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Animal News

The Newsletter of the Alliance for Animals
Wisconsin's Voice for Animals Since 1983

We Are Hiring!

Have you dreamed of working for an animal rights organization? Do you have experience with campaigns, project management, event planning and fundraising? If so, we want to hear from you!



The Alliance is looking for an Executive Director. The ideal candidate will be motivated, organized, and passionate about animal rights.

For information about the position and how to apply, visit our website at allanimals.org or email us: alliance@allanimals.org.

Mad City Vegan Fest June 17 at Alliant Energy Center

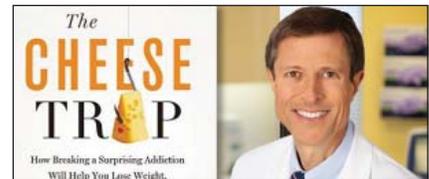


Our 7th Annual Mad City Vegan Fest will be held Saturday, June 17, from 10 am to 5 pm at the Alliant Energy Center.

Join an expected crowd of over 4,000 for delicious vegan food, inspiring speakers, and a great variety of exhibitors with a wealth of information on protecting animals, the environment, and your health.

This year we have moved into a full exhibition hall at the Alliant Energy Center so we'll have plenty of room for seating and even more vendors and delicious vegan food options. It will be awesome! We are both excited and proud to announce this year's presenters:

Neal Barnard, M.D. Doctor, author, clinical researcher, and founding president of the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, an international network of doctors, scientists, and laypeople. Dr. Barnard will be presenting his new book, *The Cheese Trap* which reveals the shocking truth about cheese, the dangerous addiction that is harming cheese heads' health.



Robert Grillo Activist, speaker, author, and director of **Free from Harm** a non-profit charitable organization promoting farmed animal rescue, education and
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Mark Your Calendars

Mad City Vegan Fest 2017
Saturday, June 17, 2017
10 am-5 pm
Alliant Energy Center

14th Annual Vegan Chili Cook-off and Raffle
Saturday, November 4, 2017
5 pm-8:30 pm

Check www.allanimals.org for updated articles, news, volunteer opportunities, and events.

Behind the Scenes at Vegan Fest

Meet Vegan Fest Coordinator Russ Brown (second from left) with the hard working core volunteers. From left: Sonya Sidky, Stephanie Ash, Aaron Yarmel, Katherine Beaton, Mollie Stolbov, Miles



Beining, and Genie Metoyer. Not pictured, Lucy Pearson and Paula Romeo. Thank you all! If you would like to volunteer with Vegan Fest, either in planning or the day of the event, contact Russ at russ@veganfest.com. We will welcome you!

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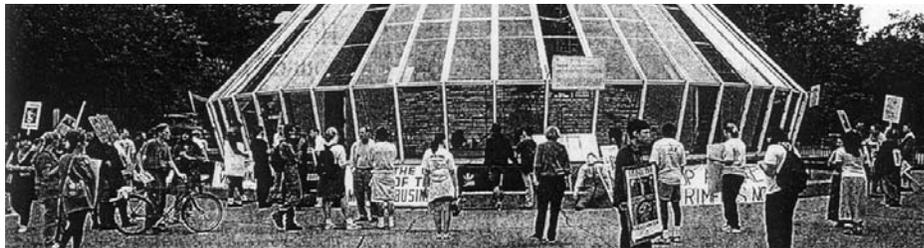
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Remembering the Vilas Zoo Monkeys



UW Sends 101 Primates
Packing - Monkeys off their
backs *Capital Times' headline - March 4, 1998*

Last month marked the 19 year anniversary of UW-Madison's eviction of 101 monkeys from the Vilas Zoo, which had been their home for 35 years. The monkeys, who had long time social and familial bonds, were wrenched from their home, shoved into single cell crates, and shipped to Tulane University in Louisiana and used in invasive and fatal experiments.

Police and protesters were at the zoo the morning the monkeys were loaded up and shipped out.

The monkeys, who belonged to the UW, were being used in observational research while on display at the zoo. Three written agreements between the UW and the zoo stated that the monkeys could not be used for invasive experiments.

But guess what? After the Alliance received leaked documents in August of 1997, Grad School Dean, Virginia Hinshaw, publicly admitted that the UW had **violated its agreement with the zoo 201 times**. Some monkeys were killed in invasive research

projects, some were sold to other laboratories, and others were killed for their tissues.

What followed was a heated public battle between the UW and Dane County over who would pay for the upkeep of the monkeys after NIH suddenly canceled its funding for them. The Alliance for Animals raised funds to move the monkeys to sanctuary in Texas at no cost to the county or university.

Despite those efforts and a massive public outcry, including appeals from Governor Tommy Thomson and his wife Sue Ann, who lobbied to keep the monkeys in Madison, the university did what it always does to animals. It treated them like so much trash to dispose of, and shipped them to Louisiana, knowing that they would be hurt and killed in cruel experiments.

A year later the monkey house was bulldozed over, erasing any reminder of the university's broken promises to Dane County and the animals who once called it home.

Rest in peace Vilas monkeys. You are not forgotten.

Beavers at Warner Park in Madison

Last month it was discovered that the city of Madison was trapping and killing beavers at the Warner Park Lagoon. The story was picked up by local papers and spread quickly through social media. The Alliance's post, "Why is the City of Madison Killing Beavers," was seen by over 10,000 people.



Public pressure and some good old fashioned direct action (some traps were

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Circus Protest and Investigations

The Zor Shrine Circus came to town once again and the Alliance for Animals was present, standing up for the animals who are forced to perform over and over again with no reprieve in sight.

On the circus's busiest day, 26 activists stood in solidarity across from the entrance of the Alliant Energy Center where all circus-goers could see our signs. We stood respectfully and noticed many patrons reading our signs.

Inside, our volunteers were documenting the animals' treatment. We saw handlers hooking the elephants with a sharp bull hook during elephant rides and constantly pulling the elephants by the sharp end of the bull hook under their chin and trunk.



We also noticed handler, Ryan Holder, hitting and jabbing a tiger's face, head, neck, throat, shoulders, and hips to perform. He was also observed whipping the tigers on their ears and face.

And there were public safety issues. During an elephant ride a handler was replaced by a different attendant while children were riding the elephant. We observed one of the handlers

not monitoring an elephant's activities while children were riding her.

We gathered enough information to submit a formal complaint and request for an inspection and investigation regarding the Carden

Family Circus. Thank you to Elephants Living Free coordinator **Julie Grosso** and volunteer **Debbie Fields** for their tireless work.

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advocacy. He will be presenting his new book, *Farm to Fable: The Fictions of Our Animal-Consuming Culture*.

Ellen Jaffe Jones Inspiring motivational speaker, personal trainer, running coach, instructor of healthy cooking classes, and author of *Eat Vegan on \$4 a Day - A Game Plan for the Budget Conscious Cook*. The title of her presentation will be "Vegan Eats on a Budget."

Victoria Moran Motivational speaker, vegan lifestyle coach, director of Main Street Vegan Academy, and author of several books including *The Good Karma Diet*. The title of her presentation will be: "How I Learned to Bypass the Drive-Thru and be Thankful for Leafy Greens."

Mad City Vegan Fest is our largest event of the year. The

event is free to attend and open to the public. (\$3 suggested donation at the door.) Parking at the Alliant Energy Center is also free. Check out veganfest.org or Mad City Vegan Fest on Facebook for more information.



Full color posters will be available soon. If you would like to help us advertise by putting up a poster at your place of business or your favorite spot, email Russ Brown at russ@veganfest.org and we will get them to you.

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pulled out by concerned citizens) motivated the city to pull the remaining traps "for now." That does not mean that they won't use lethal methods in the future.

At a Wild Warner meeting, a city parks official said they were killing the beavers because a few trees had been damaged and the possibility of future flooding. They estimated that there are 6 to 9 beavers living in the lagoon, but it might be less, no one knows. A group of 20+ Warner Park advocates offered several non-lethal ways of solving what the city considers a problem.

Later that week, at a Parks Commission meeting at Olbrich

Gardens, representatives of Warner Park and the Alliance for Animals urged the Commission to research proven non-lethal methods for living amicably with beavers. You can read about these methods at Beavers Wetland and Wildlife <http://www.beaversww.org/>.



If you live within the city, please contact the Parks Commission and urge them to embrace non-lethal ways to coexist with beavers. Contact (608) 266-4711 or email: pacommission@cityofmadison.com. More information at allanimals.org.



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THANK YOU



We can't do much without our volunteers, and we have some pretty amazing ones.

Thank you to **Becky Koechell** who organized a rocking bake sale in February. Becky hosts the dessert bar at our Chili Cook Off, and other AFA events. Becky travels from

Oshkosh to help the Alliance and we are eternally grateful for her dedication and generosity.

Thank you to **Iris Nhi** for sharing her talents by coordinating the Vegan Crafting workshop. Visit Iris's etsy shop at www.etsy.com/EnvisionPositive. Iris works to promote veganism and non-violence to all beings.

FAREWELL

The Board of Directors thanks Sara Andrews, whose last day as our Executive Director was in March, for her tremendous help in a difficult time.

Sara agreed to take on the role of E.D. when the future of the Alliance was uncertain. Having served as a longtime volunteer, her knowledge of the organization helped her take on the role of E.D. so that the organization could move forward.

We are grateful for the work Sara did on behalf of animals in Wisconsin and we wish her the best of luck in the future.

WELCOME

We welcome new Board member, Amy Burns, who replaced Johnna Williams this month. Many of you may remember that Amy served as a Board member for several years. After taking a break to care for her 20+ animals, she graciously agreed to return and contribute her technical skills as well as her strong animal advocacy talents.

IN MEMORY

We were sorry to hear of the passing of long time Alliance supporter, Yvonne Vitense. All of us who knew her will miss her beaming smile at our events. Our warmest thoughts are with her family.