

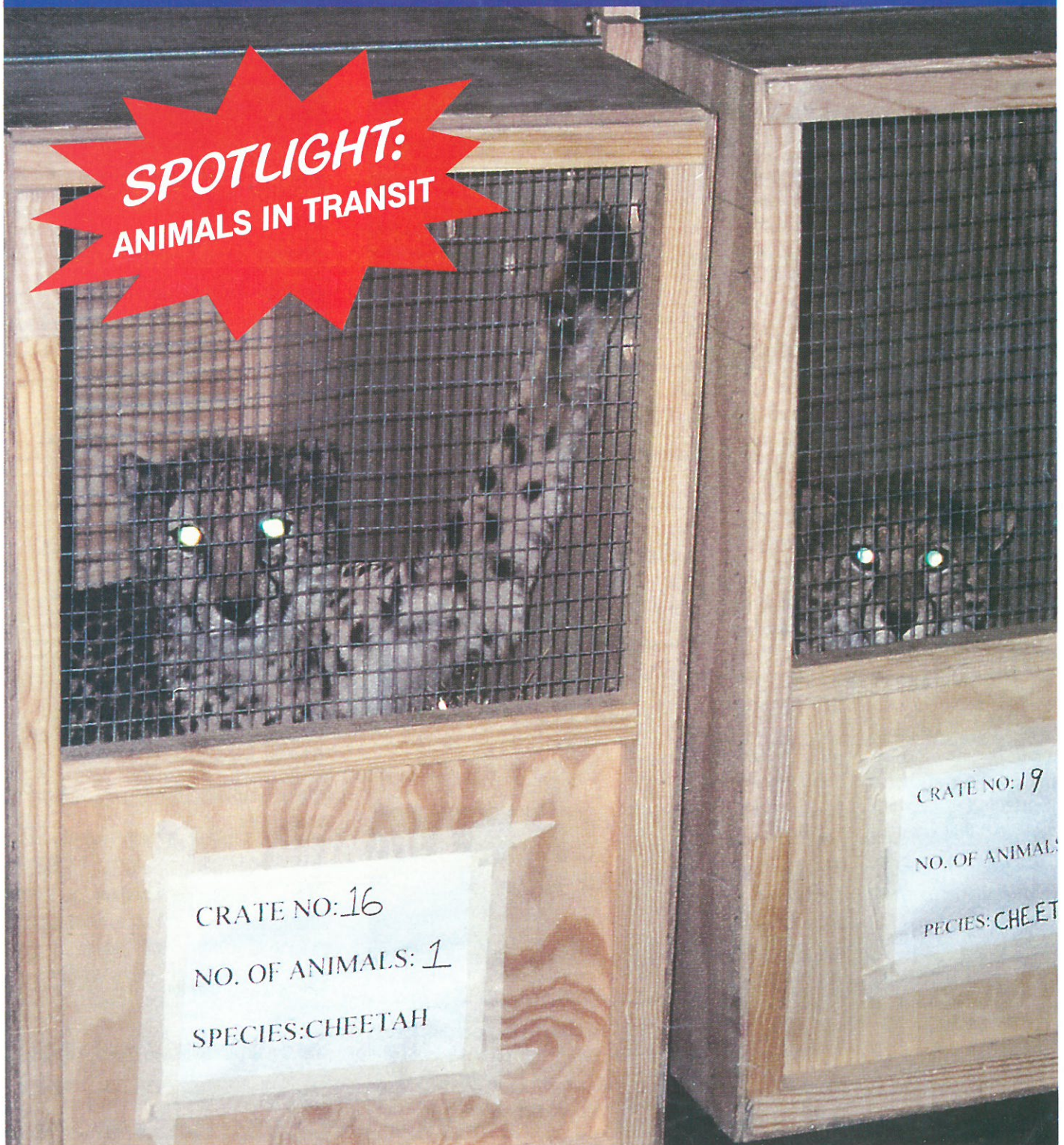
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Dear Readers,

As the new millennium approaches, the urgency to give animals a new status in the world has quickened its pace.

In order to promote the momentum, we have launched this, our new magazine, which we trust will fulfil the important role of keeping Southern Africans abreast of all the many facets of the animal struggle. And, by being well-informed, your role in helping to bring about change, can never be overstated.

Education is one of our greatest tools in alleviating the terrible plight of animals. Let us inform ourselves and our children, and with this knowledge, let us unite as Southern Africans, one and all, in the common cause of decency towards all life.

There is a perception that Africa – from the Cape to Cairo – does not care about the well-being of animals. We need to drastically change this perception. South Africa astonished the world once, with its peaceful transition to democracy. Let us astonish the world once again by showing, by word and deed, that, as a nation, we care wholeheartedly for the well-being of our animals and that we insist on reform.

We wish to thank everyone who helped, in whatever way, to make this journal possible. If tomorrow's animals are better off than those of today, you must know that you had a hand in it.



Marcelle French,
Executive Director, NSPCA

Let us pledge together, that living as an animal in Southern Africa in the 21st Century will be a far, far better experience than it was for the colossal majority of animals in the 20th.

Yours, with ubuntu and diere-liefde,

Marcelle French

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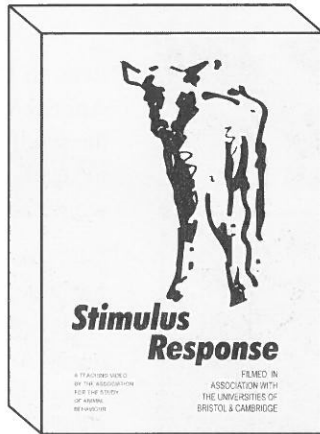
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GUIDES ON THE ETHICAL TREATMENT OF FARM ANIMALS BECOME AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AS FROM 1998

Thousands of children to be sensitised to the need to treat animals with respect.

VIDEOS and ACTIVITY BOOKS promoting humane farming of animals will be made available to schools throughout Southern Africa this year

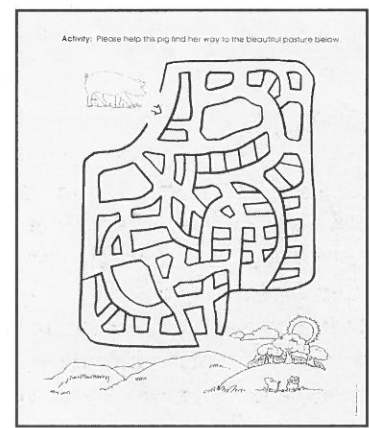


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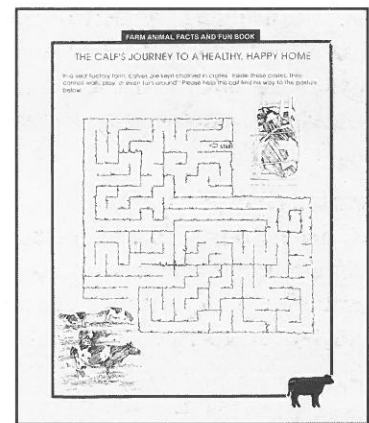
There are two videos: "LET'S ASK THE ANIMALS" is aimed at primary school children and comes with a worksheet for the educator on how to use the video. It presents a captivating insight into the lives, needs and behaviours of farm animals, delighting the viewer with astounding feats of animal intelligence. The second video, "STIMULUS RESPONSE", aimed at senior schools, is directly relevant to the matric syllabus and

an invaluable resource to biology and science teachers. In fascinating footage, farm animals demonstrate the five

steps of stimulus response and reveal social behaviour, reaction to environment and learning processes from simple habituation to observational learning. Both videos are produced by The Association for the Study of Animal Behaviour in the UK.



Level I



Level II

The activity books are available in two levels. Level I is for Grades 1 and 2, and Level II is for Grades 3 and 4.



ROZ DE MUYNK, head of Edumedia. Says Roz: "Children are exposed to so much unkindness and violence, that there has to be a re-education of children to revere life, especially in this country after the traumatic events of our past. Children need to be taught tenderness towards every living thing – whether it's a tree, animal or another person. These new education tools are excellent and fit beautifully into the life-skills learning area."



PATRICIA JANTJES, head of Edumedia's Production Facility. Says Patricia: "These new education tools are a wonderful resource for use in the classroom and absolutely ideal for theme work. They give a new dimension to animals – a new understanding – and as far as I know our schools have never been exposed to anything similar before now. It is terribly important that we make our children aware that animals are to be cherished."

NOTE TO PARENTS AND TEACHERS: PLEASE ENSURE THAT THE SCHOOLS WITH WHICH YOU ARE ASSOCIATED, ARE AWARE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THESE VIDEOS AND ACTIVITY BOOKS. See overleaf for prices and how to obtain them.

PRICE LIST

VIDEOS

Stimulus Response (aimed at high schools) = R27,00 plus p&p

Let's Ask the Animals (aimed at primary schools) = R25 plus p&p

ACTIVITY BOOKS

The Humane Farming Education Programme, Level 1 (Grades 1 and 2) = R6 plus p&p

The Humane Farming Education Programme, Level 11 (Grades 3 and 4) = R8 plus p&p

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EDUMEDIA supplies education aids at cost (plus postage) to schools throughout South Africa and neighbouring countries. Catalogues of print, audio and video products are available on request.

HOW HAVE WE NEGLECTED THE MINDS OF OUR CHILDREN?



This little puppy – one of many – was sold for 20c, when just a couple of days old, by children standing on the side of the main road in Gordon's Bay. In another incident in Somerset West children nailed a puppy to a tree by its ears.

"Thus godlike sympathy grows and thrives and spreads far beyond the teachings of churches and schools, where too often the mean, blinding, loveless doctrine is taught that animals have neither mind nor soul, have no rights that we are bound to respect, and were made only for man, to be petted, spoiled, slaughtered, or enslaved." – John Muir, 'The Story of My Boyhood and Youth.'

"How can we speak of right and justice if we take an innocent creature and shed its blood? Every kind of killing seems to me savage and I find no justification for it." – Isaac Bashevis Singer

"ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS IN SCHOOLS SHOULD BE FORBIDDEN" -

Dr W A de Klerk of the Medical University of Southern Africa

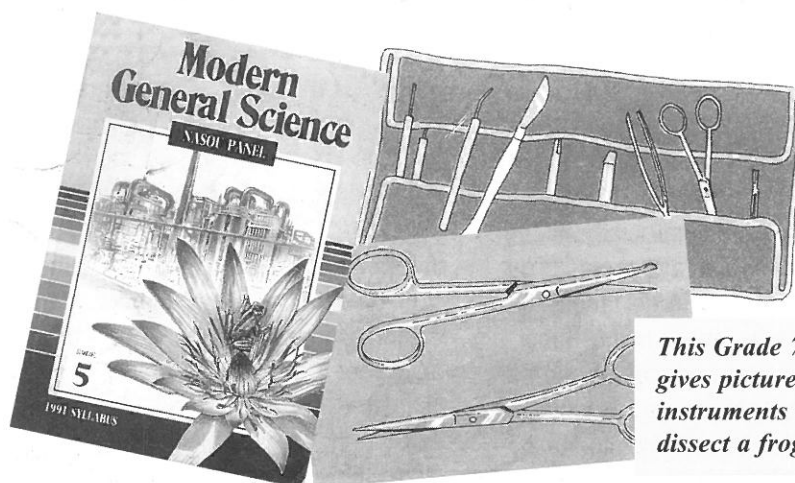
A troubled 12-year-old schoolboy approached Animal Voice recently to ask how he could avoid taking part in the dissection of goldfish and frogs, which had been incorporated into his Grade 7 science syllabus this year. He explained that he felt too much respect for those little

lives to have them killed for his sake. Animal Voice was shocked to learn that the goldfish and frogs were to be frozen to death in a freezer, upon which they would be dissected.

Dr W A de Klerk, director of Medunsa Laboratory Animal Centre and President of the South African Association for Laboratory Animal Science, said: "I know of no legislation prohibiting the dissection of animals in schools and future legislation should forbid animal experiments in schools." He added that he was aware that some research institutions supplied schools with euthanased animals for dissection.

A spokesperson for the NSPCA, said: "In this day and age when every conceivable high-resolution graphic image of animal dissection is available in books and computers, virtual reality is literally at our finger-tips. Teachers need to impress upon their pupils the *value* of life, not how easy it is to use and discard."

The NSPCA intends to follow up on this at government level. See our next issue for progress.



This Grade 7 text book gives pictures of the instruments needed to dissect a frog.



Aerial view...

These ostriches, 400 in all, had already travelled, without water, for 36-hours from Oudtshoorn. Seen here, they were about to embark on the second leg of their journey, a two-week-long roll on the high seas, packed aboard the German-owned container ship *Diamond Land*. Their destination: Lisbon. They left Table Bay on 7th January, partitioned two by two into 1m x 2m pens. The flooring made no provision for drainage. At the request of the NSPCA, Maria Emilia Duarte of the Portuguese Society for Animal Rights, agreed to meet the container ship on its arrival at Lisbon on 21st January. She reported that the condition of the ostriches was "as good as possible under the conditions." However, she said, the Belgian farm owner

The Second Leg of their Journey

who had imported them would be subject to a fine as Portuguese law prohibits the transport of animals by sea except from the islands of Madeira and Azores. She added that the Belgian owner had applied for an import permit for the ostriches by ship on at least three previous occasions and had been turned down. His most recent request was made once the ostriches were already at sea. Ms Duarte said the ostriches now faced a further long journey, to a breeding farm in Alentejo in the South of Portugal.

The NSPCA, commented that it was noteworthy that in the interests of animal welfare, the Portuguese government would allow the transport of animals only by air.



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ORDINARY PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD ARE
FINDING THEIR OWN SENSE OF WELL-BEING IS
DESTROYED BY THE SUFFERING OF ANIMALS.

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Dassies sell for R280 each at game auctions.



Forced off the ramp at the abattoirs

SA CATTLE TRAVEL 3500 KMS BY SEA TO SLAUGHTER

The NSPCA calls for an urgent moratorium on the export of all live animals for slaughter



PERMITS for the export of cattle to Mauritius for slaughter are being issued by South African authorities

with no conditions or specifications regarding the welfare of the animals.

The journey takes 5 to 7 days in often harrowing weather and inadequate holding conditions.

Says Marcelle French, executive director of the NSPCA: "We totally oppose the export of food animals to any country for the purposes of slaughter. It is an archaic system, easily replaced by refrigerated carcasses.

"If it is necessary to transport animals overseas at all, the transportation should be undertaken by air and, in our opinion, should involve only animals for breeding purposes."

She added: "It is our belief that the government has erred in permitting animals to travel with no stipulations relevant to their welfare. They are clas-

sified as mere 'goods'. It is for this reason that we have called upon Minister of Agriculture, Mr Derek Hanekom to place a moratorium on all exports of live animals for slaughter."

WHAT KIND OF DEATH AWAITS THE CATTLE?

The animals are roped and dragged into the slaughter area. They have a chain tied to one of their legs and are partially hoisted into the air to restrain them. The head is pulled back and the throat cut with no pre-stunning. The animal is then hoisted up in the air, and hangs there until it dies.

DO THEY SUFFER FROM SEA SICKNESS?

The NSPCA has discussed this with veterinary experts and believes they do.

HALF A MILLION ANIMALS PASSED THROUGH JOHANNESBURG INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN 1997

The international trade in animals has also taken to the skies with 500 000 animals, including birds, cattle, wildlife and poultry, passing through Johannesburg International Airport alone.

The NSPCA has lobbied the Airports Company to improve its handling and holding facilities and believes there is now an urgent need to establish a permanent animal welfare office at all airports.

NSPCA condemns the system of 'open permits' which enables an exporter to hold any species of animal for as long as he/she wishes, until a buyer is found.



Crates containing 30 giraffe are seen here in the hold of a Boeing 747 before being flown to China.

SPOTLIGHT: ANIMALS IN TRANSIT

DOES SOUTH AFRICA REALLY WANT TO BE KNOWN AS THE COUNTRY WHICH SUPPLIES THE WORLD WITH PRIMATES FOR EXPERIMENTATION?

(Baboons and monkeys are exported to foreign laboratories for undisclosed sums of money. In 1997, 140 primates were exported for experimentation)

FOR 12 years Pat O'Neill of Somerset West has run a sanctuary for orphaned baboons, dedicating her life to baby baboons whose mothers have been shot by farmers or captured for research.

Now, she has collected hundreds of signatures for presentation to Environment Minister Dr Pallo Jordan, urging him not to allow any more South African primates to be sent to overseas laboratories.

"Baboons have all the human emotions. They are amazing animals," says Pat. "Female baboons are incredibly maternal. It is simply heartbreaking to think of these animals being separated from their families like this and their babies being taken from them. It is unbearable to think it is going on.

"We implore Minister Pallo Jordan, as our Minister of the Environment, not to let it happen. The world has become very sen-



Pat O'Neill, with some of her orphans

sitised to animal cruelty. Does South Africa really want the reputation of being the country which supplies animals for experimentation? For all our sakes, we urge Minister Jordan to ban this trade in suffering and misery."

PRIMATES IN SOUTH AFRICAN LABORATORIES

Within the last two years permits were issued for the holding of 299 baboons and vervet monkeys in experimentation laboratories at the Medical Research Council at Tygerberg, the University of Stellenbosh, the Biomedical Resource Centre at the University of Durban-Westville and the Centra Lab Animal Services in Gauteng. This list is not complete.

SURGEONS TRANSPLANT MONKEYS' HEADS

Surgeons in the USA have transplanted monkeys' heads, according to The Argus, November 8/9 1997.

Professor Robert White, head of neurology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, is quoted as saying: "We are talking about an operation that could be done on humans. Whether it should be done is another question."

The breakthrough in the 20-year project was achieving respiration in the transplanted heads.

TORTURED MONKEYS TO ORBIT THE EARTH IN SEPTEMBER

Monkeys are allegedly scheduled to orbit the earth for a fortnight in September as part of a joint Russian and American space study on weightlessness. In preparation for the orbit the monkeys have had electrodes implanted in their brains, muscles and abdomens. The wires are threaded under the skin and exit through a hole in their backs. Wire coils are sown to their eyeballs, their tails are cut off to accommodate the chairs in which they sit and they are strapped down by the arms and legs to render them immobile for the orbit. An American veterinarian who saw the monkeys at the Russian laboratories, called their conditions "draconian".



*Death where art thou? -
Ceramic art by Barbara de Waal
of Wilderness*



SOUTH AFRICAN AUTHOR TACKLES VIVISECTION FROM A CHILD'S POINT OF VIEW

Well-known author **Janie Oosthuysen** has joined a growing trend world-wide and placed animal rights firmly on the shelves of South African book stores. Her latest offering, 'Professor ExPerimento's Frightening Formulas', published by Human and Rousseau, is aimed at children aged 10 and up and takes a zany, up-beat look at the need to bring an end to animal experimentation.

Says Janie: "About nine years ago I heard about the campaign against battery farming of chickens. At the time I thought the campaign was a little eccentric. But it started the ball rolling for me. I began reading books on animal rights and they affected me tremendously. Today I ardently support the need for animal rights and 'Professor ExPerimento' is a result of the awakening of my consciousness in this regard."

Janie says she decided to build her story around rats in a laboratory. "We, as humans, have elevated ourselves with the notion that we are 'fallen angels' when in fact, we are 'risen apes'. We feel so superior. We just assume that we have the right to treat animals like objects. It's really sick. I chose to write about rats specifically because they are so disregarded by our society, so dispensable in people's minds, whereas they are very sociable and intelligent creatures and are a lot like ourselves."

Janie worked on 'Professor ExPerimento' for about three years. "I had to get it onto a child's level, strip-

ping it of many of the technicalities, while still being true to a laboratory environment," she says.

Aldre Lategan, children's book editor for Human and Rousseau, says 'Professor ExPerimento' was chosen for publication "primarily because the author's style is popular, but the fact that it revolved around animal rights was also appealing to us," she said.

'Professor ExPerimento's Frightening Formulas' is available in both English and Afrikaans at leading book stores or directly from Human and Rousseau, Telephone: 021 251280. Price R24,95.



Illustrations by Piet Grobler

Setting the Researchers free - along with the rats

An Extract from Professor ExPerimento's Frightening Formulas:

"Albert! What's happening?" Samara whispers urgently. "I've closed the lab," Albert says simply. Samara beams. Her heart sings. "THEN EVERYONE IS INDEED FREE!!" she says.

"When we open our doors again" Albert continues, "we will use cell cultures, computer models and human volunteers. Experimenting on animals is out! It is evil." He frowns. "After all, we are civilised.... Aren't we?"

Tears streaming down her cheeks, Ruth grabs Albert's hands in hers.

"This is wonderful, Professor! I feel like a new person!! At last I can say, with pride: 'I am a researcher!' I too have been set free, Professor!!!!"

AIDS PATIENTS SAY "NO" TO CRUEL ANIMAL TESTING

A video, allegedly showing animal testing of a new immune system booster, so distressed viewers at an Aids meeting in Johannesburg recently, that they demanded the screening be halted.

"The video was stopped because it was just too distressing to see animals being used for tests like that," said one source who did not wish to be named.

According to the source, the video, shown last November, involved the testing of a new herbal medication on rats at a South African university.

Mr Peter Busse, director of the National Association of People with Aids, in Gauteng, told *Animal Voice* that he had not seen the video nor been aware of it having been screened. However, asked for comment, he said: "Any testing of drugs conducted on animals has to be controlled by strict ethical guidelines and any testing which involves cruelty or unnecessary suffering to the animals involved is unacceptable."

American Aids patient, James Brown, was quoted in Peta's *Animal Times* recently, as saying: "I've been living with Aids for eight years and my dog Daisy has stood by me through the worst times of my disease.... When people ask me what they can do to help fight Aids, I tell them to give to a charity that doesn't test on animals."

In an article entitled "None but the Brave", Time magazine reported in its October 6 1997 issue that a group of 50 doctors, nurses and health advocates were willing to have themselves injected to test the safety of an aids vaccine. The article stated that tests on chimpanzees had been going on for a year but "there is no way to determine how effective a vaccine is in humans without putting some humans at risk."

ANIMAL WELFARE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

HOW DO WE GO ABOUT PUTTING THINGS RIGHT?

LAW RELATING TO ANIMALS

by Simon Brooman and Dr Debbie Legge.
Published by Cavendish Publishing Ltd (1997).

As the 21st century approaches, the urgency many of us feel to establish a new world order for animals, has gained strength and momentum. In an acclaimed new book, LAW RELATING TO ANIMALS, two law lecturers from the UK's Liverpool John Moores University, examine the issues from a legal point of view and identify ways in which we can satisfy this moral imperative. For example:

❑ The legal definition of murder incorporates the unlawful killing of a ra-

tional and reasonable being. In the light of changes in our knowledge regarding the rationality of animals, should the definition of murder now include the higher primates?

❑ Should governments appoint a Minister for Animals whose sole portfolio would be the welfare of animals? Such a ministry could be pro-active in creating change and would not need to compromise in order to meet the demands of humanocentric pressure groups.

❑ Should a system of *guardianship* be employed for the protection of pets? A guardian would be responsible for providing care and custody of the animals as well as for taking or defending any legal actions. Thus, *guardianship*

would extend legal rights to pets. Through their guardians, dogs and cats would be able to sue for their own injuries and the wrong-doer would be faced not only with criminal penalties but also with civil liability including medical expenses and damages for pain and suffering. In addition, *guardianship* would have the psychological effect of making humans aware that animals are legitimate members of society who will receive real protection under the law.

LAW RELATING TO ANIMALS costs 31.95 pounds sterling (including postage to SA). Order directly from Cavendish Publishing Ltd, The Glass House, Wharton Street, London WC1X 9PX. Fax: 0944 171 278 8000.

PIGS ARE "AT LEAST AS CLEVER AS CHIMPANZEES"

Professor Stanley Curtis of Pennsylvania University, says that through the use of video games, pigs are showing themselves to be "at least as clever as chimpanzees."



Curtis says his work with pigs questions the snobbish assumption that humans are somehow special. "We knew chimps were also special, but we excused that because they were closely related. But these pigs learnt the fundamental operation of a joystick-operated video game as quickly as the fastest chimps."

For more on this story as well as updates on Oprah, who appeared in a civil court for having offended the Texas cattle industry, and a comprehensive overview of animal welfare in South Africa, tap into website: www.animals.co.za

ETHICAL INVESTMENT

Ethical investment is one of the buzz-words of the nineties and it's to be found in South Africa, as long as you're talking about ethics as it affects humans only. For example, investments which do not support the tobacco or alcohol industries etc. are available.

But the moment you mention you wouldn't want to invest in factory farming or laboratory experimentation either, investment advisers are at a loss.

Not so in the UK where the Ethical Investment Research Service publishes a comprehensive guide for potential investors who want their investments to reflect the full range of their ethical concerns.

Says **Wayne Visser**, environmental business consultant: "The true value (of ethical investment) is in directing money towards the fulfillment of social and environmental goals which usually get underfunded in the marketplace. Their returns may not be short term financial profits... Instead, their legacy may be a better world for future generations to live in.... Ethical

investment may be the very vehicle we need to keep business accountable and responsible."

BRITISH HIGH COURT JUDGE CASTIGATES THE MCDONALD'S CORPORATION



As McDonalds fast food outlets mushroom all over South Africa, potential patrons need to know that a British high

court judge, Mr Justice Bell, recently found the McDonalds Corporation culpably responsible for cruel practices towards some of the animals used to produce their food, and in particular towards laying hens and broiler chickens. CLARE DRUCE, founder of the Farm Animal Welfare Network, was called as an expert witness in what has become known as the McLibel case. She comments: "It is highly significant that Justice Bell has ruled that practices which dominate today's poultry industry are cruel and that he has recognized that the profit motive is being put above any considerations for animal welfare."

NSPCA in ACTION

Our mission is to prevent cruelty to animals – education being our main focus



NSPCA CLIMBS ABOARD THE HEALTH TRAIN

The NSPCA has joined the ride on Transnet's Health Train which travels to remote areas of South Africa dispensing expert medical care to rural communities. Now NSPCA education pamphlets and videos have become part of the journey and are distributed at all destinations.

RABBITS

The screening on national television of a video on how to kill rabbits brought a deluge of complaints to the NSPCA office. After watching the footage, the NSPCA impounded the videos and is liaising with the relevant authorities about incorporating animal welfare in any future self-help feeding scheme projects.

OSTRICH FEATHERS

The pre-plucking of live ostriches before slaughter has been stopped. Harvesting of ripe feathers only is carried out now by trained personnel at certain ostrich abattoirs which have been authorised by the NSPCA. In addition the ripe feathers are clipped and not plucked.

SLAUGHTER IN THE SUBURBS

The informal slaughtering of animals in urban areas is becoming widespread. Reverend Frank Chikane, President Mandela's advisor on such issues, agreed to meet the NSPCA and expressed sympathy for its concerns regarding the welfare of the animals involved. However, he said he believed the issue would be resolved only with education, time and through peaceful negotiations. He suggested that where informal slaughter occurred, the NSPCA discuss its concerns with the people involved and suggest feasible alternatives.

A major step forward in this regard took place over the festive season when the SPCA in King William's Town was requested by five families to humanely stun cattle prior to slaughtering.

DOG FIGHTING

South African Police Services members have been implicated in illegal dog fighting. Investigation continues.

RODEOS

The NSPCA put a halt to three rodeos in the last quarter of 1997.

ZERO EUTHANASIA TARGET

The NSPCA Board has taken the decision to strive to reach a zero euthanasia figure. It is presently attempting to obtain a drug, which may become available to Animal Welfare, which causes sterility in male dogs.

FIREWORKS

The enormous efforts of South Africans to stop November 5 being a day of terror for animals, has begun to pay off. South Africa's Inspectorate of Explosives will now issue permits only for small fireworks to be imported and no more 'bombs' such as the 'indian king' will be allowed. In addition, many local authorities in various provinces have brought about changes within their own areas of jurisdiction. In the Northern Cape, for instance, the use of fireworks in all municipal areas is totally prohibited. Offenders are liable to a fine of R5000 or a jail sentence of up to 12 months.

SPCA Education Officers visit schools

SPCA education officers around the country are visiting schools armed with a variety of videos to show their audiences. "How to look after your dog", "Circus Madness"

and "Hidden Suffering" are just some of 17 titles available, covering all aspects of the problems facing animals living in today's world, and giving advice on how each individual can do his or her bit to improve matters. "SPCA Says" which gives the basic requirements for enjoying the companionship of a dog, is available in English, Zulu, Afrikaans and Sotho.

School teachers are requested please to contact their local SPCA to arrange for a visit by its information officer.

BOOK OFFER

HEROES AND LIONHEARTS

Featuring the NSPCA's **Awards for Bravery**, this book received international recognition by being selected as one of only 275 children's books worldwide to be included in the internationally prestigious White Ravens 1997 list of 'notable new books'. Some 10 000 new books from 43 countries competed for this honour. The White Ravens list is compiled annually by the International Youth Library in Germany, the largest international children's library and resource centre in the world. **Heroes and Lionhearts** was also selected as one of the two best children's non-fiction books of the year (1997) (English category) in the local Bookchat Awards as well as being selected for the Honours List of the Children's Book Forum (Western Cape Branch). Price: R30 plus R5 p&p.

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MEMORABLE QUOTES

- The day may come when the rest of the animal creation may acquire those rights which never could have been withholden them but by the hand of tyranny. – *Jeremy Bentham*
- All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing. – *Edmund Burke*
- I have from an early age abjured the use of meat, and the time will come when men such as I will look upon the murder of animals as they now look upon the murder of men. – *Leonardo Da Vinci*
- People often say that humans have always eaten animals, as if this is a justification for continuing the practice. According to this logic, we should not try and prevent people from murdering other people, since this has also been done since the earliest of times. – *Isaac Bashevis Singer*
- It is much better that a sentient being should never have existed, than that it should have existed only to endure unmitigated misery. – *Percy Bysshe Shelley*

On vivisection:

- In that laboratory we sacrificed daily from one to three dogs, besides rabbits and other animals, and after four months experience I am of opinion that not one of those experiments on animals was justifiable or necessary. The idea of the good of humanity was simply out of the question and would be laughed at, the great aim being to keep up with, or get ahead of, one's contemporaries in science, even at the price of an incalculable amount of torture needlessly and iniquitously inflicted on the poor animals.... I think the saddest sight I have ever witnessed was when the dogs were brought up from the cellar to the laboratory... they seemed seized with horror as soon as they smelt the air of the place, divining, apparently, their approaching fate. They would make friendly advances to each of the three or four persons present, and as far as eyes, ears, and tail could make a mute appeal for mercy eloquent, they tried in vain. – *Frances Power Cobbe*, 1882 - 1904

- We are bound in duty, I think, to leap over all limitations and go in for the total abolition of this vile and cruel form of idolatry; for idolatry it is, and like all idolatry, brutal, degrading and deceptive. *Lord Shaftesbury*, 1801–1885

On hunting:

- When a man wantonly destroys one of the works of man, we call him a vandal. When he wantonly destroys one of the works of God, we call him a sportsman... How anyone can profess to find animal life interesting and yet take delight in reducing the wonder of any animal to a bloody mass of fur and feathers is beyond my comprehension. – *Joseph Wood Krutch*

On modern farming:

- "Keeping living creatures in tiny cages and crates, battering their bodies with selective breeding and mutilations, denying them company of their own kind or progeny, preventing them from having any quality of life – these are all outrageous anachronisms in a modern society which prides itself on its sense of justice and fair play." – *Joyce D'Silva*, Director of Compassion in World Farming, UK.



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WHAT IS YOUR MILLENNIUM WISH FOR THE ANIMALS?

Reverend Reg Frary, Editor of the UK's Anglican Society for the Welfare of Animals' bulletin, has set the ball rolling with his millennium wish. "My Millennium Wish," he says, is that "the Church will at last recognise and accept and include in its work and services the fact of the existence of the rest of 'God's family' – the lower creation – the other living creatures."

Write the essence of your MILLENNIUM WISH on the slip below and we will ensure that all MILLENNIUM WISHES are presented to Deputy President Thabo Mbeki during National Animal Week in October. Children who take part should please give their ages. We also invite whole school classes to take part, giving the name of the school and grade.

TO: DEPUTY PRESIDENT THABO MBEKI
I HEREWITH SUBMIT MY MILLENNIUM WISH FOR SOUTH AFRICAN ANIMALS. THANK YOU FOR GIVING IT YOUR CONSIDERATION.

MY MILLENNIUM WISH IS

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MY NAME:

MY ADDRESS:

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Children state age and school:

(You may use a photostat copy of this form if you wish)

Send to "My Millennium Wish", NSPCA, PO Box 1320, Alberton 1450

DEBIT ORDER DETAILS:

I, the undersigned, would like to support your cause on an ongoing basis and hereby authorise NSPCA to debit my account with R per month for 12 months.

Name	<input type="text"/>	Bank	<input type="text"/>
Address	<input type="text"/>	Branch	<input type="text"/>
Code	<input type="text"/>	Type of account	<input type="text"/>
Tel (h)	<input type="text"/>	A/C No.	<input type="text"/>
(w)	<input type="text"/>	Signature	<input type="text"/>

BATTERY-FREE ZONES

One of Britain's leading supermarket chains, TESCO, announced its decision recently to change the label on battery egg boxes from the misleading "fresh" or "farm fresh" eggs to "eggs from caged hens". The move has been hailed as a victory for both animal welfare and consumer choice. Meanwhile, another UK chain, MARKS AND SPENCER has declared itself a "battery-free zone" selling only free-range eggs in its stores throughout the UK and France.

THIS LITTLE CALF DIDN'T MAKE THE DISTANCE....

Born a boy and therefore useless to the dairy industry, he was wrenched from his mother soon after birth, sold for R5, taken to a livestock sale and left in the blazing sun without nourishment. He collapsed and died. His is the fate of thousands of his kind.



NSPCA DECLARATION OF ANIMAL RIGHTS

WE CONDEMN TOTALLY THE INFLICTION OF SUFFERING UPON OUR FELLOW CREATURES AND THE CURTAILMENT OF THEIR BEHAVIOURAL AND OTHER NEEDS, SAVE WHERE THIS IS NECESSARY FOR THEIR OWN INDIVIDUAL BENEFIT.

WE DO NOT ACCEPT THAT A DIFFERENCE IN SPECIES ALONE (ANY MORE THAN A DIFFERENCE IN RACE) CAN JUSTIFY WANTON EXPLOITATION OR OPPRESSION IN THE NAME OF SCIENCE OR SPORT, OR FOR USE AS FOOD FOR COMMERCIAL PROFIT OR FOR OTHER HUMAN GAIN.

WE BELIEVE IN THE EVOLUTIONARY AND MORAL KINSHIP OF ALL ANIMALS AND DECLARE OUR BELIEF THAT ALL SENTIENT CREATURES HAVE RIGHTS TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND NATURAL ENJOYMENT.

WE THEREFORE CALL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THESE RIGHTS.