



# FIGHTING CHANCE

Last Chance for Animals' Quarterly Magazine

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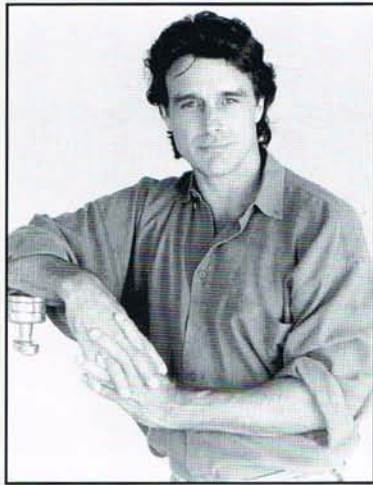
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## Is This Cow Mad?

# A Letter of Thanks



First, I would like to thank each and every one of you who sent in donations at the end of last year in remembrance of pet theft awareness day and LCA's other campaigns. I know that the holidays can be a very taxing time, both financially and otherwise, and I thank you for remembering the animals in spite of your busy lives.

I would also like to thank the very dedicated men and women, especially Dan Hanley and Barbara Millman, that I met in Colorado during our march to close CU's dog labs and also those in Phoenix who joined me to protest Michael Berens' beagle research, demonstrations you will read about in this issue of *Fighting Chance*. While the fraudulence and unequivocal cruelty of researchers like Berens never ceases to amaze me, I continue to be touched every time I witness your commitment and the spirit of compassion that you bring to our demonstrations. Without you, the animals would truly be lost.

I would like to thank you for being an LCA supporter and more importantly for being a friend to the animals. As I recently explained to an eight year old boy who asked me why we help animals, we do because they need us, because without us they are at the mercy of schoolyard bullies who smash their legs if they don't dance around the ring and who mercilessly club them for their fur. And we are able to do so because we have your help.

For the Animals,

Chris

## An End to L.A. Pound Seizure

Pound seizure, in which animals who arrive at the pound are required by law to be turned over to laboratories for experimentation on demand if they are not reclaimed by their guardian or adopted out, has formally come to an end in L.A. County. A few months ago, all references to the practice were taken out of the city's municipal code. Although representatives from Animal Care and Control claim that they have not sold unwanted animals to medical research facilities since the summer of 1990, the Board of Supervisors has only just changed Title 10, the section of the code that relates to animals in the county. This marks an important victory for LCA. We have been battling L.A. County for 15 years over this issue, at one point even holding vigils outside pounds that we suspected were selling dogs out the back door.



## Hooray for <sup>West</sup> Hollywood, Home of LCA Offices

In February, the West Hollywood City Council unanimously voted to amend the city's municipal code. All references to animal "owners" will be replaced with animal "guardians," making West Hollywood the second city in the nation to make the change. Boulder, Colorado's City Council switched its municipal code last July, and similar guardian amendments are proposed for the city of Berkeley, California and for the state of Rhode Island. West Hollywood's change doesn't surprise LCA; we presented the city with the LCA Cruelty-Free Award a decade ago for disallowing hunting and trapping within the city limits. "Pets have an important impact on the quality of life for our residents" said West Hollywood Mayor Jeffrey Prang. "There's a tremendous amount of power in words. Choosing the term 'pet guardianship' connotes a much greater sense of responsibility and care for your pets."

*We are their protectors,  
not their possessors.*



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# Wiggles' Tale

Norm Flynt didn't think twice when he handed his greyhound and lab mix dogs, Wiggles and Bear, over to the well-dressed man who answered his "Free to a Good Home" ad in 1988. They'll have a great home, he thought. He didn't think twice, that is, until he received a call from Last Chance for Animals about a dog who was rescued during a raid on Comfy Kennels - a front for the animal thieves LCA had been investigating. The dog, he was told, might be Wiggles.

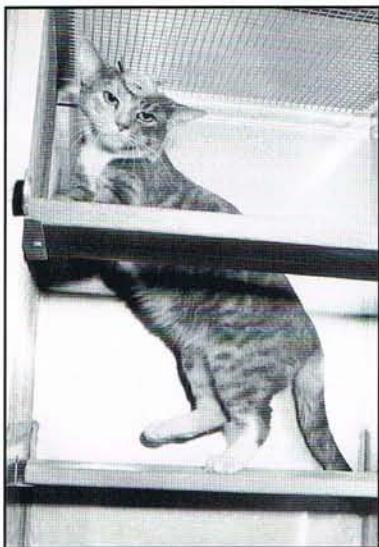
"As soon as I saw Wiggles, I was stunned. He was skinny as a rail, having lost over 30 pounds, and he looked so sad," Norm recalls. "I got out of the truck and knelt down. He ran towards me, jumped into my arms and almost knocked me over. It was a great to be reunited."

But the reunion was bittersweet. Norm later learned that Bear would never be returned. With LCA's assistance, Norm located records at Los Angeles' Cedar Sinai Hospital confirming that Bear was used in heart attack experiments for three days, then euthanized. Wiggles, one of the few stolen pets ever to be rescued, lived with Norm and his family for 12 years. He passed away recently at the ripe old age of 14.

"Wiggles was traumatized when we first got him back but you could see in his eyes that he was so happy to be home," remembers Norm. "He was a great dog, sensitive, loving and totally loyal. He just lived his life and enjoyed it everyday. I'm thankful I got him back and that he was able to live out a long, healthy life."

## UCLA Research Fraud

In November, UCLA physiology professor Michael H. Chase was arrested for grand theft by embezzlement and misappropriation of at least \$735,000 in public funds as a member of UCLA Medical School's Brain Research Institute. Over a nine year period, UCLA paid approximately \$1.78 million to the event planning firms of Chase's then girlfriend and his sister for conferences Chase organized. Internal auditors found that the fees given to the two greatly exceeded the actual cost of the events, and Chase's former girlfriend told investigators that she gave some of that money to Chase. Chase was a target of an LCA campaign several years ago for an experiment he conducted in which he attached stainless steel electrodes to the skull of live cats. The cats were restrained during this testing and a hole was made in the bone over their brains to give Chase access to their CNS tissue. UCLA itself filed a lawsuit against the researcher to recover the money, but the case was settled last year when he agreed to repay the university \$750,000. Amazingly, Chase is still teaching at UCLA because, as a tenured professor, he has lifetime job protection unless his colleagues in the Academic Senate bring him up on charges for violating the Faculty Code of Conduct.



Please contact them at once and urge them to do so:

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## Animal Welfare Act

Even though they comprise 95% of all animals used in medical research, birds, mice, and rats have been excluded from the Animal Welfare Act since its inception and are thus deprived of the protections provided by the Act. Last year, the USDA agreed to an out of court settlement in which it would begin regulating the treatment of the aforementioned animals in labs. However, powerful vivisectors such as the Johns Hopkins University have lobbied hard against the change, and the National Association for Biomedical Research persuaded the chair of the Senate Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee to act to block the USDA from implementing the terms of its settlement for one year. This block effectively denies birds, rats, and mice protection.

Please call your U.S. Representative and U.S. Senators, tell them that you are their constituent, and politely urge them NOT to weaken the Animal Welfare Act or stand in the way of protections for birds, mice, and rats. For your politicians' contact information, visit Project Vote-Smart at [www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml](http://www.vote-smart.org/index.phtml) or the League of Women Voters at [www.lwv.org/cgi-bin/congress.pl?cf=lwv/cong.cf](http://www.lwv.org/cgi-bin/congress.pl?cf=lwv/cong.cf).

# Berens' Beagles

LCA activists recently protested the senseless killing of female beagles and their offspring in a federally funded research project in which tumors are injected into the brains of beagle puppies. Nearly 400 dogs have been sacrificed over the past 10 years by researcher Dr. Michael Berens, who has received over a million dollars in private donations and federal money for his work. "It's outrageous," said Chris DeRose, president of Last Chance for Animals, whose Phoenix support team helped organize the protest. "Taxpayers are funding this failing research and beagles are paying for it with their lives."

The goal of Berens' research, the Allogenic Gloom Project, is to create a model for how brain cancer grows in humans by producing malignant brain tumors in puppies. Berens chose to focus on beagles because their brains are about the size of a small child's. The researcher uses pregnant beagles in a four to fourteen hour uterine laparoscopic surgery during which he injects cancer cells into unborn beagles. This takes place when the fetal puppies are approximately thirty-seven days old so that their bodies will not reject the foreign cells. Of the puppies that receive cell transplants in utero, approximately 75% are aborted or stillborn. Those that survive suffer birth defects, missing limbs and other congenital problems. Only 2%-5% of the puppies born alive develop a tumor, giving the project a failure rate of 95-98%.

Puppies who develop tumors are subjected to a second surgery when they reach four to six months of age. During this surgery, tumors that grew as a result of the first surgery are removed, a hole is drilled into the puppy's skull, and the tumor is implanted in the puppy's brain. The puppies that do not get cancer are killed. Those that do are given a great deal of chemotherapy and radiation, forced to undergo numerous surgeries, then killed. On the standardized one-to-four pain scale for animal research, Berens' study is considered a three. Berens plans to use the puppies and dogs for toxicity testing in cancer treatment, to market the animals for toxicity testing, and to provide the dogs and puppies as canine glioma models to other laboratories seeking to use them in cancer research.

And although Berens refuses to believe his research work has failed, others acknowledge the fiasco. For instance, Dr. Patricia Haight, a psychologist with experience in neuroscience research, notes: "One fundamental problem is that he has not been able to make fetal surgery work in 10 years. The reason he can't is because he can't see well enough in the uterus. All of the killing of these puppies is never going to give him the information he is looking for." What's more, Arizona State University, which had housed the research puppies, terminated its involvement with the project in 1999, reportedly because of its low success rate, the waste of animal life and concerns that Berens' surgical procedures were inadequate for the research. ASU's veterinarian said that the puppies were confined in pens for much longer than is necessary or justified, and the school was further upset that it was not permitted to oversee surgeries on the animals. LCA supporter Rikki Rockett, drummer for the rock band Poison, asserts: "It's not an animal rights issue. It's an issue of human wrongs."

"We find it easy to put billions of dollars yearly into torturing animals for animal experiments that yield no positive results, but there are millions of people in this country that suffer because they cannot afford proper hospitalization," said DeRose. That issue may finally come to a head this April when Berens' grant manager, Dr. Tom Jacobs, will be reviewing the project and deciding whether or not to continue funding.



## What can you do to stop this pointless cruelty?

### Write to Dr. Thomas P. Jacobs

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Stroke, Imaging and CNS Tumors  
National Institute of Neurological Disorder and Stroke  
The Neuroscience Center, Room 211  
6001 Executive Boulevard  
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*Tell him that you don't want Berens to receive any more federal funding to support his failing experiments.*

### Write to Arizona Senators McCain and Kyl.

*Politely explain that you don't believe federal funding should perpetuate useless research.*

Arizona Senator McCain  
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### Write to William Foley, president/CEO

Catholic Healthcare West Arizona  
350 West Thomas Road, Phoenix, AZ 85013.  
Phone: 602-406-7143.

*Catholic Healthcare West owns and operates St. Joseph Hospital and Barrow Neurological Institute. Request an investigation of Berens' research and ask that the research be stopped until the investigation is completed.*

# Stop CU's Dog Labs

[www.CoulstonKillsChimps.com](http://www.CoulstonKillsChimps.com)



This March, LCA president Chris DeRose joined Rocky Mountain Animal Defense in a protest to stop Colorado University's dog labs. Each year, CU kills as many as 56 dogs during its physiology labs, during which live dogs are strapped to tables, injected with various drugs to allow medical students to observe the

effects, then killed. Over 88 of the nation's 125 medical schools, including Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, Columbia, and Stanford, have discontinued dog labs and replaced them with computer models and the observation of human surgeries. DeRose urged CU to do the same when he took part in the march through campus and the candlelight vigil to remember the countless dogs killed in CU's laboratories. He also testified before the Special Hearings Committee on Education regarding HR 1011 on March 19th. The bill asks CU to stop buying dogs from Class B dealers, individuals who often steal pets (or obtain them under false pretenses through "Free to a Good Home" ads) and then sell them to research facilities. Unfortunately, the Committee voted against the bill 7-4. Each of CU's dog labs cost taxpayers more than \$40,000. Dr. Beverly F. Gilden, who attended CU, says: "I remember nothing of the physiological lessons taught that day. What I have always remembered is a strange sense of disgust that this was felt to be necessary."

Please contact CU and ask that they put an end to the dog labs at once.

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Visit [www.stopcudoglabs.org](http://www.stopcudoglabs.org) and [www.doctorsagainstdoglabs.com](http://www.doctorsagainstdoglabs.com) for more information or call (303) 832-8442.

Round 10 in LCA's battle with The Coulston Foundation took place on March 1st as LCA President Chris DeRose flew to New Mexico for a settlement conference with Coulston. A settlement was not reached.



The battle began when LCA placed a 14 by 48 foot billboard along Highway 70 in New Mexico near the Coulston Foundation's chimpanzee facility. The billboard read: "\$100,000 Reward for information leading to the conviction of animal researchers for animal cruelty, embezzlement or fraud." The United States Department of Agriculture has brought federal charges against the Coulston Foundation for violating the Animal Welfare Act three times, making Coulston the only lab in the country ever to be brought up on charges on three separate occasions. Coulston has been cited for failing to control temperatures in primate housings, thereby causing the death of three primates, and also for failing to provide water to 14 primates, causing the primates severe dehydration; four primates died as a result. Additionally, the foundation has been cited for failing to provide the chimps with adequate space and veterinary attention, and for inadequate handling and care procedures, both surgically and non-surgically related.

LCA also launched a website, "CoulstonKillsChimps.com," after the Foundation took custody of 111 Air Force chimps, in hopes of exposing the facility, raising public awareness, and saving the chimps from a future in experimental hell. "LCA feels that the Air Force chimps who have already given of themselves should not endure a tortured existence at the Coulston Foundation at the hands of researchers," said LCA president Chris DeRose.

After LCA launched [www.coulstonkillschimps.com](http://www.coulstonkillschimps.com), Coulston caused the website's server to be abruptly removed from the internet and intimidated the billboard company into removing LCA's billboard. The Coulston Foundation claimed LCA's billboard and website were libelous and defamatory.

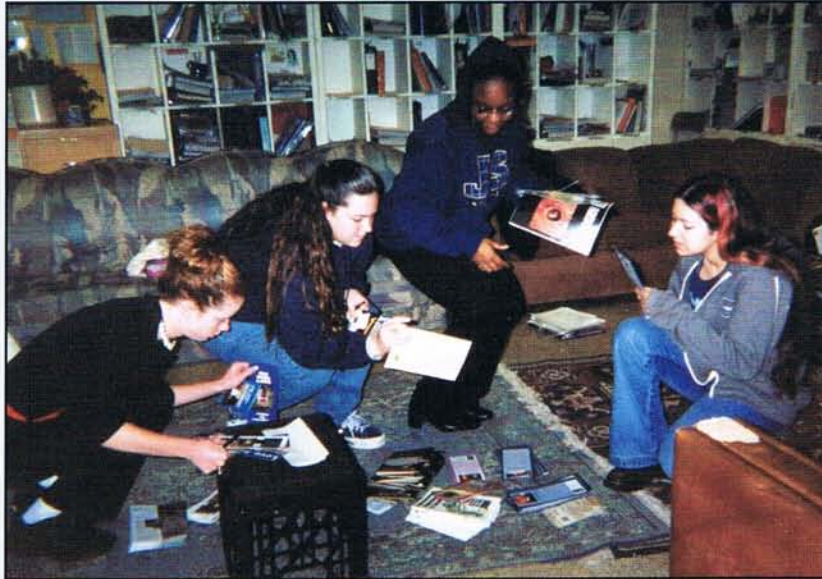
"We don't know when the trial will be held," said Merry Stubblefield, New Mexico counsel for LCA. "We're currently in the process of doing summary judgment motions. LCA's summary judgment motion was for LCA's right to use the domain name, 'CoulstonKillsChimps.com,' and we also asked to have the counterclaims for defamation, invasion of privacy, and trademark infringement against us dismissed. I am hopeful for a win and a positive outcome in this case for LCA."

"LCA believes that the billboard was not libelous or defamatory," says Chris DeRose. "Within our justice system, truth is a defense to actions sounding in libel. The treatment chimps receive at the Coulston facility is cruel and inhumane. It must be stopped."



# Don't Be Cruel

LCA kicked off its Don't Be Cruel Campaign in February, a program designed to encourage students of all ages to behave compassionately toward animals. Development Director Scott Byrd and Campaigns Director Lacey Levitt visited North High School in Torrance, California and spoke to two Humanities classes about animal rights. The students, who were mostly high school seniors, were shocked to see the steel leg-hold traps routinely used to ensnare foxes and other fur-bearing animals and even more surprised to hear of the way cows and turkeys are killed on factory farms. The staff members handed out LCA newsletters and information on vegan products and fielded questions on what it means to live cruelty-free. A boy named



Dustin vowed to go vegetarian immediately and student Rachel Cox wrote LCA: "I'd like to write to you to thank you and your organization for providing students and the general public with such important information. I can honestly say I did not realize what kind of industries our world has created. It's wonderful to have such an organization that takes the time and energy to put together pamphlets, websites, and campaigns against animal cruelty. I'm positive no other speakers will make such an impression and Scott and Lacey did on our class today. I'll be sure to contact you and let you know what our class has done to take part in the fight against animal cruelty."

## 8th Graders Practice Pet Love

On January 31st, 20 eighth grade students from a Santa Monica, California middle school presented a letter to Pet Love, a pet shop in West Hollywood's upscale Beverly Center. In the letter, the students asked the owner to stop purchasing dogs from "puppy mills," filthy, overcrowded facilities that often produce ill and congenitally deformed animals. The students, who attend New Roads Middle School, suggested that he begin adopting animals from rescue groups and local shelters instead, as the latter must euthanize thousands of animals each year because there are not enough homes for them. Purchasing dogs from puppy mills, which provide animals with minimal food and water and no veterinary care, contributes to pet overpopulation, thereby increasing the number of dogs that will be euthanized. The students presented their letter as part of a Social Justice Workshop taught by Larry Harpel and according to LCA president Chris DeRose, they all deserve an "A": "LCA wholeheartedly supports this type of youth activism and admires the compassionate stance that the students have taken on this issue."



## LCA Supports Student Activists

LCA is proud to announce the Last Chance for Animals Scholarship, the first ever national award program for high school seniors who wish to pursue an education in animal protection. Four \$2,500 scholarships will be awarded each year to U.S. citizens who plan to enroll in an accredited four year university in the U.S. Recipients must have demonstrated significant dedication and involvement in the animal protection movement through volunteerism and activism. The winners will be chosen by a volunteer, an LCA staff member, and a celebrity judge, and applications will be available on our website, [www.lcanimal.org](http://www.lcanimal.org). For more information, contact Development Director Scott Byrd at (310) 271-6096 ext. 26 or via e-mail at [development@lcanimal.org](mailto:development@lcanimal.org).

# Renewed Concern Over the Spread of Mad Cow Disease

In January, the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) called on the U.S. government to take stronger steps to protect the public from mad cow disease and its human equivalent, the variant Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (vCJD).

"Our government has been frighteningly slow to react to the very real threat of vCJD in America," says PCRM president Neal D. Barnard, M.D. "The protective measures taken so far are grossly insufficient. We should learn from Europe's mistakes and implement tough precautionary measures—now, before it's too late."

Mad Cow Disease, also known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), was initially diagnosed in Great Britain in 1986. About 95% of all BSE incidents have occurred in the UK but the disease has also been found in cattle in other European countries, including Belgium, France, Germany, Spain, Switzerland, Ireland and Portugal.

BSE is a fatal, degenerative, neurological disorder in cattle with symptoms similar to scrapie, a disease that strikes sheep. It is thought to be spread through feeding contaminated meat and bone meal to uncontaminated animals, as well as through comingling ruminant products with other products.

The human consumption of food contaminated with the BSE agent has been linked to vCJD, a fatal brain-wasting (TSE) disease. From October 1996 to December 2000, an estimated 80-90 people have died of the new CJD disease in Britain, three in France and one in the Republic of Ireland. Furthermore, scientists believe human and veterinary vaccines prepared from bovine materials may carry the risk of transmission of animal TSE agents.

The United States has some safeguards to protect against the transmission of these diseases. In 1989, a ban was placed on the import of live ruminants and most ruminant products from countries where BSE had been reported, and last year the USDA prohibited the import of animal-derived livestock feeds from Europe. The ban included animal-derived livestock feeds regardless of species due to potential cross-contamination with BSE. But current safeguards may not be enough to protect Americans, and they are not, some argue, properly enforced at this time.

In a letter to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Physician's Committee for Responsible Medicine's Dr. Barnard wrote: "U.S. feed producers are blatantly violating



restrictions on feed production. Despite a 1997 Food and Drug Administration (FDA) ban on the feeding of most mammalian remains to ruminants—which unfortunately includes significant exceptions impairing the protective intent of the law—a January 2001 FDA report showed that, of 180 renderers, 16 percent lacked warning labels on feeds designed to differentiate those intended for ruminants from those for nonruminants, and 28% had no system to prevent the actual mixing of these feeds."

Additionally, Dr. Barnard added, "There is no restriction on the use of blood and blood products, gelatin, milk, and milk products in feeds. There are no limits on the use of pig or horse remains in feeds, due to an exemption in the 1997 ban. There are no limits on the 'recycling' of beef or other meat products in the form of garbage from restaurants or other institutions for use in animal feeds. Ruminant remains can be fed to poultry or fish, and, in turn, poultry feces and litter are routinely used in cattle feed."

PCRM has issued a set of recommendations to the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Health and Human Services for protecting the public against vCJD based on a review of scientific literature on mad cow and vCJD diseases.

1. Ban the use of animal-derived livestock feeds for any species, given the likelihood that animal byproducts will, in turn, be recycled to ruminants (that is, cows, sheep, and goats).
2. Prohibit animal byproducts in all medications, nutritional supplements, or cosmetics.
3. Label all foods containing animal byproducts (such as gelatin or "natural flavorings"), indicating both the presence of animal byproducts and the species of origin.
4. Provide warning labels on all foods that carry a risk of vCJD, using standards similar to those for tobacco and alcohol products.
5. Institute comprehensive programs to monitor the presence of transmissible encephalopathies in animal and human populations in the U.S.

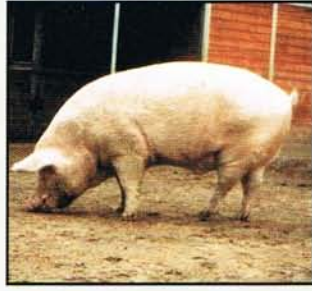
"Meat is simply a risky product," says Dr. Barnard. "And it's not just Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease people need to worry about: Heart disease, colon cancer, diabetes, hypertension, and many other dangerous diseases—not to mention foodborne illnesses—would be greatly diminished by avoiding meat entirely."

**Please write to the USDA and the DHHS and ask that they take stronger measures to reduce the risk of mad cow disease by implementing PCRM's suggestions.**

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# SAVE A LIFE - GO VEGAN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON



## Vegan Easter Dinner

**Tofu "Ham"** courtesy of Deborah from VegSource

1 lb firm waterpacked tofu -- drained, frozen, thawed, and gently pressed  
1 quart water  
1/2 cup soy sauce  
1/4 cup brown sugar  
1 Tbsp. liquid smoke

Cut the thawed Tofu into thick slices. Put all other ingredients into a saucepan. Bring to boil. Add Tofu. When broth comes to a boil again, turn down to medium simmer. Simmer for 30 - 40 minutes, stirring occasionally. Let cool in broth. Store tofu ham in the refrigerator, covered with the broth. Use in recipes calling for cooked ham.

**Scalloped Potatoes with vegan ham** courtesy of LCA's Sam Destro

3 cups (3-4 potatoes) thinly sliced potatoes  
small sliced onion  
4 cloves of chopped  
8 oz. grated vegan cheddar cheese (e.g. Soyimage)  
12 oz. chunk vegan ham  
3 tbsp. vegan margarine  
2-3 cups soy milk  
1/2 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
3 tbsp. flour  
dash of paprika  
1 tbsp. chopped herbs (parsley, rosemary, sage) optional  
9" or 2 qt. greased baking dish

Preheat the oven 350 degrees

Drop potatoes into 2 qts. Boiling water. Parboil potatoes for 8 minutes. Drain. Saute onions, garlic, and margarine in a medium saucepan over medium heat until tender (about 5 minutes). Add herbs. Stir in flour, salt, and pepper until thick and blended well. Gradually stir in soy milk, stirring constantly until it thickens and is no longer lumpy. For drier scallop potatoes, use less soy milk. Arrange half of the potatoes then half of the cheese in a greased casserole dish. Place ham on top of the potatoes. Pour half of the white sauce. Repeat the process, then sprinkle paprika on top of the casserole. Cover and bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Take the lid off and bake for another 15 minutes until the top is golden brown.

**Sweet Potato Pie** courtesy of Deborah from VegSource

2 cups cooked sweet potato, peeled and mashed (measure after mashing)  
2 egg substitutes (e.g. Ener-G), prepared as per package directions  
1/4 cup vegan margarine, softened  
1/4 cup applesauce  
1 cup brown sugar  
1/2 tsp ground cinnamon  
1/4 tsp ground nutmeg  
1/8 tsp ground ginger  
1 tsp vanilla extract  
1/2 cup liquid nondairy creamer (e.g. Silk, Coffee Rich), or soymilk  
1 unbaked pie shell

Put (cooked, peeled, and mashed) sweet potato in a bowl. Add vegan margarine, and beat with mixer or by hand. Add apple butter, sugar, creamer, egg substitute, spices, and vanilla, and beat very well. Pour filling into unbaked pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees F for 50 to 60 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean (check after 40 minutes).

## Vegan Passover Dinner

**Vegan Gefilte Fish** courtesy of Deborah from VegSource

1 can Natural Touch Tuno  
Ener-G Egg Replacer for 2 eggs, prepared  
1 small onion, peeled and grated  
1 small carrot, grated  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Matzoh meal or cracker crumbs  
1 medium onion, peeled and sliced  
3 carrots, sliced  
1 stalk celery

Drain and flake Tuno into a bowl. Add egg substitute, grated onion, grated carrots, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well. Add matzoh meal until a mixture is obtained that will hold its shape when formed into balls. Let stand for 10 minutes. In a large saucepan, put 3 cups water, sliced onion, sliced carrots, and celery. Bring to boil. Wet hands, and shape mixture into small balls. Drop balls into boiling water, and simmer for 25 minutes. Chill. Serve cold, on lettuce, with sliced tomatoes and parsley.

**Baked Potato Pancakes** courtesy of Deborah from VegSource

2 large baked potatoes  
2 tbsp. minced fresh onion  
1/2 cup flour  
1 tsp. baking powder  
Salt and pepper to taste  
Soymilk or rice milk  
Oil or pan spray

Put pulp from baked potatoes in a bowl. Mix in onion, flour, baking powder, salt and pepper. Mix in just enough milk to form a very thick batter. Pour out as pancakes onto a hot, greased griddle or frying pan. Cook until golden brown on both sides.

**Veggie Chop Liver** courtesy of Aaron Leider

3/4 cup dried lentils  
3 cups water  
2 tbsp. olive oil  
2 very large white onions = 2 cups raw  
5 whole walnuts  
1/2 tsp. salt

Cook lentils 35 minutes in water. Drain. Brown chopped onions in oil until golden brown (very slowly). Put in food processor until paté consistency. Chill.

Send us your favorite vegan recipe by e-mailing [info@lcanimal.org](mailto:info@lcanimal.org) or writing LCA, 8033 W. Sunset Blvd. #835, Los Angeles CA 90046.



# Dog Eating in Korea

In our last newsletter, LCA called attention to the horrendous treatment of Korean dogs. To produce adrenaline-filled meat, thousands of these innocent animals are cruelly tortured before being killed and sold as dog meat in Korean restaurants. Although the South Korean government has outlawed the cooking and selling of dog meat, the laws are not strictly enforced. Los Angeles LCA members conducted a protest outside the Korean embassy to demand better enforcement of Korea's ban against the selling of dog meat. We need your help!



Write to the following sponsors of World Cup Soccer 2002, which will be held in Seoul, South Korea. Ask them to withhold their sponsorship until Korean animal protection laws are strictly enforced.

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PH: 800-342-5283
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Coca Cola Corporation  
Attn: Consumer Affairs  
PO Box 1734  
Atlanta, GA 30301  
Submit comments on website:  
<http://www.thecoca-colacompany.com/faq/index.html>  
PH: 800-438-2653
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Elmsford, NY 10523  
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Permanent Mission to the United Nations  
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Washington, D.C. 20008  
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PH: 202-939-5661

## "\$urvivor"

Friends of animals everywhere were disgusted to see cast members of CBS's popular program "Survivor" slaughter a live cow and a live pig during February sweeps. Producers of the television show noted that since the program aired during prime time, they could not show the killings in their entirety; however, what viewers did see was more than enough. Rumors even circulated that the pig had been drugged, as it apparently did not try to run away as one might expect a wild pig in the Australian outback (where the program takes place) to do.

Please contact CBS officials and tell them that you do not support their senseless killing of highly sentient, helpless creatures in an effort to garner higher ratings. Encourage them to present images of kindness and compassion to their many viewers, instead of bloodshed.

Sumner Redstone, Chairman, CEO  
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If you choose to send a fax or e-mail, please address it clearly to CEO Mr. Sumner Redstone.

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CBS Television Network  
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Tel: 212-975-6500, Fax: 212-975-5361  
Email: [lortega@cbs.com](mailto:lortega@cbs.com)  
(Note: This is his assistant Lydia Ortega's e-mail address. Please address to C.E.O. Mr. Karmazin)

CBS Viewer Services  
Television City  
7800 Beverly Boulevard  
Los Angeles CA 90036

CBS's main number (212) 975-4321  
Survivor Complaint Line (212) 975-3247



# Donor Advised Gift

In an effort to give our Donors more control over their gifts to Last Chance for Animals, we have created the Donor Advised Gift Program in which donors may choose which LCA program they wish to support (for gifts of \$1000 or more). Beyond that, they can request further control by choosing certain materials and/or services they wish to fund.

## Education and Outreach

Help LCA in sending out our quarterly newsletter, Fighting Chance, printing and supplying postage for animal rights materials, maintaining our websites, tabling, and speaking at workshops.

## Investigations

Sponsor an LCA investigation or help us purchase needed

technical equipment for our field work. LCA depends heavily on investigations to expose animal cruelty and to influence legislation.

## Policy and Legislation

Support initiatives on state and federal levels to change policies that allow animal cruelty and suffering to continue.

## Last Chance for Animals Scholarship Fund

Assist LCA in awarding one-time scholarships to high school seniors who have displayed a dedication to animal protection issues and who wish to pursue an education in related fields.

## Unrestricted

LCA may choose to apply the gift to normal operating expenses, which are below 20% of our yearly operating budget.

# Changing your Beneficiary

Most animal lovers don't realize the tax benefits involved in naming Last Chance for Animals as a beneficiary in their will. A bequest is the most common planned gift that LCA receives. Many LCA supporters have chosen to leave a legacy to the animal protection movement through LCA rather than lose 37% to 55% of their estate to federal estate taxes.

You can name LCA as a beneficiary in your will in any number of ways. First, you can designate a certain percentage or a fixed amount of cash from your estate to be given to Last Chance for Animals. Additionally, you can leave stock portfolios or personal property as part of a bequest. In many cases, you can easily add us to your will through a simple amendment called a "codicil;" thus your entire will does not have to be redrafted.

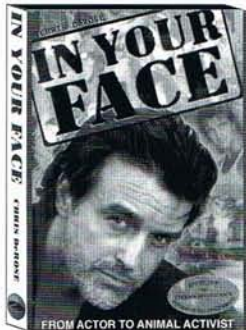
It pays to do some advance estate planning with your attorney or our professional financial advisors. For further information on bequests and planned giving options, please call (888) 882-6462 ext. 26, e-mail development director Scott Byrd at [development@lcanimal.org](mailto:development@lcanimal.org), or visit our website at [www.lcanimal.org](http://www.lcanimal.org).

# Frequent Flier Miles



Please consider donating your frequent flier miles to Last Chance for Animals. The work of LCA president Chris DeRose and lead investigator Steve Krolifer frequently leads them around the country, investigating cases of possible animal cruelty and speaking to others about the mistreatment of animals in our society. They would appreciate whatever miles you have to give.

**LCA Merchandise Order Form - TEAR OFF and return in remit envelope.**



## In Your Face by Chris DeRose

"In Your Face, the autobiography of LCA's founder and president Chris DeRose, recalls his destitute childhood, his years as a Hollywood actor, the inside story of LCA's pet theft investigations, and his tireless fight to stop animal suffering." Hardback \$21.00.

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*Please allow 2-3 weeks for delivery.*

# Stop API Testing

The American Petroleum Institute's new plan calls for testing certain common substances such as propane and butane on animals. API has admitted that such substances are already acknowledged to be relatively harmless. Nevertheless, it plans to conduct acute toxicity tests during which researchers will dose rats at very high levels, check them for disease or death, then kill them. The American Gas Association has asked the Environmental Protection Agency not to conduct more tests on animals with these chemicals because "enough information is already readily available regarding their health effects. No useful purpose would be served by performing further tests."

*Please tell API's president, Red Cavaney, not to subject animals to any more pointless experiments.*

Mr. Red Cavaney, President  
The American Petroleum Institute  
1220 L St., N.W.  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: (202) 682-8000  
Fax: (202) 682-8110

**Please remember WORLD WEEK FOR LABORATORY ANIMALS on April 24th-29th, the period when we try to shed light on the horrible suffering laboratory animals are forced to endure. If you would like brochures on vivisection to distribute or help organizing a demonstration at a lab in your area, contact LCA at [office@lcanimal.org](mailto:office@lcanimal.org) or (310) 271-6096 ext. 21.**

# Cockfighting Still Legal in New Mexico

SB276, Senator Rodriguez's bill to ban animal fighting in the state of New Mexico, was recently killed in its first Senate committee. This turn of events is distressing, given the recent poll conducted by Research & Polling, Inc. of Albuquerque which revealed that 81% of New Mexicans support a ban on cockfighting. However, House Bill 922, which would ban cockfighting in New Mexico, was just introduced in the House; a hearing date has not yet been set. For more information, visit [www.apnm.org](http://www.apnm.org).



*"Death is roaming the woods tonight,  
and death never goes home hungry...."*

# Animal Activism Takes the Stage

Playwright, animal activist, and long time LCA supporter Kit Paraventi captivated the audience with her anti-hunting drama *White Tales*, at the Road Theater in North Hollywood on January 22, 2001. *White Tales*, a black comedy, takes place in the Michigan back woods on the eve of deer hunting season. The story focuses on a young animal activist who aims to stop the annual opening day deer slaughter on a disputed piece of land in the Michigan backwoods. Tensions and emotions run high throughout the small, rural town where hunting has always been part of the "culture". From a gathering of the local women's (widows of hunters) group to the sheriff's department to a young, impressionable boy preparing for his first hunt, *White Tales* presents a face-off between pro-hunter, personal rights propaganda and the voice of compassionate reason. The piece culminates into a frenzied group debate over "rights" and "wrongs" leading towards a final act of violence leaving the young boy accidentally murdered and a community in shock—wondering how it could have happened.

*White Tales* is presently in workshop production. Kit hopes to find sponsorship for the production and would like to see the piece eventually travel throughout the country, affecting as many audiences as possible. Further information can be obtained by calling Kit Paraventi at (818) 261-0478 or [kitp@earthlink.net](mailto:kitp@earthlink.net). Last Chance for Animals sponsored the reading and strongly supports the assimilation of animal protection issues in popular media and the arts.



# Hunting a Constitutional Right?

Last Winter, hunting became a constitutional amendment in North Dakota when 77% of the state's residents voted to add a sentence declaring hunting, fishing, and trapping to be a "valued part of our heritage" that must "be forever preserved for the people" to the state constitution. Similar amendments exist in Virginia, Minnesota, and Alabama, and House Bill 301 and Senate Bill 83, which would make hunting a right, were recently introduced into Georgia's General Assembly. Wisconsin is also considering a similar amendment; contact Wisconsin's Alliance for Animals at [alliance@allanimals.org](mailto:alliance@allanimals.org) or call (608) 257-6333 for more information. Recognizing a single recreational activity in a state constitution, however, seems strange. After all, California doesn't include surfing in its constitution nor does New York include shopping in its.

## LCAction Alert: Romanian Dog Slaughter



The Romanian "neuter and return" program launched last year is being abandoned in Bucharest, in spite of reducing the number of reported bites. Instead, Mayor Traian Basecu has promoted a new program that entails killing approximately 150,000-200,000 street dogs. The latter calls for all dogs to be

removed from the streets and killed if they are not adopted within 10 days. Unfortunately, there is no animal protection law in Romania, and at least three dogs were strangled or beaten to death by catchers during the first two days of the program. Belgium's Animals Without Borders has begun sending animals abroad for adoption.

Please write to Bucharest mayor Traian Basecu at [primar@pmb.ro](mailto:primar@pmb.ro) and to Romanian Prime Minister Adrian Nastase at [guv@kappa.ro](mailto:guv@kappa.ro) and express your concerns.

Romanian embassies:

<http://domino.kappa.ro/mae/home.nsf/HomePageEng>

Visit <http://asokha.tripod.com/bioethics/> for more information.

## Animal Rights 2001



Animal Rights 2001, the first national conference of the new millennium, will take place June 30th through July 5th in Washington D.C. Representatives from numerous animal protection organizations will be in attendance, sharing knowledge, motivation, and contacts in hopes of ending all forms of animal exploitation. The conference will include 75 workshops, 50 campaign reports, 75 exhibits, and a lobby day on Thursday, July 5th. For more information, visit [www.animalrights2001.org](http://www.animalrights2001.org).

## Running For Their Lives



**A Dog Rescued by the Greyhound Adoption Center**

An initiative to end the cruel "sport" of greyhound racing in Massachusetts failed by a narrow margin in November, falling short by 51,000 votes. Even though Greyhound racing has existed in Massachusetts for 65 years, more than 1.2 million citizens, or 49% of voters, voted to end the races. Unfortunately, animal rights activists in Massachusetts were outspent by their opposition, the Massachusetts Animal Interest Coalition (MAIC), which was formed by the owners of greyhound parks. GREY2K, the Massachusetts based grassroots organization that spearheaded the effort in their state, estimates that it raised more than \$900,000 from small contributors whereas MAIC, who benefited from substantial contributions from dog racing interests in other states, tossed almost \$2 million into their campaign to defeat the ballot. LCA was one of the first major organizations to respond to Grey 2K's plea for support; we put all of our investigators and resources into looking into the allegations of cruelty and deaths of greyhounds at Massachusetts racetracks and sent over 1700 special mailings to our members in the state. GREY2K now plans to reorganize as a national, non-profit organization.



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