

## OCPA E-Alert November 2006



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## Good News for the Animals!

### *Election Wins for the Animals*

- **Michigan Restores Protection for Mourning Doves:** Michigan voters rejected Proposal 3 on the ballot and restored the 100-year tradition of protecting the state's official bird of peace from target shooting.
- **Arizona Bans Gestation Crates and Veal Crates:** Humane treatment of farm animals won the day in Arizona when voters cast their ballot in favor of Proposition 204, banning gestation crates for breeding pigs and veal crates for young calves. This makes Arizona the first state in the nation to enact such a measure to ban veal crates and the second state, after Florida, to ban gestation crates.
- **California Protects Threatened Wildlife from Developers:** Voters rejected Proposition 90, which would have gone beyond eminent domain reform and jeopardized the preservation of California wildlife. It would have allowed property owners, developers or others to sue any time a new law or

regulation is passed that they claim devalues their property – at the expense of important protections for California’s unique wildlife and overall environment.

### ***Bill to Protect CA Sea Otters Signed into Law***

Governor Schwarzenegger signed a bill into law providing increased protection for California’s sea otters. AB 2485 will add protections to the federally threatened sea otter from water pollution, disease and illegal killings. The bill moved forward thanks to a strong collaboration among scientists, marine institutions, universities, the environmental community and other concerned citizens.

### ***PETS Act Signed into Law***

The Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act was signed into law by President Bush in October. States are now required to help evacuate pets during a natural disaster such as a hurricane or earthquake – or risk losing federal money. The bill was prompted by reports that as many as 50,000 pets were stranded during Hurricane Katrina. Rescue agencies were criticized for their “no pets” policy that required pet owners to abandon their animals or defy evacuation orders and stay in the disaster area. Nearly half of those who refused to evacuate said they didn’t want to leave their pets behind. With more than 358 million pets in the U.S. residing in 63% of American households, the PETS Act will help ensure that Americans never again are faced with the horrifying choice of abandoning their pet and finding their way to safety – or staying with their pet and remaining in a hazardous and potentially life-threatening situation.

### ***Foie Gras Production Ban Proposed in New York***

Animal rights activists have asked a New York state judge to stop foie gras production in New York. If the lawsuit succeeds, foie gras production would end in America – since the only two remaining foie gras producers in the country reside in New York (other than one in Northern California that may shut down under state law banning the industry).

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

### ***Urge Burlington Coat Factory to Stop Selling Fur***

One of OCPA’s supporters recently brought to our attention the fact that Burlington Coat Factory is still selling items containing real animal fur. It was also revealed via national television that the store actually sold coats trimmed with Mongolian dog fur from China. The company denied any knowledge of this, stating they believed it was coyote fur. Whether dog or other animal fur, the company refuses to acknowledge the inhumane, cruel and barbaric practice of killing animals for their fur to use in garments.

Please contact Burlington Coat Factory and voice your concerns about the use of animal fur in their products: Andrew Milstein, Vice President, Burlington Coat Factory, 1830 Route 130, Burlington NJ 08016; e-mail: [andrew.milstein@coat.com](mailto:andrew.milstein@coat.com). Also visit the following link to sign an online petition: <http://www.petitiononline.com/2155/petition.html>.

### ***Ask USPS Not to Create Postage Stamp Commemorating KFC’s Colonel Sanders***

KFC recently petitioned the U.S. Postal Service to create a postage stamp commemorating Colonel Sanders.

Since the Colonel’s legacy includes breeding and drugging chickens to grow so large that they suffer painful diseases and broken bones, slitting their throats while they’re still conscious and dropping them into tanks of scalding hot water, please tell the USPS that to commemorate **anyone** who endorses cruelty to animals is something you oppose.

Please write, call or fax the USPS: Honorable John E. Potter, CEO and Postmaster General, United States Postal Service, 475 L’Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC 20260; phone: 800-275-8777; fax: 303-

574-9650. Or link to a customer service form at: <https://hdusps.esecurecare.net/cgi-bin/hdusps.cfg/php/enduser/ask.php?>.

### ***Thank NJ Governor for Stopping Annual Bear Hunt***

New Jersey is getting set to hold another cruel hunt in which hundreds of bears are unnecessarily killed in the name of protecting the populace. Governor Corzine, an opponent of the hunt, is hoping to prevent this year's six-day season by not signing off on a key measure that regulates hunting and fishing in New Jersey.

Please thank Governor Corzine for his compassionate decision to block the hunt and encourage him to remain steadfast in his decision: Governor Jon Corzine, State House, P.O. Box 001, Trenton, NJ 08625; phone: 609-292-6000; fax: 609-292-3454.

### ***Sign Petition to Stop Use of Exotic Animals in Circuses***

As you already know, the use of animal performers in the circus is an unnecessary and inhumane practice that is harmful to both the animals and the public. The tricks wild animals are trained to perform to entertain crowds are unnatural, frightening and painful – and are encouraged through the use of barbaric tools including bullhooks, chains and electric prods.

Please sign the [Animal Protection Institute's online petition](#) to tell Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey to end animal cruelty and cease using any and all wild/exotic animals in its circuses once and for all:

## **Recent OCPA Activities**

### ***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon Club – Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> 1:30 p.m. at The Stand in Laguna Beach***

On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup> the veg\*n lunch group met at The Stand in Laguna Beach to dine on delicious vegan food and to enjoy the beautiful fall beach weather.

### ***Caring for Creation Conference – Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> in Tustin***

Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment held its annual Caring for Creation Conference this year on October 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Tustin.

An estimated 400 people – including including the Democratic candidate, Steve Young for the 48th District House of Representatives – were in attendance. Matthew Fox was the keynote speaker and gave a rousing speech, "Sacred Earth, Sustainable Lives: Becoming Spiritual Warriors on the Earth's Behalf."

Since OCPA has attended this event, we have seen the lunch menu evolve from red meat to turkey, chicken, and finally this year vegetarian and vegan fare were offered exclusively. Yeah! We don't think this change would have occurred without our presence over the years.

For information on workshops offered throughout the year on such topics as "A Green Vision for Orange County," "Creation Spirituality," and "Campaign Against the Plastics Plague," visit: <http://www.OCICE.org>.

### ***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon Club – Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 1:00 p.m. at Native Foods in Costa Mesa***

OCPA joined Native Foods in Costa Mesa on Sunday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, for their 1st Annual Squash Fest 2006 on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Chef/owner Tanya Petrovna was on hand to serve her delicious Squash Soup and to pass out recipes. People sampled and rated all the different varieties of squash that were offered for tasting.

OCPA volunteers enjoyed the live music and festive atmosphere as they tabled and passed out literature addressing animal issues. We also encouraged attendees to write letters to the SHAC 6 (formerly SHAC 7) animal advocates who are facing jail time for exposing animal abuse.

## Upcoming Events – OCPA and Other

### ***Fur-Free Friday Demonstrations – Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. in Beverly Hills or 12:00 Noon in San Diego***

Join Last Chance for Animals, Animal Protection and Rescue League, PETA, OCPA and other local animal rights/welfare organizations for annual Fur-Free Friday demonstrations against the use of animal fur this Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

- Beverly Hills, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Beverly Gardens Park, Beverly Hills (Northeast corner of Santa Monica Blvd. at Rodeo Drive)  
Posters and brochures will be provided.  
E-mail [campaigns@LCAnimal.org](mailto:campaigns@LCAnimal.org) to let LCA know you are coming and bring friends.  
For other related events, visit <http://www.FurFreeFriday.com>.
- San Diego, 12:00 noon  
Fashion Valley Mall at Friar's Road entrance between PF Chang's and The Cheesecake Factory  
Posters and leaflets will be provided.  
Visit <http://www.FurIsDead.com> for more information.

### ***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon Club – Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1:00 p.m. at Native Foods in Costa Mesa Featuring Special Speaker, Will Tuttle, Author of The World Peace Diet, Eating for Spiritual Health and Social Harmony***

Come out and join us at our monthly veggie/vegan luncheon club on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1:00 p.m. at Native Foods in Costa Mesa, 2937 Bristol Street in Costa Mesa, located in The Camp; 714-751-2151.

We are honored to have Will Tuttle, Ph.D., author of *The World Peace Diet, Eating for Spiritual Health and Social Harmony*, share information about the world peace diet, opening the intuitive gate, compassion for animals and other related topics at the luncheon between 2:00 and 3:30 p.m.

Will Tuttle has a master's degree in humanities from San Francisco State University and a Ph.D. in the philosophy of education from the University of California, Berkeley. A professional pianist, composer and teacher, he has for the last 15 years presented at progressive churches, vegetarian and human potential conferences, and intentional communities throughout the country. He trained in Korea as a Zen Buddhist monk and has worked extensively in Tai Chi, yoga, meditation, intuition development, and spiritual healing. He lives in California.



For more information about Will Tuttle, the World Peace Diet and related seminars, visit: <http://www.willtuttle.com>.

We hope to see you there! Everyone – vegetarian, vegan or otherwise – is invited to join us for lunch. For more information or for carpooling, contact Wanda at 714-995-4889. And stay tuned for upcoming e-alerts for information about more of these types of gatherings in the future.

## ***OCPA Annual Holiday Party – Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m. in Irvine***

Join OCPA at our annual holiday party, Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. in Irvine.

This year's gathering will be held at the Goddess Temple, 17905 Sky Park Circle, Suite A, Irvine. We will provide entertainment and a delicious vegan dinner, beer and wine at no charge to guests (although donations are always appreciated).

Founder and director of OCPA, Ava Park, will also host a brief ceremony for the animals. Please call the OCPA hotline at 714-751-6272 to let us know you are coming and whether you are bringing a guest so we can better plan the dinner.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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## **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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