

## OCPA E-Alert October 2005



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## Good News for the Animals!

### *Horses Protected from Slaughter*

The Anti-Slaughter Amendment recently passed and this means the U.S. Department of Agriculture will no longer be allowed to provide the inspection necessary to process horse meat for human consumption. Please note that this is only a *temporary* ban (one year). Join others including HSUS and Friends of Animals in encouraging Congress to pass two new bills, HR 503 and S 1915, that will *permanently* ban horse slaughter once and for all. For legislator contact information, visit the OCPA website at: <http://ocpaua.org/legislation>.

### *Governor Signs Five Animal Protection Bills*

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger recently signed/enacted the following five pieces of legislation for the animals:

- AB 820 – Strengthens enforcement of California's laws regulating captive wild animals and fills in gaps in the existing law.
- SB 1028 – Prohibits individuals from killing birds or mammals in California using Internet hunting.
- SB 914 – Requires that puppies be at least eight weeks of age prior to their sale in California.

- SB 861 – Allows counties and cities to adopt a spay/neuter program for certain dog breeds in order to limit backyard breeding.
- AB 1426 – Bans intra-cardiac puncture, or “heart shots,” on conscious animals as a form of euthanasia.

### ***COK Wins Animal Care Certified Campaign***

The Federal Trade Commission announced that the United Egg Producers’ “Animal Care Certified” logo can no longer be stamped on egg cartons nationwide. This marks an end to a three-year national advertising campaign by Compassion Over Killing claiming that the labels were misleading consumers into thinking hens were receiving indisputably humane care.

### ***Chicago Close to Foie Gras Ban***

The proposed Chicago ordinance to ban the sale of foie gras recently passed through the Chicago City Council Committee on Health, a key step in prohibiting the sale of foie gras in the city of Chicago.

## **Action Items – Your Letters/Calls Needed**

### ***Sign the PETS Act Petition to Require Federal Evacuation Plans to Protect Pets***

Too many people in New Orleans remained in Katrina’s dangerous path because officials refused to allow residents to bring their pets to shelters or on buses – and too many others were forced to leave their beloved pets behind.

Please sign the following petition and urge Congress to take immediate action and order the full support of federal responders and relief workers to save animals – and ensure this never happens again – by passing the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act, HR 3858.

<http://go.care2.com/e/hs7/cO/BO2Z>

### ***Protest San Diego’s Plans to Remove La Jolla Seals***

Unbelievably, the National Marine Fisheries Service has given written authorization to the City of San Diego to remove the seals off the beach at La Jolla permanently under Section 109(h) of the MMPA. The City has told NMFS they want permanent removal of the seals; no permit will be required and this can happen at any time.

If you would like to help the seals, please contact Jim Hudnall, marine mammal scientist of the Save-Our-Seals Coalition, at 858-692-4840.

### ***Support the Pet Protection Amendment***

Senator Daniel Akaka (D-HI) recently introduced the Pet Protection Amendment 1729 to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill. The amendment will stop our companion animals from being sold to research facilities where they are tortured and used in experiments by prohibiting federal funds from being provided to research facilities that purchase animals from Class B dealers who deal in “random source” animals.

Class B dealers collect dogs and cats from “random sources” and routinely violate the Animal Welfare Act. Often these animals are obtained from free-to-good home ads, taken from shelters, or stolen from backyards, cars and sidewalks.

Please call or e-mail the members of the conference listed below and ask them to protect our nation’s companion animals – let them know you support the Pet Protection Amendment.

Also please contact your senators and representative and urge them to oppose the final Ag Appropriations conference report if it does not contain the Pet Protection Amendment. For legislator contact information, visit the OCPA website at: <http://ocpausa.org/legislation>.

### House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee:

Rep. Henry Bonilla, (R-TX) Chair	(202) 225-4511	<a href="mailto:henry.bonilla@mail.house.gov">henry.bonilla@mail.house.gov</a>
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Senator Arlen Specter, (R-PA)	(202) 224-4254	<a href="mailto:senator@specter.senate.gov">senator@specter.senate.gov</a>
Senator Ted Stevens, (R-AR)	(202) 224-3004	<a href="mailto:senator@stevens.senate.gov">senator@stevens.senate.gov</a>

### **Sample email/phone script for conference members:**

I am writing/calling to urge you to approve Amendment 1729, the Pet Protection Amendment, to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill. Current regulations are inadequate to ensure that lost or stolen family pets do not end up in research facilities. By prohibiting research facilities from purchasing "random source" animals from Class B animal dealers, animals that are often stolen pets, the Pet Protection Amendment will ensure that our nation's companion animals are not used in research experiments. Amendment 1729 will not hinder medical research. "Random source" animals make for very poor quality research tools as the animal's genetic background, past medical history and age are completely unknown. These variables are essential for assessing the results of research experiments. Please help protect our nation's pets by approving Amendment 1729. Thank you.

### **Sample email/phone script for senators and representatives:**

I am writing/calling from [your town and state] to give my support to the Pet Protection Amendment, Amendment 1729 to the Agriculture Appropriations Bill. I want [your Representative or Senators' name] to oppose any Agriculture Appropriations conference report that does not include Amendment 1729. Thank you.

## **Recent OCPA Activities**

### ***Heritage Festival – Saturday, October 8<sup>th</sup>***

Placentia's Heritage Festival took place on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup> at Tri-City Park in Placentia between 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Since 1965, this celebration of the city's heritage includes a parade and fair booths. High school bands, notable residents and clowns proceed along the parade route. Several years ago, the Festival Committee agreed to eliminate elephants from the parade. Since that time, OCPA member Julie Martinez served on the Festival Committee. Julie arranged for OCPA to have a free information table at the Festival. OCPA board member, Alison Stanley, managed the table and distributed literature on veganism, OCPA and other animal-related information.

### ***Walk for Farm Animals for World Farm Animals Day – Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>***

The Farm Sanctuary Walk for Farm Animals, organized by Karen Coyne, was held on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> at dog beach in Huntington Beach. Many walkers attended the event, along with their doggies, to help educate other animal lovers about factory farming and the benefits of a 100% plant-based diet.

For additional information about the walk itself or World Farm Animals Day, visit <http://www.walkforfarmanimals.org>.

## **Upcoming Events – OCPA and Other**

### ***OCPA to Sponsor Quarterly Gatherings in 2006 Featuring Noted AR Leaders***

OCPA is currently organizing gatherings in 2006 featuring speeches by noted leaders in the animal rights movement. These events will also include vegan food, beverages and volunteer opportunities for those of you interested in becoming more active in helping animals.

Stay tuned for more details in upcoming e-alerts and on our website at <http://www.ocpausa.org>. Also, if you have a suggestion for a specific speaker and/or topic, please contact us at [information@ocpausa.org](mailto:information@ocpausa.org) with speaker contact/topic details.

### ***World Go Vegan Days – October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>***

Join animal advocates around the world in celebrating the first annual *World Go Vegan Days*, October 30<sup>th</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>. This event promotes compassionate lifestyle choices that benefit human health, alleviate animal suffering and preserve our environment. It offers vegans an opportunity to share

their most deeply held values with others including family, friends, co-workers and/or the general public by making personal connections and taking action.

For more information about this event, visit <http://www.WorldGoVeganDays.com>.

### ***Vegan Thanksgiving Potlucks in Southern California***

If you hear about a vegan Thanksgiving potluck or event in the Southern California area next month, please send an e-mail to [pamela.kurp@ocpausa.org](mailto:pamela.kurp@ocpausa.org) outlining details and we'll ensure the information is forwarded in our next e-alert and posted on our website at <http://ocpausa.org>.

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## **Thank you for everything you do for the animals!**

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