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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 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!

Monkeys Rescued from Research Lab

IDA recently rescued 55 monkeys who had been used in a pharmaceutical testing laboratory in New Jersey that shut down. The monkeys have been moved to sanctuaries, where they are playing like kittens, pouncing on each other, chasing, grooming, swimming, hiding in the grass and exploring every inch of their new world. For the first time in their lives they are able to feel sunshine, breathe fresh air, interact, and behave like the social monkeys they are.

Unfortunately, the use of primates in U.S. experiments is actually increasing – with NASA funding 1950s-style radiation experiments on primates and the USDA reporting that the use of primates in experiments has exploded by 81% just since 2007. Visit the **Action Items** section of this e-alert for information on how you can help put a stop to this unnecessary and outdated practice.

Federal Court Halts Drilling Operations in Chukchi Sea

A federal court halted oil and gas companies from moving ahead with drilling operations in millions of acres spanning Alaska's Chukchi Sea. This ruling is a victory for polar bears, bowhead whales and other Arctic wildlife.

Sacramento City Council Approves Ordinance to Protect Performing Animals

The Sacramento City Council recently approved an ordinance to help protect animals used in traveling shows when they come to the city of Sacramento. Commercial animal exhibitors, including rodeos and traveling circuses, will be required to obtain a permit from the Animal Care Service manager 30 days prior to the scheduled performance. The Animal Care Services will also have the authority to make unannounced visits to ensure the welfare of the animals while in the city.

The Crush Act (HR 5566) Passes House of Reps

The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed HR 5566, also known as the Crush Act, by an astounding vote of 416 to 3. This bill aims to wipe out an industry which profits from the maiming and killing of small animals in sexual fetish videos. The bill is now expected to come up for a vote in the U.S. Senate once it returns from recess.

Parliament of Catalonia Passes Bullfighting Ban

The Parliament of Catalonia recently passed a landmark vote to ban bullfighting throughout the northeastern region of Spain (including Barcelona), making it the first region on the Spanish mainland to outlaw this gruesome "sport."

UK's Ministry of Defense Considers Faux Fur Queen's Guard Caps

PETA presented a faux-fur prototype of the Queen's Guards' caps to the Minister for Defence Equipment, Support and Technology, as well as several other Ministry of Defence (MoD) officials, with the goal of ending the use of bearskins in ceremonial caps. MoD has agreed to cooperate with PETA to develop more refined samples for the department.

Two More Restaurants Eliminate Foie Gras

Two more restaurants – JoJo in New York City and Avalon Hotel in Beverly Hills, California – have removed foie gras from their menus. For more information, visit: http://www.foie-gras-industry.com.

More Mainstream Media Animal Coverage

CBS Evening News covered a story on the Chenoa Manor Animal Sanctuary in Pennsylvania, which rehabilitates animals and the youths who go there to work with them (http://tinyurl.com/32tpnea).

CNN's Headline News Network covered NASA's use of primates in radiation experiments (http://tinyurl.com/37wm8qz).

The latest Time Magazine issue featured a story on What Animals Think, where the journalist for the piece shares information humans have learned about animal intelligence and discusses a meeting with an English-language trained bonobo (http://tinyurl.com/2arwsqt).

And an article covering the fact that big name chefs are shrinking their customer's carnivore quota, "Where's the Beet?", is featured in the current Time Magazine issue.

Wolves in Greater Yellowstone and Northern Rockies Again Protected Under Endangered Species Act

As a result of a lawsuit brought in federal court by Defenders of Wildlife and other conservation groups, wolves in Greater Yellowstone and the Northern Rockies are again protected under the Endangered Species Act. A federal judge in Montana overturned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to remove gray wolves in the Northern Rockies from the endangered species list. Wildlife defenders will now focus on achieving similar victories for wolves in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming and other areas to protect wolves from lethal "management plans."

CLEAR Act Passes House of Reps

The U.S. House of Representatives took a landmark step toward reforming dirty drilling and protecting wildlife by passing the CLEAR Act. The CLEAR Act reforms the structure of the offshore drilling oversight agency to avoid clear conflicts of interest; enhances the role of science, independent review, and other oversight agencies; and calls for the establishment of mandatory safety and environmental management standards. The Act also fully funds the Land and Water Conservation Fund, helping to offset the inherent risk offshore drilling poses to our wildlife and important lands and waters. It also allows national wildlife refuges to collect and retain funds for damages from oil spills for the first time ever.

Federal Judge Dismisses First Indictment Brought Under AETA

A federal judge recently dismissed the first indictment ever brought by federal prosecutors under the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA) against four California activists. The judge rules that the prosecution failed to provide the necessary specific facts and that the indictment violated the defendants' rights of due process. Congressman Dennis Kucinich has announced his intention to introduce a bill to repeal AETA – and we will keep you posted on actions to support any such legislation. Visit http://equaljusticealliance.com/ for more information.

NPR Covers Meatless Monday Campaign

NPR's Morning Edition covered the Meatless Monday campaign – giving people something to try as a first step toward achieving the health benefits of a plant-based diet. Visit http://tinyurl.com/29ovrys to check out the story.

Austin, TX Votes for No Kill Ordinance by 2011

The City Council of Austin, Texas, just voted for a "no kill" ordinance to be in place in all of their shelters by 2011. More city councils and state assemblies are following this trend – which is great news for the dogs, cats and other animals that face death by being euthanized in shelters.

Assembly Approves AB 2012 for Tougher Animal Protection

The California Assembly recently gave bipartisan approval to AB 2012, which will increase the penalty for animal neglect to up to one year of incarceration. Current law treats the crimes of animal cruelty and animal neglect differently with the penalty for a misdemeanor offense only punishable by a maximum of six months in jail. AB 2012 will make the laws for animal cruelty and animal neglect more consistent – and help people realize that neglecting a pet is as serious a form of abuse as intentionally hurting one.

Action Items - Your Letters/Calls Needed

Tell Secretary of Health and Human Services to Stop Transfer of Over 200 Chimpanzees to Another Research Laboratory

The transfer of 202 government-owned chimpanzees to a biomedical research laboratory is underway. The government's plan is not only inhumane, but also fiscally irresponsible.

Tell the Secretary of Health and Human Services to stop the transfer of these intelligent and social animals and to permanently retire them to a sanctuary instead.

Visit HSUS's website for more information and to send an automatic message: http://www.humanesociety.org/news/news/2010/07/alamogordo research chimpanzee 072310.html

Urge your representative to support HR 1326, the Great Ape Protection Act, to help save these and hundreds of other chimpanzees from pain and stress in laboratories across the country. (For legislator contact information, visit http://ocpausa.org/legislation.htm.)

And to send a fax to your Senators and Representatives asking them to speak out against the use of primates in experiments and to allocate funding for non-animal methods, visit IDA's site: https://secure2.convio.net/ida/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=1563&JServSessionIdr004=858npvdrd4.app245b

Urge U.S. Rep. to Ensure the Toxic Chemicals Safety Act (HR 5820) Includes Alternatives to Animal Testing

The Toxic Chemicals Safety Act, H.R. 5820, is designed to overhaul the 34-year-old Toxic Substances Control Act, which regulates how chemicals are tested and managed. This bill will require more chemical testing and will lead to vastly increased suffering on the part of beagles and all other animals in laboratories.

While the proposed legislation incorporates some policy and scientific reforms recommended to reduce and replace the use of animals in chemical testing, it does not go far enough in reducing the large numbers of animals who will be killed.

Please take a few moments to send a polite e-mail to your Congressional representative asking him or her to ensure that the Toxic Chemicals Safety Act offers true public health protection that does not rely on crude and cruel animal tests.

Visit PETA's action center:

https://secure.peta.org/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=3234

Ask Assemblymember to Support a Federal Ban on Horse Slaughter for Human Consumption (SJR 22)

SJR 22, a California resolution to support a federal ban on horse slaughter for human consumption, passed the California State Senate and is now pending in the Assembly.

Please ask your assemblymember to support SJR 22. For legislator contact information, visit: http://ocpausa.org/legislation.htm.

Help Pass California Fur Labeling Bill

The California fur labeling bill, AB 1656, continues to move through the California legislature; it has been adopted by the State Assembly and is now before the State Senate.

Authored by Representatives Fiona Ma (D-12) and Ted W. Lieu (D-53), AB 1656 requires all new apparel sold in California that is made of real animal fur to clearly say so on the label. This will allow consumers to make an informed decision about buying compassionate clothing, and reduce the possibility of inadvertently supporting the cruel fur trade by unknowingly purchasing a garment with real fur.

If you are a California resident, please contact your Senator and urge them to support AB 1656. Tell them that consumers have a right to know whether a garment contains real animal fur so that they can make informed purchases that are in line with their ethics and personal preferences. If we act now, we can ensure that this important bill passes, and offer California consumers more freedom in their purchasing power.

Visit Born Free's action page to send a message to your state senator: https://secure3.convio.net/bfusa/site/Advocacy?pagename=homepage&page=UserAction&id=541

Recent OCPA Activities

National Veggie Hot Dog Month (July) - Various Events and Locations

Since the National Hot Dog and Sausage Council declared July as National Hot Dog Month, for the fifth year in a row, Compassion Over Killing celebrated with a compassionate twist: *National Veggie Hot Dog Month*.

While our nation celebrated its independence, the miseries forced upon tens of millions of pigs confined inside factory farms across the U.S. each year were exposed —from mother pigs crammed in narrow metal crates for months on end to their piglets who are taken away within weeks of birth and kept in barren, overcrowded pens until they are shipped to slaughter.

For more information about this event, visit COK's site at http://www.cok.net/feat/hotdogday/.

The Greatest Circus Protest on Earth – Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th at 5:00 p.m. in Ontario

Animal advocates met for more Greatest Circus Protests on Earth on Wednesday, July 21st at 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, July 24th and Sunday, July 25th at 5:00 p.m. in Ontario at the Citizens Business Bank Arena located at 4000 East Ontario Center Parkway, Ontario, CA 91764; phone 909-484-2020.

The Cove Screening – Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. in San Diego

Oscar winning documentary, The Cove, about stopping the secret dolphin slaughter in Japan, played playing at the Birch North Park Theater, 2891 University Ave., San Diego 92104 on Thursday, July 22nd at 7:00 p.m. The screening was free and was preceded by a mixer at the West Coast Tavern, next to the theater at 2895 University, with celebrity guest Kelly Hu at 5:00 p.m. Q&A after the show was held by Craig Tsuyumine of Save Japan Dolphins.

Vegan Dinner (Followed by peaceful Foie Gras Demonstration) – Friday, July 23rd at 5:30 p.m., July 30th at 5:45 p.m., and August 13th at 5:45 p.m. at Happy Family Vegetarian Restaurant in Costa Mesa

OCPA members and friends met for dinner on July 23rd, July 30th and August 13th at the newest vegan restaurant in Orange County, Happy Family in Costa Mesa, followed by peaceful demonstrations at Marche Moderne Restaurant in South Coast Plaza.

Happy Family Restaurant (Dinner), 1400 Bristol Street (200 feet North of Red Hill, next to Travelodge), Costa Mesa, CA; phone: 714-668-9288.

Marche Moderne Restaurant (Demo), 3333 Bristol Street (inside South Coast Plaza, on 3rd Floor near Nordstrom), Costa Mesa, CA.

OCPA has attempted unsuccessfully to convince Marche Moderne Restaurant in South Coast Plaza to remove foie gras from their menu. Until they do, their customers will continue to learn that foie gras is cruel, and that those who support Marche Moderne support cruelty.

Those who eat foie gras are eating the diseased, unhealthy liver of a duck which is 85% fat, a disgusting prospect in itself. But it's not just unhealthy for humans. Foie gras is created by forcibly restraining ducks three times a day while a rough steel pipe is shoved down their throats to overfeed them and make their livers swell to 10 times normal size. The birds often die during the feeding process from injuries to the stomach or esophagus. Those who don't die experience the same extraordinary pain a human would if force-fed 40 pounds of pasta per day.

The foie gras campaign has resulted in several local restaurants removing foie gras from the menu, including Five Feet, the Sky Room, DaVinci's, Mr. A's, Hammamori, French 75, The Winery and Laurel's.

Learn more about upcoming foie gras demonstrations here: http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/.

The Greatest Circus Protest on Earth – Various Dates and Times at the Honda Center in Anaheim

Animal advocates descended upon Anaheim for the Greatest Circus Protest on Earth several times during its stay in OC at the Honda Center including on opening night on Wednesday, July 28th, Sunday, August 1st, Wednesday, August 4th, Saturday, August 7th and Sunday, August 8th.

Most people go to the circus because they love animals; they don't realize going to the circus is supporting animal cruelty, so the mission this summer was to help educate them about how much circus animals are forced to endure horrendous abuse during training to make them perform silly acts to amuse the public. They are frequently deprived of food and water to induce them to perform and to prevent untimely defecation while they are in public view. They are not allowed to socialize with their own species and spend most of their lives in small, dirty cages, released only when it is time to perform. Many circus animals are leased seasonably from dealers, and go from one circus to another, which provides little incentive for circus owners to keep them healthy. They suffer from inadequate care, as they are often "cared for" by temporary circus workers who have little or no experience, and are not qualified to care for these magnificent animals!

Tailgate Party (Following Circus Demo) – Wednesday, July 28th at 7:30 p.m. in Anaheim

Immediately after The Greatest Circus Protest on Earth, OCPA members and friends met for a vegan tailgate potluck in the Southeast corner of the AMTRAK/METRO LINK parking lot.

Participants enjoyed vegan food, dessert and beverages and compared notes about their experiences at the circus demonstration earlier that evening.

Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club Meeting – Sunday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. at Happy Family Vegetarian Restaurant in Costa Mesa

OCPA members and friends met on Sunday, August 1st at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at the Happy Family Vegetarian Restaurant in Costa Mesa.

Happy Family Restaurant, 1400 Bristol, Costa Mesa, CA. 92626; phone: (714) 668-9288; site: www.happyfamilyvege.com.

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.

Vegan Outreach at the Fullerton Artwalk - Friday, August 6th at 9:00 p.m. in Fullerton

Animal advocates joined Kristine and others from Avec Mes Amis (http://www.meetup.com/Animal-Rights-Vegan-Avec-Mes-Amis/) for an evening of handing out Vegan Outreach literature about factory farming on Friday, August 6th at 9:00 p.m. in Fullerton. (These are full color booklets written by Jack Norris, a nutritionist. Handing out these booklets is easy and they are always effective.)

Fullerton Artwalk (http://fullertonartwalk.com/) is a popular monthly event downtown, and a good crowd of the young, hip, and artsy. The Hibbleton Gallery even hosted a vegan feed-in (courtesy of Taylor, who is now interning at HSUS!)

Vegan Outreach - Warped Tour - Wednesday, August 11th at 4:30 p.m. in Pomona

OCPA members and friends met with Nikki, the new Southern California Coordinator of Vegan Outreach, on Wednesday, August 11th between 4:30 and 10:00 p.m. to distribute literature about factory farming at the Warped Tour located at the Pomona Fairplex, 1101 West McKinley Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768; phone: 909-623-3111.

The Warped Tour was very busy and the group enjoyed handing out booklets to the receptive people there.

Peaceful Protest at Barkworks - Sunday, August 15th at 2:00 p.m. in Mission Viejo

OCPA members and Best Friends met on Sunday, August 15th at 2:00 p.m. for a peaceful demonstration outside the Shops at Mission Viejo, where Barkworks operates a retail store.

Barkworks still insists on selling dogs raised in puppy mills, a cruel and inhumane practice that was recently investigated and exposed in a special segment on KTLA: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IEII7ZitTYE&feature=related.

Barkworks is located at 555 The Shops at Mission Viejo, Mission Viejo, CA 92691.

Lunch at Seabirds to Benefit the Irvine Animal Care Center – Friday, August 20th at 11:30 a.m. in Irvine

OCPA members and friends enjoyed a great vegan lunch on Friday, August 20th at the Irvine Animal Care Center while supporting homeless animals.

Seabirds, the vegan food truck, teamed up with The Irvine Animal Care Center to raise money for The Third Chance for Pets Program. Seabirds donated 15% of its lunchtime sales to animals in need. The Irvine Animal Care Center is located at 6443 Oak Canyon Road, Irvine, CA 92618; phone: 949-724-7740.

For more info on the Irvine Animal Care Center visit: http://www.cityofirvine.org/cityhall/cs/animalcare/default.asp.

The Third Chance for Pets Program transfers animals from overcrowded shelters that otherwise may not find a home. When kennels are available at the IACC, staff can bring some of these animals to the shelter for adoption. Because these animals come from outside of Irvine, their care is funded mostly by donations. Without the generous support of donors this program could not exist. Since inception, the IACC has accepted more than 4,500 animals into the Third Chance for Pets Program.

Upcoming Events - OCPA and Other

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. A special thanks to Tracey Turner, Jennifer Tan and Dave Simon for their help in setting up and maintaining these pages/sites for OCPA.

Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club Meeting – Sunday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Zen Restaurant in Westminster

Join OCPA members and friends on Sunday, September 5th at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at the Zen Restaurant in Westminster.

Zen Restaurant, 9329 Bolsa, Westminster, CA 92683-5940; phone: (714) 895-3637.

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.

Walk for Farm Animals - Early October - Various Events and Locations

Each year, thousands of compassionate people across the country take part in Farm Sanctuary's *Walk for Farm Animals*, an event that raises vital funds for our lifesaving work while educating the public about the devastating impacts of factory farming.

Visit http://www.walkforfarmanimals.org/ to discover more about – and participate in – this year's event.

World Farm Animals Day - October 2nd - Various Events and Locations

Held every year in honor of Gandhi's birthday, World Farm Animals Day is a great opportunity to expose the needless death and suffering of 58 billion animals annually. In addition to promoting a vegan lifestyle, this year's observance will reveal the ways that animal agribusiness manipulates the government, institutions, and a well-meaning public in order to sell more cruel products.

Visit http://www.wfad.org/ to learn more about this event, register a local event or discover information about one happening in your area.

Second Annual San Diego Veg Week - October 2-9th - Various Events and Locations

Animal Protection and Rescue League will host the second annual San Diego Veg Week from October 2-9th this year, with Neal Barnard, MD of <u>Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine</u> as APRL's keynote speaker on Oct. 9th.

Visit https://humanesd.org/ for more details about this event.

Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club Meeting – Sunday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. at Mitasie 3 in Huntington Beach

Join OCPA members and friends on Sunday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at Mitasie 3 vegetarian restaurant in Huntington Beach.

Mitasie 3, 7636 Edinger Avenue, Huntington Beach, CA 92647; phone: (714) 847-5262. The food is mostly vegan with just a couple of exceptions.

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.

Healthy Lifestyle Expo 2010 – October 15th – 17th in Woodland Hills

Sponsored by VegSource, the healthy Lifestyle Expo 2010 is scheduled to occur between Friday and Sunday, October 15-17th at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills.

Featuring eye-opening presentations from leading health experts, learn how to prevent and reverse heart disease, achieve permanent weight loss, protect yourself against breast, prostate and colon cancer, and make the changes in your life you've always wanted.

This year's speakers include: Joel Fuhrman, MD, John McDougall, MD, Jeff Novick, MS, RD, LV/N, Rip Esselstyn, John Robbins, Matt Lederman, MD, Rev. Heng Sure, PhD, and several others.

For more information and to purchase tickets, visit: http://healthylifestyleexpo.com/.

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