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- Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club – Sunday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Veggie Grill in Irvine

Special Note: If you would like to receive occasional email notifications of outreach and volunteer opportunities – and local demonstration information – please respond to julie.meskill@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!

Deer Saved from Cruel Bowhunt in New York

Teatown Lake Reservation, the largest non-profit nature preserve in Westchester County, New York, was planning a deer bowhunt starting in November, but animal advocates spoke out against it; the bowhunt was subsequently cancelled. Bowhunting is an extremely cruel method for killing deer. For most of the deer, death takes at least several minutes, while they experience intense pain and fear, and some stagger away and die days later from infection.

Monkey Prison Stopped

The Puerto Rico Senate recently approved Senate Resolution 1514 to "[e]xpress the most forceful objection" to Bioculture's plans, and will now officially "request that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Fish and Wildlife Services (FWS) deny any and all permit requests by Bioculture Mauritius, any of its subsidiaries or Bioculture Puerto Rico, Inc. with the purpose of importing macaca fascicularis [macaque monkeys] into Puerto Rico."

Bioculture – a company that sells nonhuman primates to laboratories—has been dealt a massive blow after the municipality of Guayama, Puerto Rico, and its mayor, Glorimari Jaime Rodríguez, unanimously approved two landmark ordinances banning the import, export, breeding, and use of monkeys in experiments. Bioculture must now terminate its plans to capture more than 4,000 wild monkeys, confine them to cages, breed them in Guayama, and sell their offspring to laboratories for use in painful and deadly tests. Bioculture's client list included hideous labs such as Shin Nippon Biomedical Laboratories, Charles River Laboratories, Pfizer, and Covance, among others.

Bill Clinton Goes Vegetarian

Former President Bill Clinton told CNN's Wolf Blitzer recently week that he's trying to follow a plant-based diet. Apparently the effort began under orders from daughter Chelsea to get into better shape for her wedding.

Chicken Suppliers Change Method of Killing

Chicken suppliers Bell & Evans in Pennsylvania and Mary's Chickens in California are switching from the standard method of chicken slaughter (electric immobilization) to [controlled atmosphere killing \(CAK\)](#), becoming the first U.S. chicken suppliers to do so. This is a true milestone in the fight to help animals who are raised for food. [CAK](#) is a far less cruel slaughter method that renders birds unconscious before they are removed from transport crates. This development will help reduce the suffering of millions of chickens who are killed for food each year.

Action Items – Your Letters/Calls Needed

Urge Congress to Pass Pet Safety and Protection Act (HR 3907 and S 1834)

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) recently released its report on the USDA's oversight of certain Class B dealers, who sell random source dogs and cats to laboratories. After reviewing USDA records for fiscal years 2007-2009 and interviewing USDA inspectors and the dealers themselves, GAO found fault with USDA management. It recommended USDA improve its analysis and use of traceback information to ensure that dogs and cats are obtained legally and collect and track oversight costs, because currently USDA cannot determine the amount of money being spent to regulate facilities under its jurisdiction.

This report seems further evidence of the need to simply shut down these random source Class B dealer facilities entirely, as called for in the Pet Safety and Protection Act, HR 3907 and S 1834.

Visit AAVS' action page at

<https://secure3.convio.net/aavs/site/Advocacy?cmd=display&page=UserAction&id=191> to contact your U.S. Senators and Representative and urge them to pass both of these pieces of vital legislation for the animals.

Ask Secretary Salazar to Stop Wolf Kills

The Department of Agriculture and the state of Idaho are planning to kill up to 80 percent of the wolves in the central part of the state. They would decimate entire packs of wolves, gunning them down from helicopters and gassing defenseless wolf pups and their mothers after they've trapped them inside their dens.

The US Fish and Wildlife Service must study and approve the proposal. Ask that they intervene and stop this violent wolf killing proposal.

Visit Democracy in Action's page to send a message:

http://org2.democracyinaction.org/o/6014/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=4356.

Help Stop Japanese Dolphin Slaughter

Emergency! DOLPHINS are currently in THE COVE at Taiji, Japan awaiting slaughter!

Please call the Japanese embassy ASAP at 202-238-6700. Wait for the emergency option and tell them you are calling about the dolphins in the cove, they will take your name and number. ...PLEASE CALL NOW!

For more information about the annual slaughter that takes place in the infamous Cove, visit

<http://www.takepart.com/thecove>.

Recent OCPA Activities

The Latest in Clinical Nutrition by Dr. Michael Greger – Friday, October 1st at 5:30 p.m. at Cal State Long Beach

OCPA members and friends enjoyed a special presentation on Friday, October 1st at 5:30 p.m., just before the Compassionate Cuisine event at Cal State Long Beach, 1250 N. Bellflower Blvd., Building CBA 140, Long Beach, CA 90840.

OCPA hosted Dr. Michael Greger of the Humane Society of the United States, who spoke about the latest in clinical nutrition. This free lecture occurred just prior to Compassionate Cuisine on the Cal State Long Beach campus within walking distance to the Japanese Garden.

Fifth Annual Compassionate Cuisine Fundraiser Benefiting Animal Acres Sanctuary – Friday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. in Long Beach

The fifth annual Compassionate Cuisine fundraiser benefiting Animal Acres Sanctuary took place on Friday, October 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Earl Burns Miller Japanese Garden, 1701 Earl Warren Drive, Long Beach, CA 90815.

Attendees sampled great food from 20 vegan restaurants and food service companies including Giselle's Vegan Quiche, and Long Beach based Whole Foods, Zephyr, and Viento y Agua. New to the event this year is Seabirds vegan street food truck. Special guests included Lorri Houston (founder of Animal Acres), Tanya Petrovna (founder of Native Foods), and Sarah Taylor, founder of the company The Vegan Next Door.

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 revealed 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 great annual event.

Walk for Farm Animals – October 3rd – 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 Farm Sanctuary's lifesaving work while educating the public about the devastating impacts of factory farming.

Visit <http://www.walkforfarmanimals.org/> to discover more about the results of this year's event.

Outreach to Save the Coyotes – Various Dates throughout October in Arcadia

OCPA members and friends met every weekend in October with other activists in the San Gabriel Valley to help collect signatures from Arcadia residents on a petition that is opposition to the trapping and killing of the coyotes of Arcadia.

For the past decade, Arcadia has hired a pest control company to trap and kill coyotes in the city of Arcadia, CA. But for the past two years, due to budget cuts, the coyote killing program was halted. Then again this year, in a special meeting on August 3, 2010, the city council decided to pay the pest control company \$30,000 to trap and kill coyotes. In the first 10 days of the program, 11 coyotes were snare trapped and killed. Two of these coyotes were pups that were born in the spring.

This decision was made due to a few residents in Arcadia that have had their companion dogs and cats killed by a coyote because they failed to keep their companion animals safe inside. The rest of Arcadia's residents had no say in the matter and because the decision was made in a special session city council meeting it was not covered on the local Arcadia TV station that usually broadcasts city council meetings. The pest control company has one man killing these coyotes that are trapped. They claim that the coyotes are killed by euthanasia, but there is word that he may be killing the coyotes in any manner he wishes, so we cannot be sure that these coyotes are not being bludgeoned to death (although this is not confirmed). For an abc7 story on the issue, visit:

http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news%2Flocal%2Flos_angeles&id=7653173.

Trapping and killing coyotes is not only inhumane and cruel, it is an ineffective way to decrease the chances of a coyote attack on a companion dog or cat. There are many more effective ways known as hazing tactics, which discourage coyotes from coming into neighborhoods. Also educating residents on how to avoid coyote attacks on their companion animals is a long-term solution. Just because coyotes are killed does not mean that other coyotes will not come into the neighborhood and replace them. And we must always remember that this is their home too. Humans have built cities and houses, taking up more and more of the wild lands, forcing wild animals to retreat more and more. So we must learn to coexist with them in a peaceful manner. For more information on how to peacefully coexist with coyotes in your neighborhood, visit: http://www.projectcoyote.org/ProjectCoyote_FactSheet_CoyoteNews.pdf.

The Arcadia city council is not that interested in what non-residents think about the matter, which is why the focus is to collect petition signatures from Arcadia residents. So far the reception from residents has been pretty good. Because it was a decision made behind closed doors, not many of the residents know about the issue – and so we are enlightening and empowering the residents to take action for the coyotes.

Peaceful “Lobster Zone” Game Protest – Saturday, October 2nd and October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Long Beach

OCPA and other advocacy groups met on Saturday, October 2nd and October 9th at 7:00 p.m. in Long Beach for a peaceful protest urging diners to boycott The Beach Club until the restaurant removes the cruel “Lobster Zone” game from its premises.

If you've ever seen the arcade game in which players deposit a quarter and manipulate a large claw to grab a stuffed animal and drop it into a chute, you're familiar with the Lobster Zone concept. In the Lobster Zone, players pay \$2 to try to grab a live lobster and drop it four feet onto a hard metal surface. If it survives the drop, the terrified (and often injured) lobster is typically boiled alive and eaten.

Lobsters are intelligent animals capable of experiencing fear and pain. In the European Union, lobsters are treated as in the same class as dogs and cats with regard to capacity for suffering. Moreover, lobsters are solitary animals who prefer to burrow under sand and do not enjoy socializing with other lobsters. In the Lobster Zone tank, these animals are denied the ability to burrow, forced to interact with other lobsters in close quarters, and subjected to the constant, threatening menace of a huge claw. Observation of the Lobster Zone game shows that the lobsters consistently cluster together on one side of the tank, as far away from the claw as possible. Given their preference for solitude and space, their choice to huddle together demonstrates clearly that they fear and routinely avoid the claw.

Numerous animal advocacy groups are opposed to the Lobster Zone game, including People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), In Defense of Animals, Last Chance for Animals, Orange County People for Animals, Compassion in Action, Animal Rescue Media Education, Band of Mercy, United Animal Advocates of Los Angeles, All-Creatures.org, Cease Animal Torture, Irvine Students Against Animal Cruelty and Concerned Citizens for Crustaceans.

More information about the Lobster Zone game is available in this newspaper article: <http://blogs.ocweekly.com/stickaforkinit/really/visit-a-bar-catch-a-lobster-ma/?print=true>.

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

Animal Protection and Rescue League hosted the second annual San Diego Veg Week from October 2-9th with Neal Barnard, MD of [Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine](http://www.physicianscommittee.com) as APRL's keynote speaker on Oct. 9th.

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

Rodeo Demonstrations – Sunday, October 3rd and October 10th at 11:00 a.m. in San Dimas

OCPA members and friends met to protest on behalf of the animals abused in the rodeo on Sunday, October 3rd and October 10th at the Tex Shoemaker Rodeo Arena, Horsethief Canyon Rd & Sycamore Canyon Rd., San Dimas, CA 91773.

Many animals are injured and even killed in rodeos. Animal cruelty investigators are only able to attend a very small percentage of rodeos each year. Therefore, only a very small percentage of injuries or deaths are documented. More importantly, as the record below shows, rodeos frequently try to cover up animal injuries and even deaths. Injuries ranging from minor to life threatening may not be immediately visible, especially from the distance of the bleachers. These injuries may include sprains, broken bones, muscle pulls, saddle blisters, spur and flank strap wounds.

For more information on rodeos, visit: <http://www.rodeocruelty.com> or <http://www.sharkonline.org>.

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

OCPA members and friends met on Sunday, October 3rd at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at Mitasia 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.

Dinner at Au Lac (Verbal Style) – Thursday, October 7th at 6:45 p.m. in Fountain Valley

The monthly verbal vegan dinner was held on Thursday, October 7th at 6:45 p.m. at Au Lac, 16563 Brookhurst Street, Fountain Valley, CA 92708.

Attendees savored Au Lac's great vegan food while honing skills in diplomacy and public speaking, making new friends who share common 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>.

2010 Desert Paws Conference – Saturday, October 9th Starting at 7:45 a.m. in Newport Beach

Animal advocates, lovers, caretakers, guardians and protectors gathered on Saturday, October 9th starting at 7:45 a.m. at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, 1107 Jamboree Rd., Newport Beach, CA 92660; phone: (949) 729-1234.

Power and Action for Animals brings together nationally recognized leaders in the fields of animal rights, ethology, animal law, shelter management and adoption, animal rights education, and more, in a fast-paced one-day conference. Attendees learned the most up to date information from the experts, with ample time for questions and discussion. Participants also enjoyed a wide range of topics, including emotions and morality of animals, trends and challenges facing animal service facilities, animal fighting and its association with other illegal activities, the role of farmed animal sanctuaries, and much more.

Anyone who cares about the welfare of animals or who works with them benefited by attending this event. Participants gained inspiration and concrete tips on how to improve the lives of animals, both domestic and wild.

For more information about this event, visit: <http://www.desertpaws.org/power-of-action-for-animals.html>.

Peaceful Elephant Ride Demo – October 9th, October 16th and October 23rd in Santa Ana

OCPA members and friends met for peaceful demonstrations on Saturday, October 9th, 16th and 23rd against the Santa Ana Zoo's elephant rides.

Elephants forced to give rides are trained through domination, fear, and punishment with the use of sharp metal bullhooks and electric prods. A bullhook is a tool that resembles a fireplace poker. It's a long, heavy rod with a steel point and hook at one end that trainers use to strike the animals and jab into the most sensitive parts of an elephant's body. Bullhooks hurt elephants, often causing puncture wounds and abscesses.

Despite the terrible way elephants are treated, the Santa Ana Zoo still plans to force these animals to give rides weekend after weekend.

Rodeo Demonstration – October 9th and 10th in La Puente

Animal advocates met on October 9th and 10th in La Puente to protest the rodeo held at the Industry Hills Expo Center, 16200 Temple Avenue, La Puente, CA 91744; phone: 1-866-LU-RODEO.

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For more information on rodeos, visit: <http://www.rodeocruelty.com> or <http://www.sharkonline.org>.

“No Meat” and Mingle Vegan Potluck/Mixer – Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. in Santa Ana

OCPA members and friends met for a fun vegan potluck on Wednesday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m., hosted by Julie Curran-Meskell and organized by Prabhat Gautam.

Save Japan Dolphins Day – Thursday, October 14th at 12:00 p.m. in L.A.

Save Japan Dolphins Day, a worldwide peaceful and lawful protest of the annual dolphin slaughter in Japan, as depicted in the Academy Award winning documentary The Cove and the Animal Planet series Blood Dolphins, was held on Thursday, October 14th at 12:00 p.m. in Los Angeles.

The Japanese government issues 23,000 permits annually to coastal communities to kill dolphins of several species. A few are sold, at great profit, to aquariums and swim-with-dolphins programs around the world. The captive dolphin industry subsidizes the slaughter. The majority of the pod are then slaughtered for meat. But the meat is contaminated with huge amounts of mercury and other pollutants, exceeding the Japanese government's own health limits. This is a human rights issue as much as an animal welfare issue.

Demonstrations were held throughout the world in front of Japanese embassies and consulates to protest the hunts and urge Japan to switch to more sustainable and benign methods of profit, such as eco-tourism and dolphin-watching cruises (ironically becoming more popular in Japan every year).

For more information on the issue, visit: <http://www.savejapandolphins.org>.

Peaceful Protest at Pony Rides – October 15th and 22nd in Long Beach

OCPA members and friends met on October 15th and 22nd to protest the cruel pony rides at a small fair in Long Beach.

The ponies were chained to a metal pole and forced to walk around in a small circle all day long. It's a life of enslavement and forced labor for the amusement of a few children and their parents. The pony rides were part of a small fair/pumpkin patch on Pacific Coast Highway in Long Beach, just south of Westminster next to a UA Cinema and across the street from Mimi's Cafe.

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

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

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

This year's speakers included: 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 about this event, visit: <http://healthylifestyleexpo.com/>.

Vegan Aid for Haiti – October 16th at 4:00 p.m. in Santa Ana

OCPA members and friends met on Saturday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m. in Santa Ana for a vegan aid benefit dinner and concert featuring an intimate live musical performance by "Son of Haiti," King Wawa, including his new song "Haiti Will Rise Again," to support his efforts to spread veganism and dome shelter housing in his native Haiti.

This important event was hosted at a private Tustin residence by Bob Linden of Go Vegan Radio.

Barkworks Puppy Mill Demo – Sunday, October 17th and 24th in Brea

OCPA members and Best Friends met on Sunday, October 17th and 24th for a peaceful demonstration at Barkworks in the Brea Mall, located at 200 Brea Mall Blvd., Brea, CA 92821.

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=IEI17ZifTYE&feature=related>.

The campaign will continue to educate patrons about Barkworks' cruel practice of supporting inhumane puppy mills.

Vegan Outreach – Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. in Fullerton

OCPA members and friends met at the Fullerton Farmer's Market on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 p.m. to help spread the positive word about veganism to patrons at the busy market with live music, beer garden and vendors.

Nordstrom Anti-Fur Demo – Friday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. in Costa Mesa

Animal advocates met at South Coast Plaza on Friday, October 22nd at 1:00 p.m. to help educate Nordstrom shoppers about their continued stocking and selling of products containing real fur and the horrors of the fur industry.

A couple of decades ago, fur was on the decline until the fur industry hired a marketing star to revamp its image. It's everywhere now. Vogue, Elle, Bazaar, all have pages and pages of fur...fur trimmed skirts, fur purses, fur everything...they're unabashed, and they're influential.

Peaceful Demo to Stop Transport and Slaughter of American Horses – Saturday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in Del Mar

OCPA members and friends met for a peaceful demonstration on Saturday, October 23rd at 11:00 a.m. in Del Mar at the Del Mar Fairgrounds to inform legislators and citizens to sign HR 503 to stop the transport and slaughter of American horses.

World Go Vegan Week – October 24th – 31st – Various Locations

The fifth annual World Go Vegan Week was held between October 24th and 31st. This event is an international campaign to promote a vegan diet as a compassionate, sustainable and healthy way of eating and living. Being vegan is getting easier with restaurants across the U.S. offering a variety of vegan options. From pizza places and hot dog stands to upscale bistros, vegan options are popping up everywhere and dining out has never been easier or more delicious for vegans.

For more information about this event, visit: <http://worldgoveganweek.org/>.

Anthony Marr's End of Care7 Tour Celebration Party – Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. in Santa Ana

Anthony Marr's End of Care7 Compassion for Animals Road Expedition Tour celebration party was held on Wednesday, October 27th at 6:30 p.m. at a private residence in Santa Ana. A potluck party was featured followed by Anthony Marr's speech where he shared highlights about the tour and discussed activism.

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.

Peaceful Elephant Ride Demo – October 30th at 12:00 p.m., November 6th at 11:00 a.m. and Sunday, November 7th at 12:00 p.m. in Santa Ana

The Santa Ana Zoo continues to hold elephant rides on Saturdays and Sundays, and you're invited to come out and protest!

Elephants forced to give rides are trained through domination, fear, and punishment with the use of sharp metal bullhooks and electric prods. A bullhook is a tool that resembles a fireplace poker. It's a long, heavy rod with a steel point and hook at one end that trainers use to strike the animals and jab into the most sensitive parts of an elephant's body. Bullhooks hurt elephants, often causing puncture wounds and abscesses.

Despite the terrible way elephants are treated, the Santa Ana Zoo still plans to force these animals to give rides weekend after weekend. We have signs and leaflets, we just need your presence to help advocate for the elephants!

Please come out and join us this Saturday, October 30th, from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm to make your voice heard. The Santa Ana Zoo is located at 1801 E. Chestnut Avenue, Santa Ana, CA 92708; phone: 714-836-4000.

To RSVP to this event, visit: <http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/15132001/>.

OCPA's Halloween Zombie Walk for the Animals – Sunday, October 31st at 4:30 p.m. in Costa Mesa

Don't miss a ghoulishly fun evening this Halloween as OCPA's First Annual Halloween Zombie Walk for Animals gets underway!

WHAT IS OCPA'S ZOMBIE WALK?

- OCPA's annual fundraiser
- A Halloween party and chance to dress up in a scary costume
- A dinner with great vegan food and drinks
- A chance for you to win one of these awesome prizes:
 - Brand new, \$550 Apple iPad
 - Brand new, \$200 Apple iPod Nano
 - Gift cards for local vegan restaurants
 - And many others!

Zombie Walk is on Sunday, October 31, starts from 4:30 p.m. with a walk from Happy Family restaurant to South Coast Plaza and back, and ends with a vegan dinner and award ceremony at Happy Family between 6:00 and 9:00 p.m. Details are here: www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/14826142.

- **Don't want to walk but still want to join in the fun? No problem! Just come for dinner. Or ride a bike instead of walking!**
- **Don't want to wear a costume? No problem! Come as you are.**
- **Don't want to leave your own animals alone on Halloween? Headed out of town? You can still help.**

Regardless of your level of participation, you can help OCPA raise money for its important work for animals. In less than five minutes, anyone can help with this fundraiser - regardless where you live, regardless whether you can join in the walk, and regardless whether you're "good" at raising money. All you need to do is set up a simple fundraising page (see details below) and invite your friends, family, coworkers and classmates to visit and donate. The average participant in this kind of event raises about \$400 from a single page. With just a few minutes' effort, you could raise much more than you think and help OCPA continue our important work!

OCPA is the oldest and largest animal protection organization in Orange County. We're a 100% volunteer organization funded entirely by donations from members and supporters. This is our main annual fundraiser and we appreciate your help!

Click here for details: www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/14826142/

See you on Halloween!

Dinner at Au Lac (Verbal Style) – Thursday, November 4th at 6:45 p.m. in Fountain Valley

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Savor Au Lac's great vegan food while honing skills in diplomacy and public speaking, making new friends who share common 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>.

SeaWorld Protest – Saturday, November 6th at 10:30 a.m.

Come out on behalf of the dolphins, whales and other sea mammals on Saturday, November 6th, at 10:30 a.m. to protest at the intersection of Sea World Drive and Sea World Way. The focus for this peaceful demonstration is simply that these beautiful creatures are not ours to use for entertainment purposes; they belong in the wild!

Signs can reflect whatever the protester would like it to read/reflect.

RSVP to <http://www.meetup.com/ocpausa> and indicate whether you can be a driver for a carpool.

Best Friends Fall Super Adoption Festival – Sunday, November 7th at 11:00 a.m. in LA

Get ready for another amazing super adoption festival featuring entertainment, children's activities, adoptable dogs, cats, kittens, puppies and rabbits. If you're hungry there will be plenty of food. And if that wasn't already enough, there will be giveaways and contest to win great stuff.

This fun event will be held on Sunday, November 7th between 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. at the La Brea Tar Pits, 5801 Wilshire Boulevard, Los Angeles, CA 90036.

For more information and to RSVP, visit <http://www.meetup.com/ocpausa>.

Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club Meeting – Saturday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. at FreeSoul Caffe in Tustin

OCPA members and friends will meet on Saturday, November 6th at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at the new FreeSoul Caffe in Old Town Tustin at 191 East Main Street, Suite 1B, Tustin, CA 92780; phone: 714 371-0976.

This is an all vegan restaurant that features mostly organic sandwiches, salads, and soups. They also have an extensive list of organic coffees and teas as well as boba drinks and juices. Their dessert menu is impressive. (www.freesoulcaffe.com)

FreeSoul has a very inviting atmosphere as the name implies. Pets are welcome on the beautiful patio surrounding a fountain.

We will also have guest speaker, Dave Warwak for the evening.

RSVP to this event, visit: <http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/15266430/>.

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.

Barkworks Puppy Mill Demo – Sunday, November 14th at 3:00 p.m. in Brea

OCPA members and Best Friends will again meet on Sunday, November 14th at 3:00 p.m. for a peaceful demonstration at Barkworks at the Brea Mall in Brea.

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=IEI17ZitTYE&feature=related>.

Visit <http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/15220708/> to RSVP for this event.

Farm Sanctuary's Celebration for the Turkeys – Saturday, November 20th in NY and CA

Farm Sanctuary will be holding their annual Thanksgiving Celebrations FOR the Turkeys at their New York and California Shelters on Saturday, November 20th.

These time honored and cherished events – held as part of their Adopt-A-Turkey Project for which Ellen DeGeneres is the national spokesperson this year – feature delicious vegan holiday meals, inspiring speakers, and silent auctions to benefit lifesaving work for farm animals in need. The highlight of both events is their unique *Feeding of the Turkeys* ceremony, where rescued turkeys are the guests of honor and feast on their favorite holiday treats: squash, pumpkin pie and cranberries.

The Celebration FOR the Turkeys provides a perfect opportunity to gather with friends old and new and celebrate in the spirit of compassion over the holiday season.

For more information and to reserve a seat, visit: <http://www.adoptaturkey.org/aat/celebration/>.

Fur-Free Friday Demos – Friday, November 26th – Various Dates and Locations

November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving in the U.S., is the biggest shopping day of the year. Fur-Free Friday, as it's also known, gives the international animal rights community a chance to remind shoppers to love animals, not wear them.

This is a great way to inform shoppers about the barbaric fur trade and ask them to leave fur off their shopping lists than when they're out in full force hitting malls and other stores around town. You can make a difference this Fur-Free Friday by planning your own demonstration. Visit PETA's site at <http://www.peta.org/action/Fur-Free-Friday.aspx> for a registration form for your Fur-Free Friday protest or to request free signs, leaflets, and anti-fur buttons.

This Fur-Free Friday, take a stand against stores that heartlessly continue to sell fur as well as designers who continue to use fur in their collections. Donna Karan, for example, previously promised to stop using fur, but she is now featuring it in her clothing line. Animals who are skinned alive and killed for their fur depend on caring people like you to encourage shoppers to choose compassion over cruelty this holiday season.

Visit OCPA's meetup page soon for information about local events in L.A., Orange and San Diego counties: <http://www.meetup.com/ocpausa/>.

Day of Action Against TJ Maxx – Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m., Location TBA

TJ Maxx is selling fur.

Please join this Day of Action Against TJ Maxx on Sunday, December 5th at 1:00 p.m. held at a store near you. There are stores everywhere. We just need a few people at each store with either signs or leaflets, or both. Please check the layout of your local TJ Maxx to see what would be best (if there's public property around the entrance, then leaflet if you're so inclined. If there's private property, then use signs and stand on the public property, which is usually the perimeter of the parking lot...try to have both, signs and leafleting).

You only need a few people. Please arrange your mini-demo, and RSVP. If you need motivation, watch "Skin Trade". It's unbelievably horrific what happens to these animals. Please let TJ Maxx, and TJ Maxx customers know that there is a strong opposition to fur!

For more information including store locations and to RSVP for this event, visit:

<http://www.meetup.com/OCPAUSA/calendar/15210830/>.

Veggie/Vegan Luncheon/Dinner Club Meeting – Sunday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. at the Veggie Grill in Irvine

OCPA members and friends will meet on Sunday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m. for the monthly veggie/vegan luncheon/dinner club meeting at the Veggie Grill in Irvine, University Center – Irvine, 4213 Campus Drive, Irvine, CA 92612; phone: 949.509.0003; website: <http://www.veggiegrill.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.

Thank you for everything you do for the animals!

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