

DURHAM KENNEL CLUB

P.O. BOX 15566 DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA 27704

***** NEWSLETTER *****

JUNE, 1994

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(Well, almost).

The annual DKC picnic will be held on Saturday, August 20th at the DKC building. All DKC members and their guests are welcome. There will be no charge for DKC members, but a \$2.00 donation will be asked of non-member guests.

The main food dish will be hamburgers and all attending are asked to please bring a dish to share. The fun and games will begin at 4:00 p.m. and we will plan to eat at 5:30 p.m.

Dogs are especially welcome and invited to participate in the varied dog games that will be available for them to enjoy. There will be room inside the building for crates and crating is encouraged during meal time.

Please call Debbie Suggs at 493-4173 before August 13th to let her know whether you plan to attend and how many will be in your party. Debbie will need help in planning and executing the picnic and she would like to hear from you if you are willing to assist her.

REMINDER: There will be no regular DKC meeting during the months of June, July and August and the next newsletter you receive will be notifying you of the September meeting.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Please reserve the date of April 29th and 30th, 1995 for the Karen Pryor/Gary Wilkes seminar that our club will be hosting. This event will be held at the Holshouser Building on the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh and Cindy Luster is chairperson. Cindy asks that anyone having a home fax machine who would be willing to let their machine serve as a means of communication between Karen Pryor and the DKC contact her at 362-7476. The need for such a machine will, in all likelihood, exist up until time for the seminar.
2. Stella Maunsell reminds all chairpersons to get their job descriptions to her post-haste. There still are several that Stella does not have and she would like to have all of them before we take a break for the summer.
3. A reminder from our Membership Chairperson, M. F. Davis, that DKC membership dues were due on June 1, 1994. A form to be filled out and mailed, along with your check, was in last month's newsletter. If the dues are not received by July 1st you risk having your name removed from the membership list.
4. Member-candidates, please be reminded that according to our by-laws, at least 2 services are required before applying for DKC regular membership. This, of course, is done after you have been a member-candidate for a minimum of 6 months. Member-candidates are invited to contact Beadsie Woo at 286-3015 if you are not sure what constitutes a service to our club. As a note of interest, our librarian is, unfortunately, moving out of the area which will leave that job open for someone interested. Contact Stella if you would like to know more about what is required.

5. There are about 60 plus old tires that must be removed from the Harris Road property and Beadsie Woo is organizing a crew to take care of this. The date set for this job is Saturday, June 11th at 10:00 a.m. and the plan is for all volunteers to meet at the DKC building and then caravan to the property. Members who have pick-up trucks or other large vehicles in which to load the tires are especially needed, as are people who are willing to come along and load the tires. Remember to bring gloves. Call Beadsie Woo if you will be available to help with this necessary project. This would definitely qualify as a club service requirement!
6. In the May newsletter there was a notice about Dr. Betts' new veterinary practise that will open soon. Dr. Betts will specialize in orthopedic surgery, general surgery and neurosurgery. Scheduling started on May 23rd and the opening date of his clinic will be June 1st. Call (919) 571-9233 if you are interested in setting up an appointment with Dr. Betts.

Also, Dr. Robert Peiffer, Ophthalmologist ('has done the eyeclinic at our fall show for the past several years) will be available through the Triangle Veterinary Emergency Service on a part-time basis. Dr. Peiffer will be at the service on Wednesday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 and if you are interested in setting up an appointment you are invited to call 489-0615 after 6:00 p.m.

Thanks to Jeanne Simmons Clayton for the above information.

ROSES-----BUCKETS OF THEM, to the following people:

Denise McDonald, Fran Hoffman and Cindy Luster want to thank all DKC obedience instructors who have given so willingly and freely of their time and experience during the last three sessions of classes. Our instructors (all volunteers) are at the DKC building helping students with their dogs 33 weeks out of the year and some travel quite a distance in order to do this. This is a great service to our club and to the community and it is very much appreciated.

Thanks too, to all of our pet therapy volunteers for their willingness to share their wonderful dogs with residents/patients in the many different types of care facilities that are visited on a regular basis. The good that these visits do is impossible to measure, but be assured that our dogs really do make a significant difference in the lives of the people we visit.

A Gem To Ponder: It's what you learn after you know it all that really counts.

And Yet Another: MANIPULATES A US. This could be the name of a toy store for dogs. If you don't know why, ask someone who attended the May DKC meeting and heard Dr. Donna Brown's talk.

(Bill Bakewell gets to take credit for this last one!!!)

OF SPECIAL INTEREST

Editor's Note: It is imperative that we keep this issue before the fancy. If we aren't fully informed and take intelligent steps soon, there may be no reason and no opportunity to "fancy" pure-bred dogs. Thanks to *Canine Chronicle* for allowing us to reprint this remarkable and thorough article by Lee Wallot from CC's December 1992 issue.



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THE REAL AGENDA The Animal Rights Movement is Hurting the Animals

by Lee Wallot

We have all seen them. The soulful eyes of dogs and cats, imploring us from behind the wire fences. The fluffy rabbit huddled in the corner, its eyes closed against the pain of a seeping wound on its side (1) The raccoon curled in death with its paw in a trap big enough to hold a bear. We have seen them...in the mail delivered to our door, in the magazines we flip through, on the television we watch in our homes. We see them and our hearts twist in sympathy. We read the messages: "Help us save them. Stop the torture. Write letters. Phone your officials. Send money." The messages beseech and we emotional humans respond, prodded by equal parts of compassion and guilt. We send the money by the millions of dollars; we make the phone calls by the thousands, and in doing so, we, like millions of caring humans before us, have succumbed to the seductive propaganda of the animal rights movement.

Emotion is the sword the activists wield and it cuts keenly to the bone. Emotion impels action without thought and it drives the adrenalin that shuts off the process of reason. Emotion is the key that turns on the entire mechanical monster called the animal rights movement. And it works. The leaders of this movement have discovered a very important marketing ploy: the more a person *feels* the propaganda, the less time he spends *thinking* about it. To the truly dedicated, to the thoroughly indoctrinated, there is no room for reason. There is only room to feel and to do, mindlessly but heartfully, as told.

"What is this?" you ask. "Sounds like a cult to me." In a way, it is. "No...more like brainwashing," another offers. In a way, it is that also. "Maybe a political movement with social overtones?" someone else suggests. Oh, definitely that, and more. "But what IS it?" The questions hangs in the air, begging an answer.

The animal rights movement is a philosophy based on the belief that all animals are the equal of man, that man does not have dominion over the animals, that all animals are morally equivalent to him...even rats and toads...and therefore are due the same rights as those held by man. But what does this mean? At first reading, such a moral belief often doesn't appear totally wrong; in fact it is interpreted by many as "the way it should be," with maybe an innocuous extension of animal welfare thrown in for good measure. Nothing could be further from the truth. In fact, at a recent symposium put on by National Alliance For Animals, two prominent speakers (both leaders in the animal rights field) characterized animal welfare as "the enemy". To these two men, the goals of animal "welfare" not only differ from animal "rights", they contradict them.(2)

To explain a complicated philosophy in as few words as possible, animal *welfare* is concerned with the humane care and use of animals by man. The animal *rights* agenda has only one goal: To end forever the ownership and use of all animals, *in any way*, by human beings. They want nothing short of a moral revolution that would change our food and clothing, our science and health care, our entire relationship to the (animal) world.(3)

Who are these people? Where did they come from? We hear the names: PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals), Fund for Animals, HSUS (Humane Society of the United States),

OF SPECIAL INTEREST--VERY IMPORTANT!!

Included in this newsletter is an article that, with appropriate permission and the following acknowledgements, we have been able to reprint for your enlightenment. The article was printed in the Canine Chronicle, December 1992 issue and then in The Boxer Review, June 1993 issue and the author is Lee Wallot. The article is entitled, "THE REAL AGENDA, The Animal Rights Movement is Hurting the Animals". Every one of our members is strongly urged to read this article and give it serious thought. There are things taking place that could have lasting effect on the future of domestic (pet) animals and groups like ours (DKC) need to be aware and involved. Please do read this article. Special thanks to Jack Dexter and to Betty and Richard Perschel for bringing it to our attention and for sharing it with us.

From our trophy chairperson, Diane Kessler:

Trophies for the spring 1994 show must be signed up for with Diane Kessler no later than November 25th. Sign up sheets will be circulated during the October and November DKC meetings or you may call Diane at 929-1955 and let her know what trophy(ies) you would like to donate. Remember--trophies are to be paid for at the time you commit to them, so be prepared to pay for them when you sign up. Either in obedience or conformation (or both) this is an excellent way for you to support our club, boost your breed, remember a friend and in some cases, a special trophy being offered can increase entries

Please welcome the following as new regular members:

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| Leah Lapierre 5707 Guess Road Rougemont, N. C. 27572 644-6658 | Suzanne Huges, DVM 3013 Ridge Road Durham, N. C. 27705 489-1367 | Laura Livingstone and Anthony Benson 3912 Inwood Drive Durham, N. C. 27705 383-3156 |
| Lucille Schreiner Route 1, Box 8 Castalia, N. C. 27816 459-2564 | Denise Paschal 8603 Union Grove Church Rd. Chapel Hill, N. C. 27516 968-6522 | |

PET EDUCATION NEWS, submitted by our Education Co-Ordinator, Sallie Cooper.

Attention Parents and/or Teachers: The American Kennel Club has available a FREE "Best Friends Kit", consisting of a video tape with a 6-minute segment for K-3 grade youngsters and a 10-minute segment for 4-6 grade youngsters. Lesson plans for K-3 and 4-6 are also included. The American Kennel Club (AKC) asks that all teachers who receive this kit complete a short evaluation form. If you, as parents, think that your child's teacher would be interested in this kit please have the teacher contact The American Kennel Club to the attention of the School Education Dept., Kathy Scully, 51 Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010.

Also---Pet Education Table at DKC Fall Show: Six volunteers are needed to staff the education table at our show on Saturday, October 23rd. This is not a difficult job, but people are needed to answer questions and to see that the table is kept stocked with the available free pamphlets. Call Sallie Cooper at 688-2814 if you are available to help during any of the following times. 9:00 to 11:00, 11:00 to 1:00 and 1:00 to 3:00.

4. The Gaines Obedience Classic will be held in Memphis, Tenn. on October 23rd and Mary Whorton asks if any of our members attending would be willing to help sell promotional items for the 1996 Gaines Regional that will be held in Raleigh. If you are available and able to help please call Mary at 471-1405.
5. The following should be of special interest to any of our members who feel they might have a dog that would be qualified to do search and rescue work or for any of our members who would just like to know more about this very worthwhile service.

The Durham Emergency Service is looking for additional dogs to add to their force of search and rescue dogs and would be most interested in considering and evaluating any breed, including mixed breeds. If you are interested in learning more about search and rescue, please contact Marlene Anton at 544-1456.

6. Thanks to Steve Wallis, AKC Delegate and to Anne Ocorr, Tailwagger's Delegate for the enclosed information and for keeping our membership so well informed. Your efforts on our behalf are appreciated.
7. At the time of this writing we understand that Ed Walthall is again in the hospital. We wish for Ed a speedy recovery and hope that by the time you receive this newsletter he will be at home and feeling better.

The following are animal facts passed on to us by the American Veterinary Medical Association, which your editor requested. These are shared with us at no charge.

Question: The raccoon population has greatly increased within our city limits. Can raccoons carry distemper and thus, be a threat to our dog?

Answer: In some areas of the country distemper and rabies have become epidemic among raccoons. Be suspicious of any lethargic or friendly acting raccoon and call the authorities immediately. Safeguard your dog by keeping vaccinations up-to-date.

Question: A newspaper article told about a dog dying of carbon monoxide poisoning. What signs would alert you that your dog has carbon monoxide poisoning?

Answer: Often a poisoned dog's muscles will twitch, it's gums will be cherry colored and it's temperature will rise and the dog will be weak. Get the dog into fresh air. If the dog stops breathing, begin artificial respiration and seek veterinary care immediately.

Question: We understand that chronic congestive heart failure is a common problem for elderly dogs. What are some of the signs of congestive heart failure?

Answer: Consult your veterinarian if you notice a persistent cough, an enlarged abdomen, labored breathing, lethargy, fainting, lack of stamina, a rapid heart rate or bluish-colored lips and gums. Treatment is available to make the dog more comfortable.

GEM OF THE DAY: Why can't life's hardest problems hit us when we are 16 and know everything?

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DINNER:

Our general membership meeting in October will be held on October 18, 1993 and will be preceded by a pot luck dinner. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. and everyone who plans to eat is asked to please bring a dish to share. It is our pleasure that our membership increases almost every month so do remember to be generous in the portions that you bring. In October the meat dish will be chili and the club will furnish beverages. A \$1.00 donation is requested to help cover the cost of the meat.

A reminder: This is a reminder that last year we instituted the policy of having our dog friends relax in their cars until everyone has finished eating or the program has begun, whichever comes first. Please note that there have been multiple requests that this policy continue to be in effect.

PROGRAM:

Our program, which will begin at 7:45 p.m., will be a presentation by Dr. Katherine Settle, DVM, from the Sanford Animal Clinic. Dr. Settle will speak to us on advances that are being made in canine reproduction, which is an area of special interest to her. Dr. Settle is a personal friend of many DKC members as well as a valued source of counsel on veterinary medicine and reproductive issues and she is always a welcome guest and speaker at our meetings. Please plan to attend and welcome her.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS: (Please take the time to read).

1. Apologies to Dolores Travis for referring to her as Gloria in the last newsletter. Your editor "goofed" in several areas last month. Proof-reading one's own typing often doesn't result in the desired degree of editing and errors are sincerely regretted, especially when names are involved.
2. It was mentioned at the last meeting that a pig-pickin' is being considered for the November meeting. Everyone interested in attending was asked to sign a sheet of paper indicating their plans to attend. Richard Perschel asks that everyone who signed that paper (and others who may not have been at the September meeting) be prepared at the October meeting to pay in advance. The cost for the pig-pickin' will be in the range of from \$3.00 to \$5.00, a bargain any way you slice it--or "pick it". The price, of course, is per person.
3. What a deal we have for you!! Sharon Pitz reports that DKC T-shirts and sweatshirts will be available at a special reduced price at the next two (October and November) meetings. T-shirts will be for sale at \$6.00 and sweatshirts for \$14.00. Your checks made out to the DKC are welcome, as is cash, and Sharon is the lady to see. These are very attractive shirts in a pretty blue color with the DKC logo and lettering in white.

AKC Delegate's Quarterly Report

A milestone of some importance was recently reached by the American Kennel Club. At the delegates meeting in June a resolution was adopted to create ten new committees. Through these new committees, the delegates will be able to effect a major change in the way AKC's policies are formulated. In the past AKC's Board of Directors appointed a few delegates to committees controlled by the Board, enabling them to effectively limit the formulation of policy to a small number of insiders. Now, a greater diversity of committees exist with members elected by the delegates. This allows the delegates a greater voice on a wider variety of matters and reduces the Board of Directors' autonomy.

At the meeting on September 14th, elections were held to fill ninety-two positions on these new committees. As there are over 450 delegates, I expected the more senior and well known delegates to be elected. So it came as a surprise that I was elected to serve on the committee on Constitution and By-Laws. This committee will over-see AKC's constitution and by-laws and will recommend changes to these governing documents as they are needed. I am looking forward to serving on this committee.

Several changes to the Rules Applying to Registration and Dog Shows were read at the September meeting. Most notable was a proposal to permit Group Clubs to hold shows at which championship points may be awarded. This proposal could improve the quality of judging and thus increase assignments for judges who are experts in one particular group, however it could also lessen the importance of all-breed shows like the DKC's, which in turn could result in lower entries and could possibly reduce the total number of all-breed shows held each year. Let me know which way you want me to vote on this.

Other changes proposed include changing the method of filing a protest at a show, and a change to the Beagle Field Trial rules. Also, an amendment governing the shifting of judging assignments due to overloads was adopted. Complete details are in the September and/or October issues of the Gazette. Next delegates meeting is on December 14, 1993. DKC member suggestions or comments should be given to me at the monthly meeting or call me at home (782-2558).

Best regards, Steve Wallis.

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More from AKC, passed on to you by our president, Stella Maunsell: A memo from AKC from James E. Dearing, Vice President in charge of Obedience states,

....."Until the new Obedience Regulations are issued please note that for dogs which measure less than 7½ inches at the withers, the height to be jumped is 8 inches".

July 30, 1993
Re: Jump Heights

The weekend of October 22nd and 23rd will be a very busy one for dog people in our area, with some very interesting activities to observe and participate in.

In addition to our club's fall show on Saturday, October 23rd, on Friday, October 22nd, at Quail Roost Farm on Route 501 in Rougemont, N. C. the Greyhound Club of American, Inc. will host it's 52nd National Specialty Show and Obedience Trial and Lure Coursing Trial. This is an unusual opportunity for those who have not seen a lure coursing trial and/or Greyhounds being shown in conformation and obedience to be a spectator at this special event. For those who have previously seen these activities, this is an opportunity to "enjoy again", right in our own backyard.

The conformation show and obedience trial will be held outdoors from 8:00 in the morning until the judging has been completed and the lure coursing trial, plus two certification tests, will begin at 2:00 p.m.

Quail Roost Farm is about 12½ miles north on 501 toward Roxboro. Be sure to turn in at the main entrance to Quail Roost Farm (not the Quail Roost Conference Center), which is on the left. Follow the signs to the show site.

Tail wagers Quarterly Meeting July 17, 1993

1. Mighty Match

The Mighty Match dates will be January 15 and 16. On the 16th will be the rare breeds show which will be reduced in size due to the number of rare breeds that have been accepted by the AKC. Because of this a number of dog club, educational, and family-oriented activities will also be scheduled on this day. These activities will be sponsored by dog clubs and other dog-related organizations in the state. Some of the activities being planned are flyball, agility, a sanctioned match, and a possible handling clinic. Also being planned are a pet show open to all dogs, regardless of ancestry, with judging based on the general health, grooming of the dog, and the owner's knowledge of good dog care practices; and a canine health clinic. The success of many of these ideas depends on the number of volunteers involved either individually or through clubs. The second day events would be a good opportunity for clubs, or other dog-related organizations, to make a little money and/or do a public service activity to educate the public. People or clubs interested in helping with an activity or sponsoring an activity on this day should get in touch with Engel Hicks of the Tar River Kennel Club, 919-977-7485. There will be 14 rings to rent. The ring rental cost for the 16th will be \$60 for half a day, \$100 for 1 ring, \$175 for 2 rings, and \$250 for 3 rings for a whole day.

Mighty Match activities on the 15th will be similar to those of the previous match. We would like to have a raffle but need to find someone willing to volunteer to head this up. Brona Hicks of the D.K.C. will again be doing the Canine Good Citizenship testing. Advertising in the Mighty Match catalog will again be available to clubs and individuals. The catalog will offer a stud directory page and a breeders page. The deadline for advertising is November 1. For more information contact Pat Babuin, Advertising Chair, 5001 Leadmine Road, Raleigh, N.C. 27612, Tel. 787-3631. Also, I have left some flyers with more information about advertising out at the club house. Anyone interested in helping with the Mighty Match should contact Mighty Match Chair, Susan Morehead at (919) 578-1076.

2. Legislative Issues

First, a correction on the Stamey Bill: this N.C. bill is designed to help fund spaying and neutering operations through local municipalities which may occur through local animal shelters, not to support the shelters, in general, as my previous report stated. At the time of the Tailwagers meeting, lobbyists for local governments were not in favor of the bill because of the required donation of a portion of local licensing fees to be used to cover the costs of spay and neutering operations. For more information, contact Steve Wallis, 782-2558.

3. Pure Breed Rescue

The Carolina Kennel Club is getting involved in pure breed rescue and wants the help of Tailwagers to set up a state wide network of people who will be willing to check out a potential home situation to see if it meets requirements. Tailwagger delegates were generally favorable but wanted to know more about what is involved. If you have any input on this please give me a call.

4. Next Meeting

The next Tailwagers meeting will be on October 16 at the Piedmont Kennel Club in Charlotte. The program will be on homeopathy.

Anne F. Ocorr
D.K.C. Tailwagers Deligate, 967-3263.

OF SPECIAL INTEREST •

PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society), Doris Day Animal League. These are only a few of the leading organizations in the animal rights movement today. Animal *RIGHTS*? It is confusing because they have all been thought of as animal *WELFARE* groups by the majority of the contributing public. Thousands of people have sent millions of dollars to them in the belief they were supporting the compassionate use and well-being of animals. What happened? Is this a new thing?

Not really. Although the takeover of moderate humane groups by the animal rights activists is a relatively recent occurrence in the United States, the philosophy of animal rights has been around for a long time. In the late 1800s, Edward B. Nicholson concluded in his contribution to the animal rights literature that "animals have the same abstract rights of life and personal liberty with man." In the same time frame, Henry S. Salt founded the Humanitarian League and published *Animal Rights Considered in Relation to Social Progress*. His philosophy went so far as to imply that humans and animals should and would ultimately participate together in a common government.

But throughout the 19th and most of the 20th century, these men were part of a small fringe of philosophers... sitting around their solitary campfires, thinking deep thoughts that were seldom understood by most people.

The people...the common man and legislators alike... were bringing into being the concept of animal welfare. Then, as now, animal welfare and animal rights were two entirely different things. The animal welfare movement concerned itself with improving the life of animals through humane treatment and responsible stewardship. They felt the animals were here for humans to use in the natural order of things: For food, for clothing, for pets, for work, for recreation, for research, but always our dominion over the animals was to be tempered with kindness and consideration for their comfort and well being. They felt man had an obligation by virtue of his higher position on the evolutionary scale to use that higher power for the good of all, humans and animals alike.

This welfare movement extended for a long time and the animal welfare organizations attained both power and money from their supportive members. They succeeded in getting many anti-cruelty laws passed and were instrumental in making life better for millions of animals. They moved the care and use of animals from the dark ages of neglect into the light of modern civilization...and this is the place where most of us find ourselves today. We care about animals. We care deeply. We do not want to see them treated cruelly. We do not want to see them destroyed in driftnets or released from a cage and shot from ten feet away by someone seeking an easy and riskfree trophy. We care about our dogs and cats; they are as much a part of our lives as other family members. We worked right alongside the animal welfare societies to alleviate cruelty and teach responsible care and use of our animals.

But in England, without our even being aware of it, something else was happening. There was a dark thundercloud rumbling on the horizon as the animal rights people stirred in

discontent. *It isn't welfare we want for the animals, they growled. The animals are EQUAL to humans, not subordinates...and equality demanded equal rights. Because they are equal, they intoned, we have no right to kill them, to eat them or to enslave them as research animals or to imprison them in our homes as pets.*

If you wouldn't do it to a human being, they warned, you should not do it to an animal. The rumblings became meaner and more threatening. The animal rights people were moving from the solitude of their individual campfires into small groups and the discontent that flowed between them fed on itself until it erupted into violence. In 1962, the Hunt Saboteurs Association was formed, followed in 1972 by the Band of Mercy, and followed in 1976 by the Animal Liberation Front...or as we know it today, ALF. The 80s saw a frightening change in the expression of the philosophy of the animal rights movement. It changed from the persuasive words used by thinkers to the warfare used by terrorists.(4)

Their agenda was not the humane treatment of animals. It was exactly what the name says: Animal Liberation. The freeing of animals from all dominion by man. Vegetarianism was...and is...the right of passage. Once a person could change his lifestyle not for health reasons but because he believed it was morally wrong to eat the flesh of animals, it is a simple step to acceptance of the total agenda that says all use of animals, for any reason, has to end. Forever.

The animal rights movement as we know it today is not a movement based on the love of animals. It is a moral and political issue that reverberates with hate by its leaders from those people who do not support the animal rights beliefs. It is a movement of fear and intimidation, and its leaders have only one goal: to force the rest of humanity to accept and live by the beliefs that only the animalists deem acceptable for the rest of the world. Your ideas and opinions do not matter to them. With a zealot's fanaticism, they came to the United States and found fertile soil for their seeds of hate.

In the early 1980s, except for the formation of PETA that was animal rights oriented from its inception, most of our animal welfare societies remained committed to animal welfare. But something new was in the wind. The polish and professionalism of big business in the United States was being studied carefully by the animalists. They needed money to carry on their work. Where was the money? In the animal welfare societies, that's where. And thus began a series of the slickest corporate takeovers in the history of the United States. One by one, the governing boards of the humane societies were subverted and taken over. One by one, the philosophy of the societies was gradually changed, swinging away from animal welfare and swinging toward animal rights. One by one, the bank accounts of those humane societies were turned away from helping the animals to promoting the money-raising campaigns of the animal rights leaders.

One such takeover is graphically detailed in an excerpt from "Who Will Live, Who Will Die?" by Katie McCabe, *The*

Washingtonian, August 1986. It says:

"Along with his lobbying efforts on national issues, McArdle (of the Humane Society of the United States..HSUS) coordinates and guides local humane societies into taking a more aggressive animal rights stance. On his desk during an interview is a letter from the Peninsula Humane Society in San Mateo, CA, one of the country's wealthiest organizations." (We will talk more about this San Mateo organization in a minute.)

"According to the December 18, 1985 *San Mateo Times*, a 'surprise coup' at the Society by local activists forced the resignation of the board's conservative members, one of whom said, 'I am resigning because I do not agree with the philosophy of the extreme activists.'

"The radicalization of local humane societies is a nationwide phenomenon. Says PETA's Ingrid Newkirk, 'Humane societies all over the country are adopting the animal rights philosophy (and are) becoming vegetarian.'"

We mentioned an agenda with an ultimate goal. The animalists have also set forth very specific sub-goals in which any success, no matter how small becomes another step toward the ultimate goal of total abolition. Read the agenda printed below. It was written by an animal rights activist and published in an animal rights magazine. It is the world they are in the process of legislating into existence. They have been telling us for years exactly what their goals are, but we weren't listening.

1. Abolish by law all animal research.
2. Outlaw the use of animals for cosmetic and product testing, classroom demonstration, and in weapons development.
3. Vegetarian meals should be made available at all public institutions, including schools.
4. Eliminate all animal agriculture.
5. No herbicides, pesticides or other agricultural chemicals should be used. Outlaw predator control.
6. Transfer enforcement of animal welfare legislation away from the Department of Agriculture.
7. Eliminate fur ranching and end the use of furs.
8. Prohibit hunting, trapping and fishing.
9. End the international trade in wildlife goods.
10. Stop any further breeding of companion animals, including purebred dogs and cats. Spaying and neutering should be subsidized by state and municipal governments. Abolish commerce in animals for the pet trade.
11. End the use of animals in entertainment and sports.
12. Prohibit the genetic manipulation of species.

(From: "Politics of Animal Liberation" by Kim Barlett, *The Animals Agenda*, November 1987)

These are not my words. They are the words of the animal rights activists themselves. THIS IS THE AGENDA the activists are seeking to legislate into our lives and yet, because they are so skillful in separating (in people's minds) the various parts of the agenda, most of us never see the total picture. The hunters think they are the target. The researchers think they are the target. The dog and cat owners are new to all this and are dismayed to find that they are the target. Even more difficult to understand is that there are one or more items of the agenda that many of us could agree with 'at least in part, and this is the key to the seductive premise of the movement. Work for one part of the agenda, even if you don't agree with it all, and you nonetheless enhance the chances of success for the entire movement.

"Whew! Heavy Stuff," you say. "But what does it have to do with me?"

EVERYTHING! Do you enjoy a steak now and then, or a roast chicken or a broiled trout, or an egg, or a glass of milk, or honey on your toast, or a bowl of Jell-O for dessert? The animalists would end the use of these things. (You are not a true animal rights person unless you are also a strict vegetarian, or even better, a vegan...according to their creed.) Do you like wearing your plaid wool coat, or leather belts and shoes, or silk scarves? The animalists would end the use of these things. (They say sheep are embarrassed when we shear their wool and it is immoral to kill silkworms to get their silk cocoons.) Do you inoculate your children with a vaccine developed through biomedical research? Do you hope research will find cures for cancer and AIDS? Do you live a better life because insulin, developed through animal research, now controls your diabetes? Are you alive because of heart surgery that was perfected through animal research? The animalists would end all such further research. Do you own a dog or a cat? The animalists would end such ownership because they feel we are keeping those dogs and cats in slavery for our own selfish purposes. Do you like to ride a horse? Do you take your children to the circus and zoo? Do you enjoy an exciting rodeo or horseshow or horse race? Do you hunt? Do you fish? The animalists would end all these things.

In fact, they are already doing it through oppressive legislation, through terrorist attacks that include firebombings and the wrecking of laboratories, and through laws that sound "good for the animals," but are actually eroding away the rights of human beings. Our freedom of choice is being legislated away; the animal rights beliefs are, step by step, being legislated into our lives by law.

"Can't happen," you say? "Too far out," you say? Let me tell you, it IS happening. Now. And has been happening, little by little, for years. If you don't believe so, ask the biomedical researchers who have been hit with so many new, restrictive laws (introduced by the activists) and so much terrorism (by the activists) that continuing their research will cost us all billions more than it should. Or ask the McDonald's restaurant owners who were the object of terrorist threats and harassment because they dared sell hamburgers and chicken. In one instance the terrorists went so far as to leave live bombs in trash cans while the restaurants were full of customers. (5) Or ask the outdoorsmen who have been fighting for years to keep their right to hunt and fish from being taken away from them. And now it is happening to the owners of dogs and cats who are seeing oppressive legislation being proposed all over the country that would limit and eventually eliminate the reproduction and ownership of such animals.

The attack against the ownership of pets is being hidden under the guise of a pet overpopulation problem, under the emotional sword of all those puppies and kittens being killed at shelters all over the country. But what you see and hear is not the truth. You see what the activists *want* you to see...and the key called "emotion" is turned on in your brain.

"Millions of dogs and cats are killed every year in our shelters," the animalists cry. "It is an exploding problem that is getting worse and can only be brought under control by high license fees, breeding bans and mandatory spay/neuter laws!" they insist. And then they show you pictures of barrels of dead dogs and cats in your newspaper (as was done in San Mateo, CA. and in Seattle, WA.) and they kill dogs on television (as was done in San Mateo and in Seattle) with the excuse, "They were going to do it anyway. We just thought it was time the public saw

it." When questioned by Ken Schram on the Seattle T.V. "Town Meeting", Mitchell Fox of PAWS (Progressive Animal Welfare Society) insisted that killing the dogs on television was an effective form of education.(6)

This is what they show you. This is what turns on the key of emotion and gets that animal rights machine moving. What they do NOT tell you is that caring, concerned people in the world...animal welfare people, through low-cost spay/neuter contracts, responsible owners through responsible stewardship of their pets...have already made a difference. A tremendous difference. They do NOT tell you that in 1980, 20 million dogs and cats were killed in our shelters but in 1990 the figure had plummeted to 2.3 million with the numbers continuing to go downward even now.(7)

From 20 million to 2 million in 10 years!

Obviously, the animalists realized they had to get their campaign going now or else in a few more years, there would be nothing to point at in order to turn on that emotional key. The onslaught against our pets is well-planned, well-organized and well-financed, and it has left the nation reeling in disbelief. "Take away our dogs and cats?" you stutter nervously. "They can't do that. All those ads we see and letters-to-the-editors we read...they say the breeding bans are meant to end the overpopulation problem caused by puppy mills and irresponsible breeders. At least I think that is what they mean. I take good care of my pets. Those laws don't have anything to do with me."

I have only one response: Think again.

Let's let Ingrid Newkirk of PETA explain it. At least she doesn't beat around the bush about the goal to end the ownership of pets. She has said: Pet ownership is an "absolutely abysmal situation brought about by human manipulation." (8) She also says, "I don't use the word 'pet'. I think it's speciesist language. I prefer 'companion animals'. For one thing, we would no longer allow breeding... There would be no pet shops. If people had companion animals in their homes, those animals would have to be refugees from the animal shelters and the streets. You would have a protective relationship with them, just as you would an orphaned child. But as the surplus of dogs and cats...declined, eventually COMPANION ANIMALS WOULD BE PHASED OUT and we would return to a more symbiotic relationship...ENJOYMENT FROM A DISTANCE." (Emphasis mine.) *Harpers Magazine*, August 1988.

Think about those words. "We would no longer allow breeding..." The breeding bans impose this restriction. Those animals in our homes "would have to be refugees from the animal shelters..." The breeding bans, if carried across the country the way the activists are trying to do, would eliminate the breeders of purebred dogs and cats. Therefore, the only dogs and cats left available to the public would have to be from the shelters.

There is one part of these breeding bans that Newkirk does not spell out in this particular speech, but it is a very real part of the animalists' agenda. The breeding bans also call for the mandatory sterilization of all dogs and cats. The activist will try to convince you that breeding will still be allowed...all you have to do is buy a breeding license. This, however, doesn't apply only to those people commonly thought of as breeders. Most ordinances define *any unneutered animal* as a "breeding animal" whether that animal ever reproduces or not, and you therefore MUST buy a breeding license in addition to the regular license. Oh, and by the way, you can buy that "breeding license" (at an exorbitant price) so your pet will be legal; but only until the

breeding ban is put into effect, at which time no more breeding permits will be issued. Guess what, folks! Your legally unaltered pet is now illegal because you can't get that "breeding license". Surprise, they aren't giving them out anymore. And now every dog and cat in the jurisdiction of that ordinance must be spayed or neutered BY LAW. (9) Maybe you can tell me...what is left to reproduce after this is all over, folks?

"Not so!" the activists protest. "That's nonsense. We love animals. Look at the millions we have adopted out over the years. We don't want to eliminate pets. We just want to stop killing them."

Don't you believe them! Look again at Newkirk's quote. We humans would be the "caretakers", the "guardians" of those shelter animals...animal rights people always show you their "companions" that they have rescued...but only until such time as THERE ARE NO MORE. The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has a prophetic motto these days: "Until there are none, adopt one."

There is an old cliché: Figures lie and liars use figures. Gross exaggeration has always been a tool of the animalists. It has been wielded against biomedical researchers with regularity. For instance, the director of the Washington D.C. office of the National Anti-Vivisection Society has stated that medical research uses 70 million animals a year. He acknowledges that his figure is too high, but claims he uses it in order to force opponents to refute it. The real number of laboratory animals used is 17 to 22 million per year, and although the activists have manipulated the public's perception into believing most all the animals are chimps, monkeys, dogs and cats, in reality 90 percent are rodents. (10)

Not surprisingly, we find the same deception being used by the activists in their fight to end what they call the "slavery" of our pets. San Mateo, California was the first county in the country to enact a breeding ban and mandatory spay/neuter ordinance. (This is the same San Mateo mentioned earlier, describing the Peninsula Human Society takeover.) The demand for the ordinance was primarily fueled by the activists cry, "10,000 healthy but abandoned dogs and cats were killed in San Mateo County last year." (11) Predictably, an outraged and uninformed public recoiled in horror as the key named "emotion" was turned on and they demanded that something be done. The activists were only too happy to oblige, and the ordinance became law. Imagine, however, the shock the task force felt when they later went through the shelter records and found out what the horrific figure really represented. One thing should be kept in mind: There will always be those animals at the shelters for which, sad as the truth may be, euthanization is the only moral or ethical choice. Those animals are not "healthy but abandoned", but are, in fact, "unadoptable" because of extreme age, injury, disease, incorrigible behavior (i.e. aggression) or owner-requested euthanasia.

The task force tabulated the figures and found the following break-down:

6,500 cats were *unadoptable*
800 cats were homeless
1,470 dogs were *unadoptable*
268 dogs were homeless
9,038 Total

As in all their propaganda, the animalists had manipulated the public into thinking these were mainly 10,000 healthy adoptable dogs killed, when, in reality, the number of truly adoptable dogs was only 268. (12)

A year later, when finally given the correct information

instead of the animal rights' distorted propaganda, the San Mateo Board of Supervisors overturned and struck down the breeding ban and mandatory spay/neuter laws. By then, however, the damage was already done. Everyone in the country had heard about the ordinance going on the books; very few ever learned that the breeding ban and mandatory spay/neuter part of it had been repealed. In the meantime, the animalists exploded their campaign all across the United States, touting the "foresight" of San Mateo as their flagship. At the time this is being written (August 1992) there have been over 100 municipalities across the country hit by the animal rights activists demanding breeding bans, or at the very least, a new and extremely expensive licensing fee structure for unaltered animals that would eventually accomplish the same goal: The end of unaltered pet dogs and cats.

In their nation-wide onslaught against the ownership of pets, the animalists are using the same tactics as was used in San Mateo, voicing the same questionable figures, using the same media hype, turning on the key of emotion with the same pornographic litany of death. (14)

Then there is the confusing duplicity of the animal rights movement. PETA solicits donations from caring people by promising that no animal will be turned away, that they are there to help the animals. Last year it came to light that PETA had killed 32 animals at its "sanctuary", 18 rabbits and 14 roosters. The rabbits had been "rescued" from a schoolroom and the roosters were confiscated from a private home. Ingrid Newkirk of PETA explained the killing by saying, "We will not overcrowd our animals. We really didn't have anything else to do. And so euthanasia was carried out with a great deal of concern." (15)

There is yet another example; this time from the Humane Society of the United States. HSUS, like all animal rights organizations, is adamantly opposed to research that uses animals. Interestingly enough, HSUS is funding the studies of two chemical sterilants for use in the sterilization of dogs and cats. The research will include the killing and dissecting of about 40 cats and 59 dogs. (16)

Truly, the animal rights movement is the mother of deception in its most calculating and premeditated form. It takes a while to absorb the ramifications of all this, doesn't it? It takes time to recover from the stunned disbelief most of us feel when first faced with the total concept of this sinister movement. It takes time to shake off the overwhelming feeling of helplessness that sinks in with the understanding of the power of the many-tentacled animal rights machine. It takes time.

But with time, understanding begins to grow and with understanding comes the realization that animal rights is definitely not concerned with animal welfare. Its concern is with the advancement of its political and moral agenda. Nothing more and certainly nothing less.

"But what happens to the animals?" people are beginning to ask. "The activists don't want bigger cages; they want empty cages. They don't want better care of the animals in our meat industry; they want no meat industry. They don't want more responsible care for the dogs and cats in our homes; they want no animals in our homes. What about the animals?"

That question accurately reflects the true tragedy of this movement. To the radical leaders, the animals' welfare doesn't matter. To them, neither do the wants and desires of humans who do not embrace their goals. If this movement succeeds, what a sorry state life will be: The end of the human-animal bond, replaced by "enjoyment from a distance."

This is what has angered compassionate people the most. This is what hurts the animals the most. As people, first by the hundreds and then by the thousands, discover for themselves the true meaning of the animal rights movement, they stop supporting it with their money, their letters, their help. Most caring, thinking people find they could never support the extremists' goals and so they turn away, with pain in their hearts because they find they no longer have a means through which to help the animals anymore. Where do caring people who still want to help animal welfare turn? There are still a few animal welfare organizations that have not succumbed to the animal rights movement, but they are hard to find and even harder to know for sure that their governing boards are not in the process of being taken over by the animalists. It is a sad state of affairs with everyone losing, animals and humans alike. Will the compassionate, moderate people who work for the animal rights movement finally come to understand the hidden agenda of their extremist leaders and, realizing, the damage being done, will they rise up and rebel? Will those of us who are truly concerned about animal welfare find the courage to stand up and expose the hidden agenda to the world? Will we be strong enough and quick enough to turn back the tidal wave of animal rights legislation that is already looming in front and towering over us?

I don't know the answers to those questions. DO YOU?

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