

# OCPA E-Alert

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**Special Note:** If you would like to receive occasional email notifications of outreach and volunteer opportunities, please respond to [julie.meskill@ocpausa.org](mailto:julie.meskill@ocpausa.org) to have your email 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.

# Good News for the Animals!

## *Animal Legislation Updates*

Thanks to your calls and letters, Governor Schwarzenegger recently vetoed the following animal-related legislation:

- **AB 815** would have taken away the rights currently afforded to cities and counties in California to enact local wildlife-related laws specific to their communities. If this bill had been signed into law, the state Fish and Game agency would have become essentially the only entity with the power to adopt laws or regulations regarding the taking of fish and game in California.
- **AB 2427**, broadly written legislation, would have prevented counties and cities from passing local laws that restricted procedures or acts within the "scope of practice" of the healing arts, including animal welfare laws that they deem necessary to protect animals from inhumane practices.
- **AB 2132** would have prohibited the removal of radio transmitting collars from hunting dogs and allowed hunters to charge violators for any lost breeding revenues.

And the following animal-friendly bills were signed into law:

- **AB 2098** strengthens existing law prohibiting auctions and state inspected slaughterhouses from receiving or dragging downed animals.
- **AB 2291** adds a check box on state income tax forms to finance low cost spay/neuter programs.
- **AB 2785** requires the Wildlife Conservation Board to designate and protect wildlife corridors.
- **AB 2911** strengthens protection against oil spills and provides for the better use of volunteers to rehabilitate wildlife.
- **AB 2949** requires property owners (such as banks and real estate agencies) to notify animal control when they find abandoned animals.
- **HB 2532** (passed the House) makes prohibitions about dog tail docking, dew claw removal and ear cropping; defines many common practices as animal cruelty.
- **SB 685** strengthens current California laws covering pet trusts.

## *Gray Wolves Retain Endangered Species Protection*

Officials at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) announced that they plan to rescind the agency's plan to delist gray wolves in Greater Yellowstone and the Northern Rockies sometime soon and place them back under federal protections. Thanks to your incredible efforts and support over the last few months, the Fish and Wildlife Service has finally bowed to reality by recognizing that there are serious scientific and legal problems with their plan for delisting wolves in Greater Yellowstone and the Northern Rockies.

## *Landmark Puppy Mill Reform Bill Passes in PA*

Trying to shed its reputation as "The Puppy Mill Capital of the East," the Pennsylvania Legislature recently passed HB 2525, a bill that will improve the lives of tens of thousands of dogs living in Pennsylvania's puppy mills. Introduced in May, HB 2525 doubles the cage space required for dogs in Pennsylvania's commercial breeding facilities, prohibits wire flooring and the stacking of cages, mandates exercise and twice-yearly veterinary exams for all dogs, and requires that animals be humanely euthanized by licensed veterinarians.

## ***Millionaire Mutts in Malibu Closed***

After protesting two pet shops in Malibu for months (Millionaire Mutts and Pet Headquarters) and receiving a complaint from a customer who bought a puppy at Millionaire Mutts, LCA sent an investigator to Texas to check out the "good breeder," and discovered it was indeed a puppy mill. LCA's investigation since led to the recent closing of Millionaire Mutts.

## ***Chicken Slaughter Project Stopped***

After a year of pleading by United Poultry Concerns (UPC) to the Canandaigua Academy City School District to eliminate a chicken slaughter classroom activity conducted at Canandaigua Academy high school in upstate New York, the State Education Department informed the school district that the project requires a waiver under New York State Education Law Section 809(5) - Humane Treatment of Live Vertebrate Animals Law.

Education Law 809(5) provides that no school district, school principal, administrator, or teacher shall require or permit the performance of a lesson or experimental study on a live vertebrate animal in the school or during an activity conducted under the school's auspices, whether or not on school premises, where such lesson or experimental study employs termination of life.

To bypass this provision, a school must submit a detailed application to the Education Department for a waiver. Canandaigua Academy did not submit the application in time, claiming unawareness of this law. It is questionable whether a waiver will be granted given that the slaughter project is not being taught as vocational education, or for taking a state or national advanced placement examination, but, rather, for the purpose of acquainting students with "food production" and other goals that do not appear to fit waiver criteria.

## ***H&M Adds Fur-Free Fox Logo***

Earlier this year, Swedish clothing company H&M took a stand against the cruelty of fur fashion by joining the international Fur Free Retailer Program. Now H&M has gone a step further by adding the internationally recognized fur free fox logo to their website. The logo is prominently displayed on the company's [corporate responsibility web page](#) and features a link to the [international list of fur free retailers](#). With locations across the United States and more than 1,500 stores in 28 different countries, H&M has long been known for its affordable high quality fashions and its ethical business policies.

## ***Oprah Shows Footage on Plight of Farmed Animals***

*The Oprah Winfrey Show* recently brought attention to the horrific plight of battery-caged hens, crated veal calves, and pregnant sows confined in metal stalls. Oprah showed footage of the three standard types of commercial confinement systems, so-called factory farming. She also showed three less intensive types of systems: one in which veal calves lay together in a building with straw bedding, one where pigs roamed in a pasture, and one where thousands of hens used for egg production ranged on a stretch of open land.

Although more emphasis should have been placed on the adoption of a vegetarian/vegan diet as a way to end the abuse and exploitation of animals raised for food, the rallying point for the segment was California's Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act, or Proposition 2, on the November ballot. Proposition 2 would require that these animals be given enough confinement space to stand up, lie down, and extend their limbs without bumping into other animals, walls or bars.

## ***Juicy Couture Adopts Permanent Fur-Free Policy***

PETA has had a cooperative relationship with Liz Claiborne Inc. and other retailers to help reduce the suffering of animals used and abused in the clothing industry.

Juicy Couture—a high-end clothing company owned by Liz Claiborne Inc.—has now adopted a permanent fur-free policy. While Juicy Couture is still selling some fur items that were stocked before this

policy was adopted, it has assured PETA that no new fur items will be procured and that as soon as the current stock of items has gone, the company will be completely fur-free.

### ***Zappos.com Goes Fur-Free***

Just one month after launching an online campaign against Zappos, PETA announced that the company has agreed to go fur-free. By making this commitment, Zappos is joining Target, QVC, the Home Shopping Network, Nike, Polo Ralph Lauren, Gap, Forever 21, Wet Seal, and dozens of other companies and designers that have gone fur-free.

### ***eBay Bans Sales of Ivory on Website***

Online auction giant eBay recently announced that it will ban sales of ivory via its website starting next year due to concerns that it is helping to fuel poaching of endangered elephants. The announcement was made ahead of a report released by the International Fund for Animal Welfare that tracked online wildlife-product commerce and concluded that eBay is the venue of choice for most online endangered-wildlife sales. Some 75 percent of online wildlife-product sales that were tracked in the study came from elephants, which prompted eBay's ban announcement. According to IFAW, over 20,000 elephants are poached for ivory each year in Africa and Asia.

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

### ***Vote Yes on Proposition 2!***

California voters are poised to cast a historic ballot for the biggest animal protection measure ever placed before the public. Volunteer campaigners have worked hard to place measures on state ballots in hopes of significantly improving the lives of animals. It's a form of citizen action that has proven highly successful, from Arizona to Massachusetts, Washington to Michigan.

The Prevention of Farm Animal Cruelty Act (Proposition 2) aims to prevent cruelty to animals in industrial factory farms, and help protect food safety and California's environment. This landmark ballot initiative combats some of the worst abuses in factory farming. If passed, it will end the practice of keeping veal calves, breeding pigs and laying hens in cages and crates so small that the animals cannot turn around.

So we urge you to vote **Yes** on **Proposition 2** – and to remind every California voter you know (family members, work colleagues, friends, neighbors and acquaintances) to also vote yes on this critical ballot measure for the animals. Visit [this site](#) for more information.

### ***Urge U.S. Representative to Support HR 6598, Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act***

After passing through the Congressional House Judiciary Committee on September 23, H.R. 6598, the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act, may be voted on by the full House of Representatives at any time. This federal bill will stop the slaughter of American horses, a cruel practice that continues in Mexico and Canada.

Although last year saw the closure of the final horse slaughterhouses in the U.S., more American horses than ever are being slaughtered for human consumption. Hauled over the border to Mexico and Canada, these horses, most of them once cherished, gentle family companions, are brutally killed by the cruelest of methods.

H.R. 6598 has passed the House Judiciary Committee and is now up for a vote by the full House. Time is short to act on this important legislation. Please contact your representative as soon as possible and urge him or her to cosponsor H.R. 6598, the Prevention of Equine Cruelty Act, and VOTE YES on the bill when it comes to the floor for a vote. For legislator contact information, visit <http://ocpausa.org/legislation.htm>.

## Recent OCPA Activities

### ***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club – Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Native Foods in Aliso Viejo***

OCPA had a meet and greet luncheon on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the new Native Foods in Aliso Viejo, welcoming Dr. Jim Gardner, animal advocate running for City Council in the city of Lake Forest.

The animal welfare community has a new champion and he needs your help. Dr. Jim Gardner is a Clinical Psychologist and former CEO of an internet marketing company who turned his back on both these worlds and now spends full time on animal welfare issues. What was once a hobby or avocation has now become an obsession.

Dr. Gardner was certified as an animal rehabilitation specialist and helped clean seabirds during the California oil spills and helped Salton Sea Pelicans recover from Botulism. In 2005 he went to New Orleans on three separate occasions to rescue animals.

But these were only the prelude. For the past two years, Dr. Gardner a group of 5,000 citizens in South Orange County have been advocating for local shelters. It seems that many cities in South OC use the county shelter, where admissions are actually growing and where the kill rate has remained stable at approximately 50%, one of the highest in California. Please join us at this important meeting to find out the many ways in which you can support Dr. Gardner in his campaign for election to the Lake Forest City Council.

Native Foods is located next to Edward's Theater, 26705 S Aliso Creek Road, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656; phone: (949) 831-1926; <http://www.nativefoods.com>.

### ***Atheist Alliance International (AAI) Convention – Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach***

OCPA exhibited at a table at the annual Atheist Alliance International (AAI) Convention, Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach.

This year's conference was held aboard the Queen Mary in Long Beach Harbor. The convention featured various exhibitors, buffets, speakers, entertainment, book signings and more. The theme of the convention was "Unsinkable Atheism." Julia Sweeny presented at the plenary.

Julie Meskell and Dina Kourda tabled the event and had an overwhelmingly positive response in being the only animal/health-related exhibitor at the conference. Vegan and vegetarian options were offered for meals on Saturday. For more information about the convention, visit: <http://www.atheistalliance.org/conventions/2008/info.php>.

### ***PETA Fundraiser – Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> in Malibu***

An invitation-only PETA fundraiser was held in the hills of Malibu at the home of Sam Simon, an avid animal activist and dog lover. The intimate setting had about 100 people out in the warm sun on the lawn with an expansive view of the hills and Pacific Ocean.

Vegan cocktails, finger foods, dessert and coffee were served, as guests mingled with Rory Friedman and Kim Barnouin of *Skinny Bitch* fame, and actress Jorja Fox. Sam Simon, Ingrid Newkirk, and other PETA employees spoke and presented videos. A common and sobering theme for this year was highlighted undercover video footage of the plight of laying hens, pregnant pigs and veal calves. Orange County representatives, Charlotte Cressey and Dina Kourda, were in attendance. All guests left with a goodie bag filled with an assortment of vegan cookies.

## ***“Skin Trade” Cabaret Fundraiser – Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in L.A.***

Shannon Keith, animal rights attorney and filmmaker, hosted a cabaret and fundraiser for her upcoming film, *Skin Trade*, which details the cruel and illegal fur trade. The event took place on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., at The Mint, 6010 W. Pico Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90035.

Jorja Fox, who was featured in the films, was in attendance. Guests were entertained by the *Skin Trade* movie trailer and a live band as they munched on vegan fare. Guests left with goodie bags filled with a variety of cruelty-free products. OCPA representatives in attendance included Bob Penney, Jeany Aguirre, Hapton Hill, and Dina Kourda.

"Skin Trade" is the follow-up to ARME's multi-award-winning documentary, "Behind the Mask." This event is to help ARME raise funds to complete "Skin Trade." For more information, visit: [http://www.skintradethemovie.com/skin\\_trade.html](http://www.skintradethemovie.com/skin_trade.html).

## ***World Farm Animals Day and Prop 2 Presentations/Fundraisers – October 4<sup>th</sup> through 11<sup>th</sup>***

Launched in 1983, World Farm Animals Day takes place on or around October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a time dedicated to exposing, mourning, and memorializing the needless suffering and slaughter of more than 50 billion cows, pigs, turkeys, chickens and other sentient animals in the world's factory farms and slaughterhouses.

FARM USA's annual event included demos, lectures, leafleting, information tables, vigils, videos, marches and memorials held across the U.S. and internationally on behalf of all farm animals. For more information, visit <http://www.WFAD.org>.

In honor of World Farm Animals Day and to help spread the word about Proposition 2, OCPA members participated in the following events:

- **Prop 2 Leafleting at Palin Rally, October 4<sup>th</sup>**: Tatiana Freitas and Dina Kourda handed out Prop 2 leaflets and educated supporters of Alaska Governor and Vice Presidential Candidate Sarah Palin on the benefits of Prop 2. The crowd was somewhat receptive to the predicament of farm animals (despite the fact that Palin is an enthusiastic hunter who brags of her hunting abilities and ardently supports the killing of living beings in her home state).
- **Prop 2 Presentation for the Green Party with Robb Mead, October 5<sup>th</sup>**: Robb Mead and Dina Kourda made a compelling presentation for Yes on Prop 2 to the Green Party of Orange County. There were approximately 15 people in attendance and the audience was very receptive. Two of the Green Party's active members promote a vegan lifestyle on a monthly basis at these meetings.
- **Prop 2 Presentation for the clients and offices of Thomas Hewko, DC in Santa Ana, October 9<sup>th</sup>**: Dina Kourda appeared before 13 patients, office staff, and chiropractors at the offices of Thomas Hewko, DC in Santa Ana. Dr. Hewko is a long-time raw vegan health advocate. Immediately following the Prop 2 presentation, Dr. Hewko screened a 15-minute video featuring the abhorrent conditions of factory farms, the unnecessary use of vivisection, and the benefits of a vegan diet to human health, the environment, world hunger, and the plight of animals.
- **Prop 2 Fundraiser at Native Foods, October 11<sup>th</sup>**: Lynda Sheklow, manager of the Costa Mesa location of Native Foods (<http://nativefoods.com>), hosted a fundraiser for Yes on Prop 2. A raffle consisted of items and gift cards from other businesses located at The Camp. Lunch and dinner were provided with the proceeds to benefit the Yes on Prop 2 campaign. OCPA members and Prop 2 supporters in attendance included: Piper Lillehoff, Tatiana Freitas, Michael Miller, Giselle, Bob Penney, and Dina Kourda.

## ***Animal Acres Compassionate Cuisine – October 4<sup>th</sup> in Long Beach***

Animal Acres (<http://www.animalacres.org>) hosted its annual Compassionate Cuisine in the city of Long Beach. Many local establishments provided vegan food and drinks to guests while they mingled. Jane Velez-Mitchell hosted and introduced Jane Garrison, Prop 2 LA and OC coordinator, Lorri Bauston, director of Animal Acres, and Paul Shipiro, director of Factory Farming for the HSUS. Guests also participated in a raffle. The event raised funds for a proposed rehabilitation barn for sick and/or injured animals. OCPA representatives in attendance included: Tatiana Freitas, Jeany Aguirre, Hapton Hill, Charlotte Cressey, Piper and Thomas Lillehoff, Giselle, and Dina Kourda.

## ***National Primate Liberation Week – UCLA and Cal Tech Demonstrations – October 13<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>***

OCPA joined Last Chance for Animals (LCA) and Stop Animal Exploitation Now (SAEN) for events during National Primate Liberation Week to support the ongoing campaign to end animal research at UCLA.

On October 13<sup>th</sup>, Bryan and Christine of LCA and Julia of SAEN co-hosted a demo near UCLA medical center with approximately 17 demonstrators in attendance. Vehicular and foot traffic at both demonstrations were receptive to the message of invalid vivisection results paid with tax dollars and the suffering of its victims.

And on October 15<sup>th</sup>, Bryan and Christine of LCA and Julia of SAEN co-hosted a demo at the Cal Tech campus in Pasadena. More than 20 activists attended the protest at Cal Tech on a sweltering hot Wednesday afternoon to protest primate "brain mapping" research currently being carried out by Richard A. Andersen. Although there wasn't as much foot traffic at this location, over 200 flyers were distributed and many people stopped to find out more about what was going on inside the university. One lady who was driving by was compelled to stop and join in having never done a protest before. Luckily, the Pasadena Counter Terrorist task force attended to show their support in the forms of Sergeant Bruce George and Corporal Julie Finney.

The Pasadena Star News came out and spent an hour with activists asking questions and taking photographs. The story can be read at:

[http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds\\_search/ci\\_10732215?IADID=Search-www.pasadenastarnews.com](http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/rds_search/ci_10732215?IADID=Search-www.pasadenastarnews.com)

SAEN Los Angeles and Last Chance for Animals thank all who took time out of their day to help have a successful National Primate Liberation Week 2008. OCPA thanks members Bob Penney, Tatiana Freitas, Evelyn Oynebraaten, and Dina Kourda for making the trek up to L.A.

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

### ***11th Annual Caring for Creation Conference – Saturday, October 25th in Newport Beach***

The Orange County Interfaith Coalition for the Environment, OCICE, is proud to announce its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Caring for Creation conference on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, between 9:00 a.m. (8:30 a.m. registration) and 3:00 p.m. at the St. Mark Presbyterian Church, 2200 San Joaquin Hills Road, Newport Beach, California 92660.

This fun gathering of concerned citizens will feature exhibits, guest speakers, workshops, music, breakfast and lunch.

The keynote speaker is the nationally acclaimed author, educator, lecturer, and environmentalist, Bill McKibben. In 2006, Mr. McKibben ignited public awareness of the dangers of global warming. He founded "Step It Up 07" to demand that Congress enact curbs on carbon emissions that would cut global warming pollution by the year 2050. He organized over 1400 global warming demonstrations across the United States on April 14, 2007. This "Step It Up 2007" has been described as the largest day of protest about climate change in the nation's history. In addition to his activism, Mr. McKibben has written over

nine books and is currently a scholar in residence at Middlebury College where he directs the Middlebury Fellowships in Environmental Journalism.

OCPA will participate as an exhibitor at this event; members will also participate in the workshops. For more information about this event, visit <http://www.ocice.org>.

### ***Breeders' Cup Demonstration – Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. at Santa Anita Park and Racetrack***

We have an opportunity to make changes for horses used for racing that will change their lives forever. We are truly at a turning point, as we've seen some dramatic changes already being made after the very public death of Eight Belles at the Kentucky Derby earlier this year. But there are more reforms still needed and your participation will go a long way toward helping at this critical time.

The demonstration will take place at the Santa Anita Park and Racetrack on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. at the entrance by the intersection of Huntington and Holly Ave in Arcadia.

The goal is to have at least 100 demonstrators at this event. PETA will provide buses to help get people there cheaply and quickly and will also offer delicious breakfast sandwiches on the bus. If you need a spot on the bus, you must RSVP. Meet for the bus at the PETA LA office at 2898 Rowena Ave in Silver Lake. The bus will begin loading at 8:00 a.m. and will depart at 8:15 a.m. sharp. *Note:* Some parking is available in the lot of the PETA office and more on the street.

Contact Nicole at 269-908-0050 or [NicoleM@peta.org](mailto:NicoleM@peta.org) to RSVP and/or for more information.

### ***World Go Vegan Days Events – October 25-31<sup>st</sup>***

IDA's World GO VEGAN Days is an annual event to educate people about the vegan lifestyle. Promoting veganism through outreach events and the media, our annual World GO VEGAN Days is helping make the word "vegan" a household term.

Here are a couple of local events in honor of World Go Vegan Days this year:

- **Farm Sanctuary walk** – Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> 11:30 a.m. in San Diego; corner of 5th Ave and Harbor Dr. (directly at curbside corner); Local *Walk* Coordinators: Adam Boswell and Jason Folkman; e-mail: [sandiego@walkforfarmanimals.org](mailto:sandiego@walkforfarmanimals.org); phone: 619-550-6603; printable flier available [here](#).
- **World Vegan Day Celebration at Animal Acres** – Saturday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Animal Acres; visit <http://veganday.info/> for more information.

World GO VEGAN Days celebrates what it means to be vegan. During World GO VEGAN Days, people are encouraged to become conscious of what - and who - they are eating, the effect it has on the world, and that a non-violent alternative exists.

Visit <http://www.worldgovegandays.com> to see ideas for events and start planning your own event.

### ***Compassion in Action (CIA) at the Improv – Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> 6:00 p.m. in Irvine***

Join the Compassion in Action (CIA) Club for a fun night at the Improv, Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>, in Irvine with doors open/dinner service beginning at 6:00 p.m. and the comedy show starting at 8:00 p.m.

The Knights of Comedy are the entertainment for the evening. Based in Orange County, CA, they have recently begun to spread their style of improvisational comedy all over the South Land. The Knights stand on stage and create completely unique scenes off the top of their heads, without scripts or props. Every scene is new to not only the audience, but to the knights as well. Each scene starts with help from the audience in the form of a simple suggestion.

So come out and enjoy a night of food, fun, and good company all while helping a worthy cause. To reserve your ticket or for more information, please contact Sanika at [sjoshi@theCIAclub.com](mailto:sjoshi@theCIAclub.com). Tickets are

\$40.00 (includes dinner and the show – and a chance to win great raffle prizes, no drink minimum, tax and gratuity included and cash bar available).

***Fur-Free Friday – Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in L.A.***

Join OCPA, IDA, ICA and others for the annual fur-free Friday demonstration, Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in Los Angeles. Meet at the corner of Rodeo Drive and Santa Monica Boulevard. Contact [infor@idausa.org](mailto:infor@idausa.org) with questions or for more information.

***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club – Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Au Lac Restaurant in Fountain Valley***

Join us at our monthly veggie/vegan club on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Au Lac Restaurant, 16563 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708; phone: (714) 418-0658; <http://www.aulac.com>.

We have been alternating lunch and dinner meetings and would like to know which time is more convenient for most people. Please respond to [julie.meskill@ocpausa.org](mailto:julie.meskill@ocpausa.org) with your preference for either a 1:00 p.m. lunch meeting or a 6:30 p.m. dinner meeting.

We hope to see you there! Everyone – vegetarian, vegan, or otherwise – is invited to join us for this vegan restaurant gathering. For more information or for carpooling, contact Wanda at (714) 995-4889 or Evelyn at (714) 846-7081. And stay tuned for upcoming e-alerts for information about more of these types of gatherings in the future.

We look forward to seeing you there!

***Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club – Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Mother's Market and Kitchen in Santa Ana***

And join us at our monthly veggie/vegan club on Sunday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Mother's Market and Kitchen, 161 City Place, Santa Ana, CA 92705; <http://www.mothersmarket.com>.

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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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