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The High Price of Pacifism

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A little late off the presses this month, the latest issue of the North American Animal Liberation Press Office Newsletter contains some useful information on the validity of animal testing in medicine, another chapter in the ongoing debate on the effectiveness of force to stop those who abuse animals, and as always, recent developments in the world of activism and animal liberation.

Nearly five months after the US Congress passed the latest version of the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA), there has been no let up in the action taken on behalf of imprisoned and tortured animals. In his current essay, journalist Will Potter delineates the state of the fascist country we live in, and offers some valuable insight on how to defeat it. Remember, the U.S. Government wants you to focus your activities on clandestine liberation activities; why else do they impose silly, ever-harsher penalties on those who utilize effective forms of legal protest?

Also included is a handy manual (available online as a .pdf file for easy printing and distribution) that informs every activist of their rights under the law; no one should be without this important and valuable information!

Did you know? The Press Office is moving. By June we will have relocated to a more comfortable and larger facility, that is also being provided for less costs. Now even more of those scarce donations will go directly into the movement to oppose non-human animal exploitation by human captors. Our new mailing address and phone:

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Press Office Directive: The North American Animal Liberation Press Office (NAALPO) was founded to communicate the actions, strategies, and philosophy of the animal liberation movement to the media and the public. Many of these actions are illegal under a current societal structure that fails to recognize the rights of non-human animals to live free of suffering, but validates and promotes the "right" of industries to do whatever they want to animals for profit or research. Within these conditions, those in the underground working for animal liberation often cannot speak out directly. Nevertheless, their actions and message is urgent and deserve to be heard and understood. Since animal liberation actions either go unreported in the media or are uncritically vilified as "violent" and as "terrorist" with no attention paid to the suffering that industries and individuals gratuitously inflict on animals, NAALPO seeks to clarify the motivation and nature of actions taken in defense of animals.

The Press Office also tries to provide a historical, social, and philosophical context for an objective understanding of the nature and motivation of illegal

I don't know how it happened, but this past Spring at the Environmental Law Conference in Eugene, Oregon I found myself on a workshop panel on police brutality. I have been on the receiving end of police brutality before, but in general, I avoid direct confrontations with law enforcement authorities and do not believe in confronting a militarily stronger opponent face to face. That is why I personally engaged in ALF activity, because when it comes to fighting an enemy much larger than yourself, the hit and run tactics of guerrilla warfare can create an advantage impossible in conventional warfare.

Too often I hear of nonviolent protesters becoming the victims of violence when they place themselves in the path of opponents who demonstrate a total disregard for their adherence to Gandhian principles of nonviolence. So as I listened to each panel member recounting the instances when police terrorized them and the subsequent legal battles they became encumbered with as a result, I couldn't help but feel that it was sometimes strategically unwise to pursue this avenue of action.

I am not a pacifist. Yet at the E-Law Conference I got the feeling that the majority of attendees believed more in passive nonviolence than aggressive self-defense. So I knew it wouldn't be with wide support for me to say what I believed about my misgiving towards nonviolence in the political climate we find ourselves in today. I told the folks in Eugene that I came from a long line of cop killers. I told them that had it not been for my ancestors' willingness to kill their oppressors I might not be alive today.

In the 1800s and early 1900s to not take up arms against the Spanish and then Mexican military often meant the loss of your land, liberty, cultural identity, and even your life. A Yaqui seen was a Yaqui killed, imprisoned, raped or deported and without a willingness to defend yourself, you surrendered control over your own life and that of your family to your oppressor. In a similar fashion, albeit a lot less extreme, I see activists doing the same thing when we religiously adhere to nonviolence and the tactics of civil disobedience in the face of increasingly violent attacks by police.

Don't get me wrong, I prefer the path of nonviolence and it saddens me to see societal attention and change primarily in response only to aggression, but unfortunately, we don't make the rules, we just play the game. Governments rarely respond to whispers, but almost always hear a scream. In such times it becomes necessary for political struggles to reevaluate their tactics and strategies and choose those that result in the least amount of physical violence, not only against our opposition, but equally against ourselves.

To not adapt strategy to changing times becomes counterproductive and when we fail to do so we become partially responsible for the violence that occurs when our nonviolent protesters are encouraged to place themselves in the path of violent prone police. No matter how many nonviolent training sessions you go to or how many books on Gandhi you read, nothing is going to change this police state's policy of using violence against peaceful protesters when they know they have the law on their side and will always get away with it. Which leads to my next point. If we do continue to use nonviolent civil disobedience as a tactic, then we should react appropriately when that tactic is responded to violently. What I mean is self-defense. There is nothing immoral, unethical or wrong with defending oneself. It is the most instinctual response in the natural world. It's genetically built into most every animal and plant and the only thing that prevents us from using it is an institutionalized belief that all physical violence is bad.

Each time we allow violent attacks on us to happen without defensive action we give strength to a dangerous precedent that tells the police that



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they can get away with literal murder. You need only see what happened to Earth First!er David Chain to believe that. The Pacific Lumber employee who felled a redwood tree on David was never even arrested for the death of this nonviolent forest defender, let alone spend one night in jail like so many nonviolent protesters.

In the 1980s while sabotaging fox hunts in Britain our group was attacked by hunt supporters. I thought I was a pacifist, but when I saw hunt saboteurs defending themselves and the effect it had in showing our attackers that we would not passively take a beating, I abandoned that philosophy for a more pragmatic belief that allowed self defense. When the hunt supporters realized that we'd fight fire with fire they retreated. Their power over us was dependent on our refusal to defend ourselves.

Likewise, whether it during a protest against the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund or any other target within the evil empire, when police take advantage of our commitment to nonviolence and victimize innocent young activists exercising their supposed constitutional right to protest, we must retaliate. Maybe not when such a response would further endanger activists, but whenever peaceful protesters are beaten, pepper sprayed, and their civil and human rights violated, we have every right to demonstrate our right of self defense and target the property of our attackers.

Every time a protester is beaten cop cars should burn. Every time an activist is pepper sprayed tires should be slashed and windows of the offending agencies should be broken. These agencies obviously have a total disregard for life, but they sure as hell care about their property. In such a way we are able to preserve our belief in the sacredness of all life while still retaining the ability to defend ourselves.

We must demonstrate our own power instead of always witnessing theirs being used against us and all of natural creation. Even Gandhi said that nonviolence was only appropriate when used against an opponent who respects it. In Northern Ireland it was state violence against nonviolent protesters that forced the resurgence in the Irish Republican Army. In South Africa it was state violence that forced the African National Congress to form the guerrilla army, Spear of the Nation and in the United States it was state violence that encouraged the growth of the Black Panthers. As Malcolm X said, nonviolence is appropriate with nonviolent people, but if someone attacks you, self-defense is justifiable.

The struggle for animal liberation and environmental defense is about preserving the lives and rights of others, it's not about our own morality, it's about ending a war. To apply tactics that result in long and costly court battles that serve only to divert attention away from animals in labs, fur farms, circuses and the wild and instead see us defending our own rights are strategically a failure. We must only engage in tactics and strategies that focus attention on the truly oppressed, the animal people and their natural homelands.

It's not about feeling good while preserving our privileged philosophies that further separate us from other humans resisting oppression by all means necessary, this fight is about stopping the wholesale slaughter of billions of innocent beings who depend on us for their survival. Let's get over our moral hang-ups and recognize that the fate of the earth and all life upon it calls on a continued escalation in direct action.

"I do not wish to think, to speak, or write, with moderation. Tell a man whose house is on fire to give a moderate alarm; tell him to moderately rescue his wife from the hands of the ravisher; tell the mother to gradually extricate her babe from the fire into which it has fallen; but urge me not to use moderation in a cause like the present!"

-William Lloyd Garrison, a former indentured white servant

Press Officer Lindy Greene on the Successful Conclusion of the Campaign Against POM Wonderful Juice

You are probably now aware that the POM Wonderful juice company has made the decision to stop testing on animals. The recent successful campaign against them illustrates the efficacy of a multi-strategic approach and the power of people with courage, compassion, and persistence to make a difference for the animals.

The Los Angeles grassroots activists were the "local irritant" with their noisy but legal home demonstrations in the neighborhoods of POM executives, including owners Stuart and Lynda Resnick. We have been detained in 35-degree temperature, cited, threatened with arrest, slapped with injunctions, sued, and raided for our efforts - but it has paid off in the end. To know that POM will no longer place newborn mice in oxygen-deficient chambers or sever the penile arteries of rabbits was worth all the "heat." Shame on the police and FBI who defended such evil and tried so hard to silence us and break our spirits!

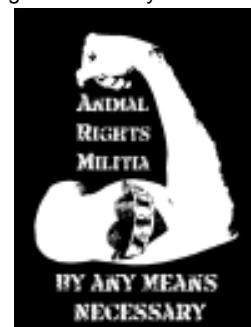
There were other people working behind the scenes writing e-mails and making telephone calls alerting nutritional product stores to POM's cruel animal experimentation and inflated health benefit claims. They asked these merchants to "shelve" POM's products. The latest such purveyor to comply was Whole Foods with its chain of 187 markets.

PETA played a role with its original exposure of POM's animal abuse, its ability to engage celebrity intervention, and its international prominence. Finally, the Animal Rights Militia sent a communique alleging that it had contaminated 487 bottles of POM juice - apparently with an emetic agent - along the Eastern seaboard. While no one to date has complained of digestive discomfort or distress after imbibing a POM product, the underground action served to draw national attention to POM's grisly animal testing and advertising puffery.

The combined efforts of citizens, businesses, and activists let an animal-abusing company know in no uncertain terms that its behavior was unacceptable and would not be tolerated. A huge victory has been won for the animals. A heartfelt thank you is extended to all who participated in this noble endeavor.

At our last demonstration in Los Angeles, Stuart Resnick - worth \$900 million - came to the gates of his palatial home to proclaim, "You can protest me for 45 years; I will never stop killing animals!" Two days later, he has lived to eat his words.

Animal rights activists sometimes feel discouraged with victories seemingly so few and far between. Let this one be a reminder that the animals are worth the effort. Let it renew your commitment to stand up and speak out in their behalf. Our collective voice is the only one the animals have - and though it may appear at times to fall on deaf ears, do not become disheartened. Perseverance in a cause we know to be morally right is the only correct path - and the one hope the animals have of being delivered from the atrocities perpetrated against them by ruthless corporate profiteers like the Resnicks.





Prescription Drug Deaths Skyrocket

by M.T. Whitney

(NewsTarget.com, originally published February 22, 2007)

Poisoning from prescription drugs has risen to become the second-largest cause of unintentional deaths in the United States, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

In its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report, researchers found that deaths from prescription drugs rose from 4.4 per 100,000 people in 1999 to 7.1 per 100,000 in 2004. This increase represents a jump from 11,000 people to almost 20,000 in the span of five years.

Among the 20,000 that died, more than 8,500 – double the number from 1999 – were from "other and unspecified drugs." Psychotherapeutic drugs, like antidepressants and sedatives, nearly doubled from 671 deaths to 1,300.

Age-wise, the biggest jump was among people aged 15 to 24, which the CDC report says relates to recreational prescription drug use and a jump in cocaine use.

However, all other age groups except the elderly over-75 group saw increases of more than 35 percent on a per 100,000 scale in prescription drug deaths – including a nearly 90 percent jump for the late Baby Boomer generation (ages 45 to 54) and a more than 90 percent for people aged 55 to 64. Mike Adams, a consumer health advocate and outspoken critic of pharmaceutical companies, said that the drug industry is freely killing Americans.

"The entire drug industry, including the monopolistic drug giants and their FDA co-conspirator, has clearly become the single greatest threat to the health and safety of the American people," Adams said. "And yet the FDA continues to push more drugs onto more Americans than ever before, all while pretending these drugs are safe and effective when, in reality, they are neither. Today's pharmaceutical industry is a massive fraud being perpetrated against the American people, propped up by illegal trade practices, monopolistic behavior and outright criminal behavior on the part of the FDA."

One caveat of the report is that the data used did not allow suicides to be separated from other drug deaths, meaning there may be inherent errors because it was impossible to tell after death the intent or reason for a person's death from prescription drugs.

"Some of these deaths might have been suicides, although not classified as such, and some deaths categorized as suicides or of undetermined intent might have been unintentional and therefore not analyzed in this study. The extent of this error is not known," the report states.

However, statistics from the web site suicide.org state that in 2001, nearly 5,200 deaths came from self-poisoning, which includes not only abusing prescription drugs but also overdosing on over-the-counter drugs and ingesting lethal chemicals.



Just How Useful Are Animal Studies

(British Medical Journal, December 18, 2006)

Animal studies are of limited usefulness to human health because they are of poor quality and their results often conflict with human trials, argue researchers in a study online in the British Medical Journal.

Before clinical trials are carried out, the safety and effectiveness of new drugs are usually tested in animal models. Some believe, however, that the results from animal trials are not applicable to humans because of biological differences between the species. So researchers compared treatment effects in animal models with human clinical trials.

They used systematic reviews (impartial summaries of evidence from many different studies) of human and animal trials to analyse the effects of six drugs for conditions such as head injury, stroke and osteoporosis. Agreement between human and animal studies varied.

For example, corticosteroids did not show any benefit for treating head injury in clinical trials but did show a benefit in animal models. Results also differed for the drug tirilazad to treat stroke - data from animal studies suggested a benefit but the clinical trials showed no benefit and possible harm.

Some results did agree. For instance, bisphosphonates increased bone mineral density in both clinical trials and animal studies, while corticosteroids reduced neonatal respiratory distress syndrome in animal studies and in clinical trials, although the data were sparse.

Animal studies are generally of poor quality and lack agreement with clinical trials, which limits their usefulness to human health, say the authors. This discordance may be due to bias, random error, or the failure of animal models to adequately represent clinical disease.

Systematic reviews could help translate research findings from animals to humans. They could also promote closer collaboration between the research communities and encourage an interactive approach to improving the relevance of animal models to clinical trial design, they conclude.

McCarthyism 2.0

By Will Potter

Minutes after receiving an invitation to testify before Congress about legislation labeling activists as "terrorists," I barged into a colleague's office with a hotshot grin on my face, looking for some kind of congratulations-all-those-years-of-reporting -finally-got-some-attention pat on the back. I also hoped he could help ease my nerves, and, however canned, tell me "you have nothing to worry about, you'll do great." I got none of that. A somber look dripped down his face. He turned his head to each side, on the lookout for nosy ears. Then he began to say, slowly and softly, "Do you think that's a good..."

He had reason for concern. Corporations and the politicians that represent them have been on a coordinated campaign to silence dissent by branding anyone who stands in their way a "terrorist." They've taken a few pages from the Red Scare playbook and a few from the "with us or against us" playbook of the War on Terror. The New McCarthyists are building a Green Scare upon a foundation of fear.

They've used their deep pocketbooks and PR savvy to place a terrorist in every shadow. They've taken out full-page anonymous ads in both The New York Times and The Washington Post labeling animal rights activists as "terrorists" for being a little too successful, and knocking a controversial animal testing laboratory from the New York Stock Exchange. The National Association for Biomedical Research bought a full-page ad in Roll Call, the newspaper of Capitol Hill, featuring a vandalized office and, in red spray paint, "Your home is next" (so lawmakers had better act now and



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endorse the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act). NABR also sells a poster version of one of their "domestic terrorist" ads (only \$5!) featuring three men in black ski masks with axes.

Not even children's movies are safe from the relentless green baiting and guilt by association. Industry groups labeled Hoot "soft-core eco-terrorism" because the teenage protagonists try to save an endangered owl from developers. The pint-sized activists' campaign of terror included putting alligators in portable toilets.

Green Scare pioneer Ron Arnold, who admitted he had not yet seen the film when interviewed by one reporter, said, "Hoot's so-called harmless 'mischief' is training a generation to look cute while burning homes and cars and stores."

The scare-mongering would be laughable if it hadn't worked its way into the top levels of government. "The No. 1 domestic terrorism threat is the eco-terrorism, animal-rights movement," according to John Lewis, the top dog at the FBI in charge of domestic terrorism.

Meanwhile, the Department of Homeland Security does not list right-wing terrorists on a list of national security threats, even though those groups have been responsible for the Oklahoma City bombing, the Olympic Park bombing in Atlanta, violence against doctors, and admittedly creating weapons of mass destruction. The animal rights and environmental movements have done nothing like that.

But those movements have committed an even deadlier sin: targeting corporate profits. "Although incidents related to terrorism are most likely to make the front-page news, animal rights extremism is what's most likely to affect your day-to-day business operations." That's from a presentation given to corporations by the Overseas Security Advisory Council, a division of the State Department.

The Department of Homeland Security has said much of the same. The very first line of a DHS bulletin to law enforcement agencies said: "Attacks against corporations by animal rights extremists and eco-terrorists are costly to the targeted company and, over time, can undermine confidence in the economy."

It goes on to warn about "eco-terrorism" like "flyer distribution," "organizing protests," and "tying up company phone lines." In addition to extremist tactics like "organizing protests" and "inundating computers with e-mails," DHS notes in passing illegal actions like verbal harassment and vandalism. But nowhere in the bulletin is the word "violence" used.

Even though my colleague didn't know the details of the "eco-terrorism" legislation, he didn't know the list of corporations and industry groups behind it and he didn't know the full scale of this scare-mongering, he knew enough: in the "with us or against us" War on Terror, he wouldn't want to risk being placed in the "against us" camp.

What if my boss doesn't approve? What if I lose my job? What if this gets me placed on "terrorist" blacklists? What if what if what if?

I answered "yes" before he could even finish the question. The visceral reply startled me: I'm no rebel reporter with nerves of steel, ready to throw all my chips on the table and let it ride. I'm overly cautious with many decisions, analyzing and re-analyzing them until I nearly incapacitate myself. But no, this time he was the one who was overreacting, I told myself. I may get slammed during the hearing but lawmakers aren't going to ship me off to Gitmo. Or would they?

I told a few other friends—still selfishly looking for some ego-stroking, still desperately hoping for some positive reinforcement—but got much of the same. They had supported my writing and attempts to raise awareness about the Green Scare. But in this political climate, why draw a giant red, er, green target on your back?

It made me realize that that's the point of all of this. The purpose of the balaclava-clad ad campaigns, the State Department briefings, the DHS memos, the outlandish prison sentences, the FBI harassment and the blacklists is not to protect national security or even to catch illegal, underground activists. The point is to instill fear in the mainstream animal rights and environmental movements—and every other social movement paying attention—and make people think twice about using their First Amendment rights.

When prominent activists are hauled before grand juries and threatened with jail time unless they discuss their political beliefs and political associations, you start to wonder if you'll get hit with the same for sticking your neck out too far.

When a nonviolent activist like Adam Durand gets 180 days in jail, \$1,500 in fines, probation, plus 100 hours of community service, all for producing an undercover documentary about a factory farm, you start to wonder if it could happen to you.

And when the SHAC7 are convicted on "animal enterprise terrorism" charges for running a website, you start to wonder if you'll be next.

The Red Scare operated on exactly the same terms. Take the case of *Lamont v. Postmaster General*. There was a federal law that said anyone receiving "communist political propaganda" through the post office had to specifically authorize the delivery of each piece of mail.

The law didn't say it was illegal to send or receive communist propaganda. It just said you had to authorize it. But that has the same effect, doesn't it? You'd have to be a real nut job to voluntarily put your name on a list of folks receiving commie propaganda during the Red Scare: clueless, fearless, or a little of both. So people didn't do it.

McCarthyism 2.0 runs the same way. Corporations and the politicians that represent them aren't trying to blatantly outlaw the animal rights and environmental movements. But they're creating a climate of fear that they hope will have the same effect.

Today's repression may mimic many of the tactics of the Red Scare, but today's response cannot. Witch-hunts will test the backbone of social movements, just as they did decades ago. But it's not enough to cowardly distance ourselves from the "eco-terrorists," as many did during the Red Scare. Condemning underground activists, or anyone charged with illegal actions, won't get you off the hook. Naming names and making loyalty oaths didn't protect activists then, and it won't protect activists now.

The only way we're going to get through this is by coming out and confronting it head-on. That means working with anti-abortion activists, anti-war activists and others, and telling them that the greens are just the canaries in the mine. That means reaching out to mainstream Americans and telling them that labeling activists as terrorists wastes valuable anti-terrorism resources and is an insult to everyone who died in the twin towers.

And that means reaching out to colleagues, friends and family and talking openly and honestly about the fear, rather than dismissing it. I missed a valuable opportunity that day, to talk about the chilling effect of terrorism rhetoric and how we can confront it together, because I was so focused on the task at hand. It's important that we not let the scare-mongering deter us from our work, whether it's testifying against dangerous legislation or exposing factory farms. But it's equally important that we have supportive relationships ready for when the War on Terror comes home. That means taking every available opportunity to build strong communities of people who know their rights, know how they're threatened, and know what's at stake if we acquiesce.



Know Your Rights and Resist the Police State- A Handy Manual for Activists

For copies of this handbill or the .PDF file, email freeskoolsc@riseup.net or visit <http://santacruz.freeskool.org>

Our system of laws exists to maintain the dominance of those in power, and the police are its armed enforcers. If you doubt this for a minute, look at who are the selective targets of local laws: The homeless, the young, the poor, dissenters. Globally, look at who dies and who gets rich from our wars and other disasters.

For 250 years in this country, the government and their enforcers have consistently fought against people working for liberation: Indigenous resistance, land reformers, slave revolts, abolitionists, labor organizers & workers, free-speech advocates, women and civil rights workers, anti-war and anti-globalization protesters, and recently, animal rights and environmental activists.

Your relationship with the police is at heart adversarial. While there may be cops with hearts of gold, the job of all police is to arrest and prosecute you. As such, it is almost never in your best interest to cooperate with the police.

Keeping yourself safe and resisting the police state comes down to these simple principles:

- 1) **Non-cooperation:** If you talk with the police, you could unintentionally hurt yourself, your friends, or others.
- 2) **Do not consent to searches:** Never give law enforcement the okay to examine your pockets, car, backpack, or home.
- 3) **Remain silent:** Say nothing except "I'm going to remain silent, and I would like to see a lawyer."
- 4) **Talk to a lawyer:** Never take advice from the police, they may try to trick and mislead you.
- 5) **Use trust and intuition:** Work only with people you have a history of trust. Without being paranoid, trust your intuition.

RIGHTS DURING A POLICE ENCOUNTER

In a police encounter these rules will help protect your civil rights and improve your chances of driving or walking away safely. From here on out, we are talking about your legal "rights" guaranteed by law. Though in our view, what you can do and what you can do legally are two different things. All of these rights also apply to minors and non-citizens.

Keep Private Items Out of View

This is common sense: Always keep any private items that you don't want others to see out of sight. Legally speaking, police do not need a search warrant in order to confiscate any illegal items that are in plain view.

Stay Cool & Politely Assertive

Police are well armed and often unpredictable, so remaining cool and calm will keep you safe. Treat them with the respect you would treat a dangerous, wild animal. Be polite and yet assertive to ensure that your rights aren't trampled on. Some officers may come on heavy if you are not absolutely submissive, but standing up for your rights will keep you safe in the long run, in court when it really matters.

Determine If You Can Leave

You don't have to talk to the police. As soon as an officer approaches you, ask the officer, "Am I free to go?" If you get an answer other than a definitive "No," gather your stuff and leave without another word.

You have the right to end an encounter with a police officer unless you are being detained or arrested. Don't waste time trying to determine your status. Test if you are free to go, and then go. If you aren't free to go, the officer will make it perfectly clear.

Use the Magic Words

If you are detained or arrested, use the magic words:

"I'm going to remain silent. I would like to see a lawyer."

Do not talk to police. Wait to talk to a lawyer representing you. Even casual small talk can come back to haunt you. Anything you say can, and will, be used against you.

Cops have numerous tricks to get you to talk. They can and do use fear, solitude, isolation, lies, advice, playing you against others, and even kindness to get you to cooperate. Don't be fooled. If you need to say anything, repeat the magic words.

Keep in mind the credo: If no one talks, everyone walks. Regardless of what you are told by an investigating officer, you have nothing to gain by talking to the police... and everything to lose.

Refuse to Consent to Searches

Officers seeking evidence will often try to get you to allow them to search your belongings, your car, or your home. Refuse to consent to a search, with the phrase:

"I do not consent to a search."

Usually, a search request will come in the form of an ambiguous statement, such as, "I'm going to ask you to empty your pockets." Answer such requests unambiguously. Repeat as many times as necessary.

You are under no obligation to allow a search. The only reason an officer asks your permission is because he doesn't have enough evidence to search without your consent.

Police officers are not required to inform you of your rights before asking you to consent to a search. If the officer searches you in spite of your objection, do not resist. Your attorney can argue that any evidence found during the search was discovered through an illegal search and should be thrown out of court.

Do Not Try to Bargain

Police officers will often tell you that your cooperation will make things easier for you, and many people hope to be let off easy if they are honest and direct with the police. The only thing it makes easier is the officer's job. Do not let the threat of arrest scare you into admitting guilt. Better to spend a night in jail, than years in prison. Ask to speak with a lawyer, and remain silent.

Where to Go For More Help

If you feel your rights are being violated, hold tight until you can talk to a lawyer. If you don't have your own lawyer the court will appoint the public defender to defend you. For more information about your rights, law education, and what to do if your rights were violated, check out:

Midnight Special Law Collective midnightspecial.net 510-261-4843
ACLU of Northern California <http://www.aclunc.org> 415-621-2493
National Lawyers Guild <http://www.nlg.org/sf> 415-285-5067

There may also be legal help in your community that will specifically help you if you are a senior, low-income, homeless, or a non-citizen. Ask around in your community.



ANIMAL RIGHTS 2007 NATIONAL CONFERENCE - L.A. - July 19 - 23

Join the North American Animal Liberation Press Office in our new booth at AR2007, held this year in Los Angeles at the Westin LAX, located at 5400 West Century Blvd (just west of the 405 freeway), Los Angeles, California 90045. Phone 310-216-5858; Fax 310-417-4545. The hotel is easily accessible by car and by public transportation.

Books, newsletters and new Direct Action T-shirts will be available, as well as stimulating conversation with Press Officers and other activists.

Could you be seen as the terrorist next door?

By Charlotte Laws

I was an ordinary American until Nov. 27, 2006, when I became a terrorist, or more accurately, what I call a "stand-by terrorist."

Perhaps I cannot truly own this newfound nickname until the government decides to prosecute me for word crimes, if that day ever arrives. Until then, I just think of myself as being on stand-by, just as are most - if not all - Americans, whether they realize it or not.

You may wonder how words can amount to a terrorist act in the land of the free and home of the outspoken. It is not widely known, but Congress last year passed legislation called the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act, which can be used to prosecute civil disobedience and speech as "domestic terrorism" when an animal-related business loses profits and property. The act also protects corporations that pollute and destroy the environment.

You may ask: What does this have to do with me because I'm no nature fan or animal lover?

Well, it could eventually have very much to do with you because the AETA - a natural child of the Patriot Act - is likely to be the first of many assaults on the social-justice movement in favor of corporations and other moneyed interests. If you think you may want to use your free speech some day to criticize something, anything, then you had better be very concerned.

You should also be concerned about whether law enforcement protects you from the bin Ladens of the world or fritters away your hard-earned tax dollars investigating pacifists. The American Civil Liberties Union says the FBI uses "counterterrorism resources to monitor and infiltrate (nonviolent) domestic political organizations that criticize business interests and government policies." An FBI special agent recently told me that planting undercover agents at legal, peaceful events - with hopes that they will somehow learn about illegal activities - is a favored tactic of the bureau.

What are the parameters of AETA and who could be tangled in its web, slapped with prison time and branded a terrorist? Could Oprah Winfrey - the beloved and successful talk show host - and her former vegetarian guest, Howard Lyman, be prosecuted as terrorists if they were to repeat anti-beef comments made to Winfrey's 15 million viewers in 1996?

It is indeed possible, because the AETA is overbroad, vague and subject to the whims of law enforcement. That much was evidenced last year when six young, New Jersey Web site operators became the first individuals convicted on "animal enterprise terrorism" charges.

The young people were part of the Stop Huntington Cruelty campaign, which targeted the Huntington Life Sciences animal research labs. The site operators did nothing more than assert their First Amendment rights: They posted videotape of tortured dogs inside HLS and reported the legal and illegal handiwork of activists, which eventually caused the corporation to lose profits and to be dropped from the New York Stock Exchange. The FBI was unable to catch the underground activists, so it targeted the Web site operators, who are serving up to six years in prison for their speech.

If the government fails to catch a thief or saboteur, should it be allowed to pursue the CNN reporter who delivers the news? Or an outspoken op-ed columnist? Or six kids from New Jersey with a Web site? The AETA ignores Shakespeare's recommendation, "Don't shoot the messenger," potentially stigmatizing a "speaker" with the most heinous, post-9-11 label in America: terrorist.

America is about nothing if it is not about fairness and free speech. The AETA does not comport with this image. It is unjust and unconstitutional, and it interferes with the prosecution of real terrorism against the American people.

Once we faced a "red scare"; now we are bombarded with a "green scare." The time has come to ask yourself: Do you really want to be on stand-by or do you want to take a stand?

And are you now, or could you someday be, the terrorist next door?

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On a daily basis, animals are drowned, suffocated and starved to death; they have their limbs severed and their organs crushed; they are burned, exposed to radiation, and used in experimental surgeries; they are shocked, raised in isolation, exposed to weapons of mass destruction, and rendered blind or paralyzed; they are the given heart attacks, ulcers, paralysis, and seizures; they are forced to inhale tobacco smoke, drink alcohol, and ingest various drugs, such as heroin and cocaine. And they say animal rights activists are violent?

- Tom Regan, Philosopher

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Direct Action Since Our Last Newsletter Activists Shrug Off New Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act

Numerous anonymous communiques have been received by the North American Animal Liberation Press Office in the last few weeks, including those mocking the new Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) passed by Congress last year, and others signaling support for jailed animal liberation prisoners. Below are selected excerpts from the messages received :

December 22, 2006

Kent Fisher Furs of Towson, MD- Large etched glass display window destroyed by pellet gun fire. Our early Christmas present to this Death Dealer! Profiteers of murder get worse than just coal in their stockings!

Close shop or we'll keep visiting. Dedicated to Peter Young
-The ALF

January 5, 2007

University of Utah cat/primate vivisector extraordinaire Audie Gene Leventhal owns quite a lot of property in Salt Lake City. When we learned he was selling a vacant home he owns on 11739 S. Lampton View Dr., South Jordan, UT, we knew we had to help him remodel.

We find it amusing that his real estate company boasts being "secure and safe" on their sign (securere.com). Let's put them to the test. We applied glass-eating acid on the windows to his house, including his nice sliding glass door leading the backyard. Altogether 6 windows and this door were destroyed. We also covered his house in paint including the words "CAT KILLER" to remind him of all the suffering he has caused kittens who have had their eyes sewn shut and all the torment he has caused to primates.

Audie, we know your wife Jackie who you've repeatedly beaten on your drunken rampages may be afraid of you, but we are not. We are disgusted by you and we will be back repeatedly to destroy your property until animals no longer die for your blood money. Which property should be next Audie? Your mansion on 2215 E. 5340 S., Holladay, UT? Or your 2nd home on 1519 Devonshire Dr., Salt Lake City, UT? Your office park at 2940 W. 3650 S., West Valley, UT? Or how about your property in Nevada? You'll find out soon enough. Until you leave the torture business we'll continue to turn your life upside down. -ALF

Leventhal can be reached at:
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lab #: 801-581-6097
cell #: 801-598-4048

PS. To all the vivisectors we have yet to visit: don't bask in your recent legislative victory for too long. This new animal enterprise law means NOTHING. If you haven't got that point already, we're confident by the year's end that you'll have figured that one out. We're willing to risk our lives and freedom to defeat you and stop your cruelty, most of you retreat at the thought of losing your new yacht or luxury car. Now really, who do you think is going to win?

February 7, 2007

Last weekend the home of David Stout, President of GlaxoSmithKline, was left dripping with spray paint in Philadelphia. This is the third time that Stout's house has been vandalized. Stout has been touted as one of the front-runners for the CEO position at Glaxo once their current CEO retires next year. He and others at GSK can expect even more visits until Glaxo stops contracting with HLS. Oh, and for the teenagers who killed themselves after taking the GSK drug Seroxat - killed themselves because Glaxo hid the test data showing that Seroxat caused teen suicide (this story was released by the BBC last week) - consider this a tiny, tiny, tiny dose of payback on their behalf for you sick fucks at Glaxo.

February 18, 2007

Last night a friend of Huntington Life Sciences, Hubnet Express at 1014 Hillcrest Blvd. in Inglewood, CA was payed a little visit. Hubnet Express is long standing client of HLS who use thier services to ship samples and other supplies used in the torture and abuse of animals that HLS is notorious for.

ALF activists used spraypaint to leave a clear message letting Hubnet know that they will need to cut their ties with HLS. Come Monday morning, once they make their way past the glued locks, they will also find a surprise inside. Red dye was sprayed on the carpets. The red dye symbolizes the 500 innocent animal that are murdered daily at the torture facilities that HLS dares to call laboratories. Added to the dye was a concentrated liquid smoke. The smell of smoke may burn their nostrils but they are to consider themselves fortunate because if they do not cut their ties with HLS the smell of smoke will not be from a liquid concentrate.

Hubnet, we don't want to come back but we will if we have too. Cut those ties. In solidarity with direct action worldwide, ALF

February 20, 2007

The ALF struck the Blue Chip Farm Inc. in Fountain Inn, SC after giving warning of impending action due to failure to cease and desist the slaughter of rabbits for food and fur.

20 rabbits were freed with 4 rabbits taken to be placed in homes. The ALF regrets not being able to save them all but still sees last night as a victory.

Last night's action will be repeated if farm is not shut down. TILL EVERY CAGE IS EMPTY..... Animal Liberation Front



March 6, 2007

On the early morning of March 6 the ALF visited the home of Jason Bratt, 1425 Southeast Viquil Street, Portland, Oregon. The phrase "Drop SSK" were painted on his garage door and the letters ALF were scrawled across the side of his car in black spray paint. Jason Bratt is the first vice-president of Wachovia Securities in Portland Oregon, an investment firm which owns over half a billion dollars in shares in GlaxoSmithKline. GlaxoSmithKline is the largest customer of Huntingdon Life Sciences. This is a warning to Wachovia; sell your shares in GSK or the ALF will continue to target the homes and property of your employees.

April 4, 2007

26 turtles released from trap and returned to pond. Yellowbelly, painted, mud and musk turtles were all released from a turtle trap and trap destroyed. South Carolina, USA





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Prisoners Update

" If they haven't got prisoners, we have stopped fighting. If our prisoners are forgotten about, they have beaten us ."
-Keith Mann, ALF activist and former prisoner

Jeffrey "Free" Luers #13797671
Oregon State Prison
2605 State Street Salem
Oregon 97310

In June 2001, 23 year-old forest defense activist Jeffrey "Free" Luers was sentenced to 22 years and 8 months in prison for the burning of three Sport Utility Vehicles (SUV's) in Eugene, Oregon. To make a statement about global warming, Jeff and his codefendent, Craig 'Crittter' Marshall, set fire to 3 Sport Utility Vehicles at a Eugene car dealership.

Justin Uribe #T-29257
C-5/236 up
Pleasant Valley State Prison
PO Box 8503
Coalinga, CA 93210

Serving the final years of a 6-year term for arson. These actions were not animal or environmentally motivated, but Justin is an avowed animal liberationist, scheduled for release within the next year.



Joyanna Zacher #1662550
Lane County Adult Corrections
101 W. 5th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97401-2603

Nathan Block #1663667
Lane County Adult Corrections
101 W. 5th Ave.
Eugene, OR 97401-2603

Connection to the Jefferson Poplar Farm fire which occurred in 2001 in Clatskanie, Oregon.

Eric McDavid X-2972521 4E 231A
Sacramento County Main Jail
651 "I" Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Conspiracy to destroy property by means of fire or explosives, facing up to 20 years imprisonment. Lauren Weiner and Zach Jensen, Eric's two co-defendants, are cooperating witnesses against Eric.

The SHAC 7 are six individuals--Lauren Gazzola, Kevin Kjonaas, Jake Conroy, Josh Harper, Andrew Stepanian, and Darius Fullmer--and the organization Stop Huntingdon Animal Cruelty (USA). They are all serving lengthy prison sentences for simply speaking out! They were found guilty on all charges on March 2nd, and are were sentenced on September 12th in Trenton, NJ. They received the following sentences:

JACOB CONROY- 48 months
93501-011
FCI VICTORVILLE MEDIUM I
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 5300
ADELANTO, CA 92301

DARIUS FULLMER- 1 year, 1 day
26397-050
FCI FORT DIX
P.O. BOX 2000
FORT DIX, NJ 08640

LAUREN GAZZOLA- 52 months
93497-011
FCI DANBURY
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
ROUTE #37
DANBURY, CT 06811

JOSHUA HARPER- 36 months
29429-086
FCI SHERIDAN
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 5000
SHERIDAN, OR 97378

KEVIN KJONAAS- 72 months
93502-011
FCI SANDSTONE
P.O. BOX 1000
SANDSTONE, MN 55072

ANDREW STEPANIAN - 36 months
26399-050
FCI BUTNER MEDIUM II
FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
P.O. BOX 1500
BUTNER, NC 27509

Things to remember when writing to prisoners:

1. Don't discuss any illegal activity (ALL mail is read by prison officials).
2. Each prison has its own mail restrictions.
3. Do not put any stickers inside or outside the card/letter (including Air Mail/Par Avion stickers, if writing from overseas)
4. Do not include any paperclips, staples or anything extra in your letter.
5. Write your address on the envelope AND inside the letter, since prisoners often are not given the envelope.
6. Do not send money to the prison address (please contact activist's support groups to financially support prisoners).
7. Prisoners appreciate books, but they must be paperback, and must ship directly from the publisher or from online retailers like Amazon.com.
8. Your letters are appreciated , even if you don't receive a response (prisoners are only allowed a limited amount of paper, envelopes and stamps, making it difficult to respond to every letter).