

# OCPA E-Alert April / May 2010



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**Special Note:** If you would like to receive occasional email notifications of outreach and volunteer opportunities – and local demonstration information – please respond to [julie.meskell@ocpausa.org](mailto:julie.meskell@ocpausa.org) to have your e-mail address included in a separate contact list. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you out and about this year on behalf of the animals.

OCPA has a [Myspace.com page](#) and [Facebook page](#). We also have a meetup page: <http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/>. Check them out often for the latest details on local OCPA demonstrations and other animal-related events.

## **Good News for the Animals!**

### ***California Department of Fish and Game Rescinds Proposal to Expand Bear Hunting***

The California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) announced it rescinded a hunting proposal that would have expanded bear hunting across the state, increased the number of bears killed, and allowed the use of high tech equipment on bear hunting hounds.

### ***Oprah Show Features The Cove***

In honor of Earth Day, Oprah's show line-up focused on our relationship with Mother Earth. Included is a segment with Louie Psihoyos and Fisher Stevens, who made "The Cove," and with Ric O'Barry, the Flipper trainer turned dolphin freedom advocate, who is featured in that film.

For those who missed the Oprah show, or who want printed information, check out her web report about the interview at: <http://www.oprah.com/oprahshow/Filmmakers-Reveal-Dolphin-Slaughter-in-The-Cove>.

### ***"10 Things I Hate About You" Show Airs Episode Titled "Meat is Murder"***

A recent episode of the hit primetime ABC series "10 Things I Hate About You," was titled, "Meat is Murder." It centered on Kat's efforts to get Meatless Monday's introduced at her school. You can watch the episode on line at: <http://community.abcfamily.go.com/watch/10-things-i-hate-about-you/meat-murder>.

### ***Major Food Bank Goes Plant-Based***

What if a major food bank, feeding 20,000 people a month, one day realized that the donated food they were passing along to needy people was actually making those people sick?

This happened to the Sacramento Food Bank and Family Service organization in Sacramento, California. With the help of the non-profit organization EarthSave, the Sacramento Food Bank is embarking on a 100% plant-based program with some of its sickest clients.

John McDougall MD, Rip Esselstyn, Jeff Novick – these plant-strong health experts will be arriving in Sacramento in August where a 60-day pilot program, called MEALS FOR HEALTH, will get under way. The entire process will be documented with a film. Watch this video to learn about the program, and then consider making a donation to EarthSave to help ensure this groundbreaking project is a success: <http://www.earthsave.org/>

### ***Dr. Phil Confronts Animal Abusers***

Animal abuse was recently the topic of Dr Phil's show, with the fabulous guys from Rescue Ink as guests. Dr. Phil's writeup for the show read as follows: "Every 10 seconds an animal is abused in this country. By the time this show is over, nearly 240 animals will be tortured. Dr. Phil, a huge animal lover, is taking a stand. First up, Rob says dog fighting is not a crime, and believes that it's no different than boxing or football. He was convicted of a felony after authorities caught him in the act and says he wants to clear up the misconceptions about dog fighting. Will Rob get a wake-up call about this brutal "sport"? Then, they may look like a group of tattooed tough guys, but cast members from the TV show Rescue Ink say they're on a mission to save animals in danger. Take a look as they go inside a dog fighting yard to demonstrate how they gather evidence for a bust. Plus, New Yorkers were outraged by surveillance video that captured Chris Grant terrorizing his girlfriend's Pomeranian on an elevator. Learn how Chris' father reacts to his behavior."

## ***San Diego Seals Win Protection***

Animal Protection and Rescue League (APRL) and other animal activists won a hard fought victory recently for the [San Diego seals!](#)

Six councilmembers voted for a year-round rope to keep people and seals a safe distance apart, and voted for seal-only use of the rookery during pupping season (Councilmember Donna Frye was a true champion on this). Over 500 people attended the hearing, and there were so many seal advocates that comments stopped with 50 more to go in order to give the Council time to vote. The hearing received massive [media](#) coverage, and the San Diego Union Tribune as usual did an excellent [writeup](#) that included a photo showing the problem – tourists going right up to these wild animals to have their pictures taken.

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

### ***Contact Judge About Light Sentence Violent Puppy-Killer Received***

Justice4Karley supporters were hoping ex-Los Angeles Assistant Fire Chief, Glynn Johnson, would receive the maximum sentence of four years for killing six-month old puppy, Karley. Instead, he received just 90 days in jail, three years probation, and 400 hours of community service. He was also sentenced to 16 weeks of anger management classes.

Please send letters expressing outrage and disgust over the light, almost non-sentence of Johnson for the brutal beating of Karley. The puppy had to be euthanized due to her severe injuries. The vets who treated Karley testified that this was the worst case of an injury to a dog that they had ever seen. Her skull was fractured in three places, several ribs were broken, her right eye was dislocated and the left eye was swollen shut. Eleven teeth were broken, nose and jaw were broken and she had bruising inside of her ears and all around her head.

The judge prefaced his sentence by saying that he respected the fact that Johnson had devoted years of his career to public service. Johnson's sentence amounts to merely a slap on the wrist with no time and a weekend work-release program where he does 90 days of community service, none of it behind bars. Unbelievably, he was also assigned to perform work at the Humane Society or shelter, working with canines!

Tell Judge Hanks that assigning a convicted animal abuser to an animal shelter is as irresponsible as sending a convicted child molester to work with children at a day care center.

Contact Judge J. Thompson Hanks c/o Deputy District Attorney Will Robinson, The District Attorney's Office, 4075 Main Street, Riverside, CA 92701. Also send letter to the editors of to the following addresses: [letters@pe.com](mailto:letters@pe.com); [letters@ocregister.com](mailto:letters@ocregister.com) and [letters@latimes.com](mailto:letters@latimes.com).

### ***Urge U.S. Representative to Support New Crush Act Revision, HR 5092***

The U.S. Supreme Court recently struck down a law that made it illegal to sell depictions of animals being tortured or killed as a right protected by the First Amendment. A new bill, introduced by California Representative Elton Gallegly, would reinstate the prohibition on the sale of crush videos in commerce, with narrowly written language that should overcome the objections raised by the Supreme Court in their decision in *U.S. v. Stevens*.

Stevens was convicted under a 1999 law passed to ban the sale of "crush videos," in which women crushed to death small animals, to satisfy the sexual fetishes of internet customers. Crush videos virtually disappeared from the Internet following passage of the law, before the government initiated a single prosecution. The Bush Administration's indictment of Stevens in 2004 was the first time this law was used. The Court's decision is a huge step backward, but there is hope that crush videos can still be banned, if not dogfighting videos.

H.R. 5092 will make the Crush Act's language more specific and resolve the over-breadth concerns raised by the Supreme Court. Passage of H.R. 5092 will help prevent a revitalization of the crush video

industry. The original Crush Act was passed with little opposition—help us ensure that this revision passes, too.

Please tell your U.S. representative that you support H.R. 5092, and that he or she should co-sponsor the bill and help move it quickly through the legislative process. [Visit the ASPCA Advocacy Center](#) or [NAVS action page](#) to contact your representative.

### ***Sign Petition Urging Obama to Reverse Course on Offshore Drilling***

The biggest news for animals recently has been the BP oil catastrophe in the gulf. Millions of animals, including 5,000 dolphins, endangered tortoises, pelicans, and countless fish live in that gulf and are dying slow and agonizing deaths from ingesting and inhaling the oil that our species has been vomiting into their home at a rate of 200,000 gallons per day or more.

The BP explosion came just weeks after President Obama announced plans for more offshore drilling along our coastlines, an announcement that broke the hearts of environmentalists who had thought they had elected a president with similar values. While it is hard, as an animal holocaust is underway in the gulf, to even think of a silver lining, it seemed at first that at least this blanket of oil over the gulf would bury those plans. Yet as oil poured into the gulf Obama said, "Let me be clear. I continue to believe that domestic oil production is an important part of our overall strategy for energy security."

The moratorium the administration has announced on new offshore drilling is only for three weeks – until the cause of the BP explosion is determined. It doesn't take into account that the next accident that wipes out a different ocean might have a different cause.

Please sign the [Environment America petition](#) asking Obama to reverse course on offshore drilling.

## **Recent OCPA Activities**

### ***Foie Gras Demonstrations – Various Dates in April and May***

OCPA's foie gras campaign is still going strong. We held peaceful demonstrations on the following dates and locations that continue to serve foie gras:

- Marche Moderne – Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon
- Marche Moderne – Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 noon
- Bouchon – Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.\*
- Marche Moderne – Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

The management of Marche Moderne went out of its way to shield their customers from the truth of our signs by draping large tablecloths over their windows preventing their customers who were dining on the patio from seeing our message of compassion. They did this despite the fact that they continue to say that they experience a boost in sales of their foie gras every time we protest. Our campaign also includes restaurants Hush and Pascals which also serve foie gras.

At Bouchon in Beverly Hills, OCPA teamed up with APRL, IDA, and local activists for a large demonstration (between 50 and 75 people). Check out the video of the demonstration at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0w1qJmbbxdl>.

Foie gras is produced by force-feeding lard and other matter through a rough steel pipe shoved down ducks' throats three times a day. The intent is to overfeed the ducks until their livers swell to ten times their normal size. The swollen and diseased livers are then served as a delicacy called "foie gras." The ducks suffer intense pain and severe injuries that often result in ruptured organs. This practice is so injurious and debilitating to the ducks and geese that they are unable to walk or stand. Foie gras is not just unhealthy for the ducks; humans who eat the diseased liver are consuming a near toxic food that is 85% fat.

OCPA and Animal Protection Rescue League's (APRL), along with many SoCal activists, have successfully convinced a number of local restaurants to take foie gras off of their menus, including Five Feet, The Sky Room, DaVinci's, Mr. A's, Hammamori, French 75, The Winery and Laurel's. Several high profile chefs, including Wolfgang Puck and Charlie Trotter, have also stopped serving foie gras due to the inherent cruelty in its production. A California statewide ban will go into effect in 2012, and six city councils have signed resolutions commending restaurants for removing this product of animal torture.

For more information and updates about the schedule of events, visit <http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/>.

### ***Animal Liberation Forum – Thursday – Sunday, April 15-18<sup>th</sup> at CSU in Long Beach***

Last spring, Cease Animal Torture (CAT - <http://www.ceaseanimaltorture.org/forum.htm>) launched their first ever Animal Liberation Forum in April 2009 at California State University Long Beach. CAT's Forum was the first conference concerning animal rights in all of CSULB's 60-year history. Earthlings Director, Shaun Monson, Stewart Soloman from Vegan Outreach, Greg Kelly co-founder of Win Animal Rights (WAR), Nik Hensey from No Compromise, and Dr. Jerry Vlasak MD were some of the amazing speakers that participated. Several animal rights organizations including veganTHIS, OCPA and North American Animal Liberation Press Office (NAALPO) tabled the event as well.

CAT held its second annual Animal Liberation Forum on Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at CSU in Long Beach. This free four-day conference called for a total abolitionist movement and animal liberation to action. Topics ranging from feminism, animal liberation, direct action and veganism were discussed through speakers, panels, workshops and film screenings.

Dina Kourda, Director of Events and Fundraising for OCPA, presented at the forum a presentation titled, "The Impact of Factory Farming on the Environment."

### ***"Do Unto Others" Animals and Religion Conference – Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Chapman University in Orange***

Titled, "*Troubling Recognition: Seeing Animals, Seeing Ourselves*," the second annual "Do Unto Others" Conference was held on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> between 9:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Chapman University in Orange.

This conference invited scholarly, religious and activist reflection on the mutually transforming possibilities of seeing and being seen by other animals. The keynote speaker at this event was Paul Berry, longtime animal advocate and former CEO of Best Friends Animal Society. The day consisted of presentations, panels and opportunities that enriched understanding and informed advocacy.

For more information about this event, visit <http://www.animalsreligion.org/conferences.htm>.

This conference was sponsored by Interreligious Voices for Animal Compassion (IVAC), <http://www.animalsreligion.org>. Interreligious Voices for Animal Compassion promotes advocacy and compassionate living on behalf of animals by engaging with a variety of religious, ethical, philosophical, and spiritual perspectives, recognizing that religion and spirituality play a significant role in shaping how humans understand and treat other living beings. Their goal is to engage the hearts and minds of people of faith, scholars, faith leaders, and activists on issues facing non-human animals in order to expand the circle of compassion beyond human beings, and to empower faithful action.

### ***World Week for Animals in Laboratories – April 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> – Various Activities (Opportunity to Help End Animal Experimentation and Support the Great Ape Protection Act)***

This year's World Week for Animals in Laboratories (WWAIL) occurred between April 17<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> and provided another opportunity for activists to speak out against the use of animals in testing and research.

For more information about this event, visit [www.WWAIL.org](http://www.WWAIL.org).

### ***Vegan Earth Day – Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Various Activities and Locations***

Vegan earth day was held on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and helped educate the public that animal agriculture is responsible for more greenhouse gases than all forms of transportation combined, and that we can help the planet by leaving animal products off our plates.

Across the U.S., Canada, and even Australia, FARM's network of grassroots volunteers distributed flyers, staffed information tables, offered free vegan food, and screened films.

Visit FARM's site at <http://www.biteglobalwarming.org/active.htm> for more information about this event or view the full [Vegan Earth Day Report](#) with photos.

### ***Awareness Day – Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa***

OCPA was invited to speak and host an information table for Awareness Day at Orange Coast College in Costa Mesa on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The theme of this year's Information Fair was "Be the Difference: A Day of Awareness of Volunteer Opportunities in Our Community."

Charlotte Cressey, Director of Community Outreach for OCPA, gave a Powerpoint presentation entitled "Ethical Eating for Your Health, for the Environment, and for the Animals."

### ***Potluck/Presentation by Anthony Marr - Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Santa Ana***

In lieu of its monthly veggie/vegan dinner, OCPA sponsored a fun potluck and presentation by Anthony Marr on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 p.m. in Santa Ana.

OCPA board member, Julie Curran-Meskell, hosted this event at her home. Founder and president of Heal Our Planet Earth (HOPE), Anthony Marr, presented information based on his book, "*Homosapiens, Save Your Earth.*"

Prior to the presentation, participants joined a "funeral motorcade" at 3:00 p.m. that started at Bill Barber Community Park in Irvine and ended at the potluck/presentation.

### ***Dinner at Au Lac (Verbal Style) – Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. in Fountain Valley***

OCPA members and friends met on Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. to savor Au Lac's great vegan food while honing skills in diplomacy and public speaking, making new friends with shared values, and learning about the latest issues in nutrition, the environment and animal rights.

A "Verbal Vegans" dinner is a unique opportunity for personal growth and empowerment. Learn more about Verbal Vegans at <http://www.meetup.com/verbal/>. Check out short texts exploring techniques for diplomacy, persuasion, and public speaking at <http://www.meetup.com/verbal/files>.

Au Lac is located at 16563 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708; phone: (714) 418-0658.

### ***Vegan Education (Leafleting) at Mother's Market – Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. in Costa Mesa***

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m., Dina Kourda, Piper Lillehoff, and Charlotte Cressey leafleted outside Mother's Market in Costa Mesa to bring attention to the violence inflicted on mother animals in animal agribusiness and the benefits of adopting a plant-based diet. Shoppers were interested and responsive to learning more about adopting a vegan lifestyle to save lives, improve health, and make the best choice for the environment.

### ***Drinks and Dinner – Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at Taleo Mexican Grill in Irvine***

Taleo Grill, host of some of the best OCPA events, welcomed us back for another great night of vegan drinks, food and socializing on their huge patio on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. (This was a joint event with OC Vegan Drinks.)

Taleo Grill provided free guacamole, chips and salsa; happy hour pricing on drinks all night; and a special vegan menu. They also awarded free \$25 gift cards to three lucky attendees. Taleo's patio is an ideal meeting place, with plenty of standing room for drinkers, plenty of tables for eaters, and numerous outdoor heaters to keep things toasty.

Taleo Mexican Grill, 3309 Michelson Drive, Irvine, CA 92612; phone: 949-553-9002.

## **Worldfest – Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Woodley Park in Encino**

This year's Worldfest was held on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at Woodley Park in Encino between 10:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. WorldFest is a solar-powered celebration of music, the environment, animals and humanity – helping people learn what they can do for the earth and its inhabitants.

The WorldFest 2010 Earth Day Festival was again held at the beautiful outdoor setting of Woodley Park in Encino, CA. Attendees enjoyed a magnificent day filled with entertainment, education and enlightenment. The combination of great music, empowering speakers, environmental, humanitarian and animal welfare non-profits, kids' activities and a delicious food court made for an earth-friendly experience that was inspiring and enjoyable for all.

For more information, visit: <http://worldfestevents.com/>.

## **Veggie Pride Parade – Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in New York City**

Hundreds of animal rights activists and vegetarians met in New York City on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> for the annual Veggie Pride Parade, an exhilarating public outreach event. For more information, visit: [www.veggieprideparade.org](http://www.veggieprideparade.org).

## **Whole Foods for Health and Weight Loss Speaking Engagement with Dr. Janice Stanger – Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in Irvine**

OCPA hosted an evening on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> beginning at 7:00 p.m. that showed attendees how to get maximum power from whole foods. This fun event, *Whole Foods for Health and Weight Loss*, was held at The Goddess Temple of Orange County, 17905 Sky Park Circle, Suite A, Irvine, CA 92614.

Janice Stanger, Ph. D., author of *The Perfect Formula Diet*, discussed six kinds of whole foods that are the basis for permanent health and weight loss. Offering a new way of viewing our bodies and the food we eat, Dr. Stanger showed how to lose weight without hunger or cravings – and how to prevent, treat, and even reverse chronic disease. The presentation burst dangerous nutrition myths and suggested practical advice for planning, motivation, and removing toxic chemicals from one's life.

Dr. Stanger's eating plan is endorsed by leading researchers: T. Colin Campbell, Ph.D., author of *The China Study*; Dr. Neal Barnard, President Physicians Committee on Responsible Medicine; Joel Fuhrman, M.D., co-founder of Eat Right America and author *Eat to Live*; and John McDougall, M.D., founder of the McDougall Program and author *The McDougall Program for Women*.

Vegan refreshments were served at 7:00 p.m., followed by Dr. Janice Stanger's presentation from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Janice Stanger, Ph.D. authored *The Perfect Formula Diet*. She is a nutrition and health industry expert who has consulted with leading employers on improving workplace health. Learn more at [www.perfectformuladiet.com](http://www.perfectformuladiet.com)

## **Demonstration Against Obama's Proposal for Commercial Whaling – Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Laguna Beach**

Activists met on Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon at the main beach in Laguna Beach to protest the Obama administration's decision to go along with a deal that would bring back commercial whaling. Here is a great video posted on facebook about the issue: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_Z2LxKGfmbQ](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Z2LxKGfmbQ).

To find out about demonstrations that occurred up and down the California coast simultaneously in every county, visit: <http://www.wanconservancy.org/whales/>.

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## ***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club Meeting – Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the Loving Hut in Huntington Beach***

OCPA members and friends will meet on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at the Loving Hut in Huntington Beach.

This Loving Hut is located at 19891 Brookhurst Street, Huntington Beach, CA 92646; phone: 714-962-6449; website: <http://m.lovinghutcuisine.com/default.asp>.

We meet every first Sunday of the month at a different vegetarian/vegan restaurant. Stay tuned for upcoming e-alerts or visit <http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA> for information about more of these types of gatherings in the future.

## ***Southern California Summerfest to Celebrate Vegan Earth Day – Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley***

Come out and celebrate Vegan Earth Day at Southern California's SUMMER-FEST, a solar-powered music, fun, and food festival celebrating the second annual Vegan Earth Day, on Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at Mile Square Park, 16801 Euclid, Fountain Valley.

Because most typical Earth Day, or so-called "green" gatherings, include the stench of barbecue and the sale of meat, dairy, eggs, and fish, Earth Day now seems more like a "Destroy-the- Earth Day," considering meat and dairy (MAD) generate 51% of all greenhouse gas emissions, and cause deforestation, drought, resource depletion, soil erosion, desertification, habitat destruction, energy crises, and so much more...

The debut of Vegan Earth Day last year was a huge success, embraced around the world, proclaimed in the U.S. Congress, celebrated in festivals and in live global broadcasts, highlighted on TV, and in newspapers, and capturing the imagination of those who want to save the world from climate change and environmental devastation, people from hunger and disease, and animals from suffering and slaughter.

Southern California Summer-Fest will benefit Orange County People for Animals, International Fund for Africa, Go Vegan Radio, and Haitian emergency relief. This event will feature world-class live music including reggae from "Son-of-Haiti" King Wawa, with the debut of his new song and video "Haiti Will Rise Again." (Please bring clothing, blankets, tents, supplies, and non-perishable vegan food to the festival for King Wawa to take to Haiti now in its new rainy season emergency.)

Also featured at this event are renowned speakers including Dr. Anteneh Roba, founder of the International Fund for Africa (saving human babies and animals) and other great speakers throughout the day, environmentalists, health experts, activists, video presentations, children's activities, animal adoptions, yoga and the healthiest, best-tasting planet-saving cuisine ever.

If you interested in becoming a sponsor, vendor or volunteer for this event, contact Bob Linden at [Bob@GoVeganRadio.com](mailto:Bob@GoVeganRadio.com) or call 818-623-6477. Volunteers are needed for marketing activities, publicity, press releases, online activities, community calendars, interview solicitation, artwork, flyers, printing, banners, website, stage, stage management, music equipment/backline, booth tables, chairs, canopies, etc., restaurant booth (including cooking, health/fire department permits), cleanup and more.

## ***AR East Conference – July 15-19<sup>th</sup> in Washington, DC***

Join the Animal Rights 2010 National Conference, the world's largest and longest-running annual gathering of animal activists – this year held on the East Coast between July 15<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center Hotel in Washington, DC.

This summer's event features more than 100 sessions (plenaries, workshops, raps, reports); concurrent tracks on animal abuse, organizing, tactics, ideology; eyewitness reports on the whale wars and other key campaigns; nearly a hundred speakers from 60 organizations (all viewpoints on animal liberation represented); talks by leaders of other social justice movements; awards to national, grassroots, young activists; extensive learning and networking opportunities; 90 exhibits (free to visitors); and 80 videos (including "Skin Trade" premiere).

Charlotte Cressey, OCPA Director of Community Outreach, will be teaching Earth Energy Yoga at the conference, which emphasizes connecting to nature and seeing the interconnectedness of all life. For more information and/or to register for this event, visit: <http://www.arconference.org/>.

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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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