my foot in this movement and I am proud of that fact. We all have some talent that will benefit this cause and we can all be inspired to use our talents to make a difference for animals. I know that all my years of being an activist are the one thing I am most proud of and when my time comes, I want my obituary to read “Animal Rights Activist Dies.” My heart and soul are in this movement and I am far from done making changes for animals. I assure you that finding a cause and taking action is the most satisfying thing there is in life.

This issue will most likely head to the Wisconsin legislature within the next few years. At that point, we will need all animal lovers to step up and fight any wolf hunt proposals suggested. These majestic animals are a vital part of our ecosystem, restoring balance to prey populations and providing ecological stability to the Northwoods.

A wolf hunt is simply another way for hunters to show machismo. A hunter interviewed in March of this year stated the following:

“I hunt predators...It’s a very intriguing hunt.”

The Alliance will be at the forefront of this issue, opposing a wolf hunt every step of the way. We cannot do it without you, however! Please commit yourself to speaking out against such a hunt, at present and in the future when the issue heads to the state legislature. We will need you to counter the extremely strong hunting/trapping/livestock lobby groups! Watch for more on this incredibly important wildlife issue in Wisconsin.
Spring Vegetarian Dinner & Silent Auction:  
A Heartfelt “THANK YOU” to our Donors!

The generosity of many wonderful businesses and individuals made for another extremely successful silent auction at our April Veggie Dinner. **Businesses:** Donating to our popular silent auction is a great way to get your name out to the public. **Customers:** Be sure to patronize these generous establishments and let them know you appreciate their donation to the Alliance for Animals! *

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Soap Opera, The, www.thesoapopera.com  
Sunroom Cafe & Gallery, The, www.sunroomcafe.com  
Supreme Pizza  
Tropic Jewel  
*Utpala Tibetan Rugs, www.utpalarugs.com  
Vintage Spirits & Grill, www.vintagemadison.com  
Weary Traveler Bar & Restaurant, The

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Dinner guests bid on the many items up for sale in our hugely popular Silent Auction. Many local businesses generously donate merchandise and gift certificates for the sale.
**Ask Betsy**

**Why Spaying & Neutering are So Important!**

Dear Betsy,

Can you tell me why I should spay and neuter my pets? I think puppies and kittens are really cute. Also, are there resources available for low cost spay and neuters, as I'm on a fixed income?

--Raining Dogs and Cats

Dear Raining Dogs and Cats,

Thanks for your questions. Did you know that one unaltered female cat and her offspring can produce 420,000 cats in just seven years if they all survive and all go on to breed? Additionally, one unaltered dog and her offspring can produce 67,000 in six years.

Currently there are ten of thousands of kittens and puppies born each day in the U.S. Of this number, it is projected that there are 8-10 million received by shelters yearly. Out of that 8-10 million, it is estimated that 4-5 million are euthanized annually.

There are benefits to spaying or neutering your companion animal. Spaying/neutering prevents some cancers of the reproductive organs. It cuts down on free roaming, which in turn cuts down on traffic accidents involving free roaming animals.

Further, unaltered dogs are three times more likely to bite than dogs that have been spayed or neutered. Of the nearly 20 fatalities caused by dog attacks nationally (based on a 1992-1994 investigation), none were caused by a spayed or neutered dog.

Assistance is available for low-cost spay & neuter procedures through the “SNAP” program (spay neuter assistance program) which is run by the Dane County Humane Society. Call them at 838-0413 to see if they can help. You can also visit their website at www.giveshelter.org.

Thanks for caring and get those pets spayed or neutered! 

Betsy Munro is the president of the board of directors of the Alliance for Animals, and is also a board member of Dane County Friend of Ferals. E-mail her at bmunro4animals@yahoo.com if you have an animal-related question and she may give you your answer in the next newsletter!

Use this handy form to make a donation to Alliance for Animals!

**NOTE:** If your mailing label appears on the back of this form (and is correct as printed), there is no need to fill out the name & address spaces below. Simply fill out the donation you’d like to make and mail to:

Alliance for Animals, P.O. Box 1632, Madison, WI 53701

☐ YES! I would like to help the Alliance for Animals continue its work for the animals.

Enclosed is my donation of:

$25*   $30   $50   $100   $_________ (other amount)

*annual membership amount

☐ I’d like to make monthly contributions of $_________ on my credit card:

_____VISA _____MasterCard     Expiration Date: ______________________________

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Wish List:

- Stamps
- Digital Video Camera/Camera
- Heavy-duty stapler
- Portable DVD player for tabling (7-9 inch)
- Heavy-duty paper shredder
- Professional printing services for educational literature

Visit us on the Web:

- allanimals.org
- boycottpetland.com
- madisonmonkeys.com
- veggiebratfest.com
- savewisconsinwildlife.com

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 committees on farm animal cruelty, animal research, and other animal issues meet frequently.

Updated information on committee meetings can be obtained at www.allanimals.org.

Every Thursday of each month: AFA Primate Freedom Project Meetings
6:30-8:00 p.m., contact the Alliance for location.

2nd Monday of each month: AFA Monthly Membership Meetings
7:00-8:00 p.m., 122 State St., 4th floor, Madison

September 6: 5th Annual Vegan Chili Cook-off
Goodman Community Center (aka the new Atwood Center)
149 Waubesa St., Madison

(Date to be Announced)

Fall Vegetarian Dinner & Silent Auction
to be announced

December 12: Winter Holiday Party
6:00-9:00 p.m., Cardinal Bar, 418 E. Wilson St., Madison