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Good News for the Animals!

USCD Ends Dog Labs

The University of California, San Diego, Medical School has finally ended its physiology and pharmacology dog labs! Each year, between 24 and 56 dogs were cut open and eventually killed so students could observe the beating heart, the blood flow, and the effects that different drugs have on blood pressure. Thanks go to the many animal activists, students, professors and doctors who helped put a stop to this horrible, cruel and unnecessary practice.

Victory for Mute Swans

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced plans to withdraw all permits to kill mute swans nationwide. The FWS had planned to kill about 70% of the entire mute swan population in the U.S. under the guise of “protecting bay habitats.” Apparently, the swans have been blamed for environmental damage...not the actual corporate polluters including poultry factory farms...

Victory for Pheasants on Cape Code National Seashore

The U.S. District Court in Boston ruled in favor of a lawsuit challenging the sport hunting programs on the Cape Code National Seashore, including the release of hundreds of non-native pheasants for sport hunting. The ruling will halt the stocking of pheasants and a six-week pheasant hunting seasons.

Action Items – Your Letters/Calls Needed!

Protect Endangered Species from Circuses, Zoos and Trophy Hunting

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services apparently bowed to pressure from circuses, zoos and trophy hunters to weaken the Endangered Species Act. A new policy would allow zoos and circuses to purchase exotic endangered species if they claim the money would be used for “conservation” efforts. The “draft policy” will promote breeding or capturing endangered species in their native lands for the purpose of selling them to U.S. zoos, circuses, shoe manufacturers, trophy hunters, or any other cruel industry that will pay for them including the pet industry. The adoption of this policy would roll back 30 years of endangered species protection. Unbelievable!

Comments on this horrific policy change are due by October 17th. So please write or call **immediately** to stop the Bush administration from catering to the cruel animal trade industries: Chief, Division of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203; 703-358-2093; 703-358-2280 (fax); ManagementAuthority@fws.gov. Reference: Opposition to the Draft Policy for Enhancement of Survival Permits for Foreign Species Listed Under the Endangered Species Act, 68 Fed Reg. 49512.

Stop Drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Again)

Congress is considering yet another energy bill that would allow drilling in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR), destroying precious habitat and compromising wildlife.

Please contact your two U.S. senators and representative this Tuesday, October 14th and urge them to kill the energy bill as long as it contains the provision to drill in the ANWR. For legislator contact information, visit our web site at: <http://ocpausa.org/legislation.htm>.

Encourage D.A. to Fully Prosecute Youths for Shooting Turkeys

In August, three teenagers allegedly opened fire on a flock of over 11,000 turkeys at a Jennie-O Turkey Store in Wisconsin, shooting more than 400 of them with high-powered pellet rifles and killing many. As if this isn't bad enough, all the surviving and uninjured turkeys had to be destroyed, since they could not be sold for human consumption due to possible lead contamination.

Please write to District Attorney Angela Holmstrom to thank her for her work and urge her to prosecute the three alleged offenders to the full extent of the law. Ask her to remind the public that young people who get away with cruelty to animals today often become tomorrow's repeat violent criminals. The Honorable Angela Holmstrom, Barron County District Attorney, Barron County Courthouse, 330 East LaSalle Street, Room 206, Barron, WI 54812; dabarron@mail.da.state.wi.us.

Recent OCPA Activities

Tabling at Worldfest in L.A.

OCPA members tabled at the 5th annual Worldfest in Van Nuys on Sunday, September 28th. They distributed literature, signed up volunteers and gathered signatures for petitions. Worldfest is a solar-powered celebration of health, animals and the environment.

Tabling at Orange High School

OCPA members participated in Orange High School's Club Rush on October 1st and 2nd. The new animal rights club, Students in Harmony with Animals, recruited over 90 students. Literature was distributed and posters displayed. The students enjoyed samples of Boca burgers and Tofutti Cuties.

Leafleting for World Farm Animals Day

OCPA members and volunteers distributed vegan/vegetarian literature to people visiting the mall at the Block at Orange. We spoke with people about the plight of farm animals and the many benefits of a plant-based diet.

More Rodeo Protests

OCPA members and volunteers participated in rodeo protests at Horsethief Canyon Park in San Dimas on October 10th, Kids' Day at City of Industry Rodeo, Industry Hills Equestrian Center on October 10th, and the 18th Annual Industry Hills Charity Pro Rodeo, Industry Hills Equestrian Center in City of Industry on October 11th.

Upcoming Events – OCPA and Other

Grief Release Workshop for Animal Rights Advocates – November 1st

Attend this great workshop held on Saturday, November 1st, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Irvine facilitated by Ava Park, Founder of OCPA. For more information, visit our web site at <http://ocpausa.org> and click "Grief Release for Animal Advocates Workshop."

Workshop in L.A. for Activists – October 16th

Join other activists and animal rights attorneys to learn how to handle police and/or FBI interrogations and harassment. This workshop is free and is held on Thursday, October 16th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Westwood Rec Center, 1350 Sepulveda Blvd., Room B, Los Angeles, 90025.

Halloween Bash Hosted by Bob Linden/Go Vegan – October 26th

Attend the Vegan Halloween Reggae Boogie Ball Benefit for animals, children and the environment. Hosted by Bob Linden, this bash will feature live music from Southern California's reggae favorite, Kyng Arthur and his band. Local restaurants including Au Lac, Bodhi Tree Vegetarian Café, California Vegan, Follow Your Heart, Good Mood Food, Mother's Market and

Kitchen, Wheel of Life and others will provide raw and cooked vegan cuisine. Sunday, October 26th, 4 – 11:00 p.m., The Boogie, 1721 S. Manchester, Anaheim. Visit <http://www.GoVeganRadio.com> for ticket and other information.

Thank you for everything you do for the animals!

Orange County People for Animals is a Southern California-based 501(c)3 non-profit animal advocacy organization founded in 1988 to help create a compassionate, healthy and peaceful planet for all living beings.

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