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Hazina sparks zoo outrage

Cruelty charges stir public debate over inhumane captive animal industry, page 3



ZoocheckCanada photo

B.C. Crown Counsel laid two charges of cruelty to animals against the Greater Vancouver Zoo on May 31 following investigations by the B.C. SPCA into the alleged inhumane treatment of Hazina, the zoo's two-year-old hippo. The investigation was prompted by complaints made by VHS to the SPCA.

Vancouver bans rodeo, but Surrey's cruel tradition continues. See pages 6-7

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EDITORIAL: No place for rodeo in a city with a heart

This article by Debra Probert was printed in the *Vancouver Sun* on May 16, 2006.

Last year Vancouver City Council voted in principle to ban rodeo activities within the city. On May 16, council will decide whether to ratify that decision.* The same week, in the City of Surrey, the 60th Cloverdale Rodeo will open with great fanfare. While one city is moving to eliminate the use of animals in an inhumane spectacle, another will be celebrating it.

Of course, rodeo fans will say that roping calves and wrestling steers to the ground are part of Surrey's heritage and culture, while Vancouver has only witnessed an occasional rodeo at the PNE.

But do Surrey residents really want rodeo to be the defining cultural event of their city? Surrey is urbanizing rapidly, with the population projected to jump from about 400,000 now to 542,000 in 2021. With so many new citizens and with ethnic minorities already making up over a third of the city's population, how reflective will rodeo be of the community's culture and values in 2021? Even now, it appears the public is losing interest. Last year 16,000 people attended the rodeo, down from 19,500 the year before – an 18 per cent drop.

Surrey's official community plan lists a goal to “enhance the image and character” of the city, as part of its vision to become “A great city with a heart.” It's a vision that doesn't fit with the violence and cruelty involved in rodeo. The use of cinch straps to make animals buck; the goading of animals to make them run from their chutes; the neck-jerking roping of calves running at full speed – all methods employing fear and pain to make animals perform. In 2004 a cowboy broke a steer's neck while wrestling it to the ground. It had to be destroyed, one of the 20 animals killed or injured in rodeos across Canada since 1995.

These deaths and injuries are horrific but the fear that rodeo animals experience is perhaps the cruellest aspect of their mistreatment. The distinguished animal behaviourist, Dr. Temple Grandin, has argued that fear is “so bad” for animals that it is worse than pain. And she is no bleeding heart – she designs slaughterhouses for the beef industry.

Last year, the moderate, mainstream BC SPCA called for the public to boycott the Cloverdale Rodeo. Think about it. The agency with statutory responsibility for protecting animals in this province thinks rodeo is wrong and is telling the public not to attend. Every single animal welfare agency in Canada opposes rodeo. Yet every year Surrey plays host to the same grim spectacle in the name of heritage. Is this what a city with a heart wants to be known for?

In December 2007, Surrey's contract with the current operators of the Cloverdale Fairground expires and a major redevelopment of the fairground is to follow. The city has asked for public input into the plans. This would be the perfect opportunity to phase out the rodeo and introduce new cultural events. The popular country fair could be retained, perhaps with the addition of a country music festival similar to the Merritt Mountain Music Festival. Surrey's history and heritage could still be celebrated, while new ideas reflecting the city's vision for the future, could be explored. All without the abuse of animals.

On May 8, a delegation from the Vancouver Humane Society asked Surrey City Council to be a great city with a heart and use the fairground redevelopment as a catalyst to end the rodeo.

With a little courage and some foresight, the council could take a first step toward building a new image for the city – one that respects the past but values compassion more. That's what great cities should do.

* Vancouver voted to ban rodeos. P 7.



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Hearts pour out for baby Hazina

People across Canada are debating the value of zoos, after outrage spread across the country over the treatment of Hazina the hippo by the Greater Vancouver Zoo.

The zoo was charged with cruelty to animals on May 31, following a BC SPCA investigation into its treatment of Hazina the baby hippo. The investigation was triggered after VHS expressed its concerns to the BC SPCA over Hazina's long solitary confinement in a small concrete barn at the zoo. Hazina has been in the barn for 19 months, without companionship or access to the outdoors.

The announcement of the charges at a joint BC SPCA/VHS news conference sparked massive media coverage of Hazina's conditions and widespread concern over her welfare. Editorials, columnists, radio call-in programs and letters to the editor not only condemned Hazina's conditions, but also questioned the morality of displaying captive animals for entertainment. Television media hounded zoo officials and CTV's Chopper 9 even flew over the zoo owner's house, comparing its luxury and size with Hazina's pathetic pen. The zoo is now under intense pressure to complete its long-promised new hippo facility and public concern is growing over the zoo's dubious record of animal care.

VHS and Zoocheck Canada have raised Hazina's situation publicly a number of times over the past 19 months, pressing the zoo to improve her situation. Yet the zoo failed to construct better accommodation for Hazina, despite numerous promises to do so. The BC SPCA, when it became involved, gave every chance to the zoo to rectify the situation, but to date Hazina remains in her barn. VHS's criticisms of the zoo have been vindicated and public outrage over its treatment of Hazina appears to be growing. We have received many calls, emails and letters of support for ensuring Hazina's plight was not forgotten.

The BC SPCA outlined some of the prob-



Hazina the hippo has endured conditions like this since her arrival at the Greater Vancouver Zoo.

lems it found with Hazina's conditions in a press release:

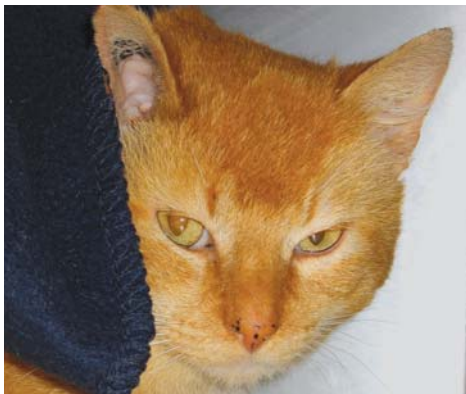
"One of our primary concerns with Hazina is that she has been held in a temporary pen for so long with only a two-foot-deep wading pool," says Drever. "Because of their tremendous weight, hippopotamuses need the buoyancy of water in order to relieve the pressure on their joints. As Hazina has grown she has not been able to float in the shallow pool and her time outside the pool was spent standing on concrete." Hazina's current weight is estimated to be more than 1,000 pounds.

The BC SPCA is also concerned that Hazina has not been outdoors in a year and seven months, has not been able to graze for that period of time and has been living in isolation, deprived of social interaction with her species. "During our investigation we issued a number of orders for action to improve Hazina's situation, such as adding rubber matting to the floor of her pen to

reduce the stress on her joints," says Drever. "We investigated options for removing Hazina from the zoo but the veterinary experts we consulted agreed that transporting her would subject her to even more stress."

Four hippos have died prematurely at the zoo. Two drowned in their pond in 1983 and their replacements, Gertrude and Harvey, died in 2004 and 2005. The zoo lost its accreditation with the Canadian Association of Zoos and Aquariums in 2004 because its hippo facilities were sub-standard. Despite this the zoo acquired Hazina in October 2004 – with nowhere to put her except a temporary holding pen, where she has remained since. VHS will monitor Hazina's welfare when she is moved to a new enclosure.

VHS and Zoocheck Canada were also instrumental in drawing public attention to the plight of Tina the elephant in 2003, when the Greater Vancouver Zoo planned to ship her to another zoo in Ontario.



Lovable Nat needs loving home

Many VHS supporters will remember our last mailout, in which we told you about a sweet ginger cat who was humanely trapped in the backyard of our executive director. Nat, formerly known as El Gato, is doing very well in his foster home. Although he has tested FIV positive (Feline Immunodeficiency Virus) he is very healthy and happy, now that he is inside, has been treated for his bite wound, worms and

fleas, and has a full bowl of food always available!

It is always thrilling to see how these shy, frightened waifs turn into such loving, playful, delightful sweethearts when they are shown a little love. It really is a complete personality change.

We're hoping that someone will come forward soon to give Nat the forever home that he deserves.

How to help injured wildlife

By ANDREA WORRALL

The Wildlife Rehabilitators Network of British Columbia's mission statement is to advocate for wildlife through appropriate action, legislation, and education. There are approximately 50 members of this organization who all work towards the following goals:

- To share knowledge and skills with others
- To educate the public about wildlife needs
- To foster cooperation with provincial, federal, and international agencies
- To promote high standards of practice, ethics, and professional conduct
- To present a united voice to government agencies responsible for legislation
- To ensure that wildlife needing care is dealt with quickly and humanely, by knowledgeable personnel, enhancing chances of eventual release back to the wild.

What to do if you find what appears to be an orphaned or injured wild animal:

All wildlife requires specialized care if they are to successfully recover and be released back into the wild. As well, stress and shock from improper handling are major killers, and some injured and stressed animals can cause injuries to handlers. Wildlife's survival chances improve with prompt and knowledgeable response. Visit our website to find a wildlife rehabilitator in your area <http://www.wrn.bc.ca>.

Personal safety is always the first priority in attempting to handle any wildlife. First, ask yourself these basic questions:

How long have you watched it?

Does the animal appear injured?

Is it in a dangerous location e.g. roadway or driveway?

Is there a dead adult or sibling nearby?

BIRDS

Juveniles

If there are no injuries, leave it alone; watch for up to an hour to see if any adults return to the area.

If on a roadway or walkway it can be safely moved 10-20 feet; watch for adults.



Rescued baby raccoons like this one need special care, so contact your local wildlife rehabilitator.

If you see a dead adult or siblings — the bird needs care. Contact nearest licensed wildlife rehabilitator.

Nestlings (no or sparse feathering) — return to nest unless signs of injury. If nest is damaged, make simple substitute and replace as near as possible to original site. Watch for adults.

Fledglings (mostly feathered) — these birds are out of the nest and learning to fly, a process, which takes between several hours for small birds, up to 10 days for young crows. First watch from a distance for up to an hour to see if an adult returns; the parents usually are off finding food and leave for varying periods of time.

If no adults are seen or there are obvious injuries, the bird will require care. Place in a covered, ventilated box on paper toweling, in a warm place. DO NOT FEED. Call a rehabilitator as soon as possible.

Adults — Birds that are injured or oiled can be picked up by covering with a towel or light jacket. Place in a covered, ventilated

container in a warm place. Get animal to a care. Please DO NOT FEED the bird, or, if oiled, DO NOT WASH it.

For adult birds of prey, use gloves in handling and cover the head to minimize movement.

MAMMALS

Juveniles — Young mammals are left alone for often lengthy periods of time. However, the mother often is nearby. Wild rabbits, for example, only return to their young twice in 24 hours!

Young mammals have little scent, to protect them from detection by predators.

If you find an apparently orphaned mammal that does not appear injured or ill, leave it alone. DO NOT HANDLE. Return in several hours or even overnight. Usually the young will have been moved.

If not, what is the overall condition? Do they appear dehydrated? Soiled with feces? Crying out? If they appear well fed and alert, leave alone. If not, get into safe, covered container and get to a care centre.

Young mammals require special milk for their species. Substitutions cause severe diarrhea. DO NOT FEED.

Adults — Same criteria as above. Adult wild animals are likely to be quite aggressive if handled. Wear gloves and cover with a blanket, then put in a sturdy ventilated container and keep in a warm place until they can be taken to a care centre.

If bitten, treat the bite promptly and seek first-aid in order to prevent infection or possibly rabies.

DO NOT FEED.

Reptiles and amphibians can also become victims of vehicle impacts, domestic animal attacks, and other human factors, but their injuries may not be as obvious. It is important that they also receive treatment.

NEVER ATTEMPT TO TREAT OR RAISE WILDLIFE! Keeping wildlife in captivity is illegal unless you have government permits — contact your local wildlife rehabilitator. All wild creatures are best raised by their own parents.

Get on VHS's action alert list!

On our action alert list? Email info@vancouverhumanesociety.bc.ca and get your name added to our weekly digest of the latest actions that need your help.

From writing letters to alerts about new books or events, this list keeps you updated on what's happening locally with respect to animals.

If you donate to the United Way through your employer, you can donate to VHS. Just ask your employer to designate your donation to VHS and the United Way will take care of the rest. Thank you!



George says hello and thanks for helping to raise the money for his first hip operation.

Please help George

Special rescued golden retriever needs a second hip operation

George is an 11-month old Golden Retriever who was surrendered to a local shelter by his owner. He was extremely thin and it is suspected that his only source of food was rooting through neighbourhood garbage cans.

The staff at the shelter were concerned about his hips, and took him to Dr. Radnic at the Panorama Village Animal Hospital in Surrey for an assessment. George was diagnosed with severe hip dysplasia and is in need of corrective surgery involving a double hip replacement.

The shelter did not have the funds, and so Dr. Radnic decided to save George's life by fostering him and raising money for the surgery. The surgery must be done at the Canada West Veterinary Specialists and Critical Care Hospital in Burnaby.

George has been being fostered by Stacy, an employee at the clinic. Having met him and seen what a sweet personality he has, we at VHS cannot believe that anyone

could surrender him.

He's calm, well-behaved and beautiful. He deserves a second chance and we're so glad that Dr. Radnic and his wonderful staff have decided to provide a temporary home and raise the funds to save this beautiful, sweet-tempered dog.

Please help us help a compassionate veterinarian to help George. Your donation will truly make a difference in George's life. Thanks to all of you who have donated towards George's surgery!

We now have enough money to pay for his first hip operation, which took place on May 30. He will remain in the hospital for one week for observation, then his first exercise will be swimming, to slowly and safely get his muscles back into shape. He will stay at Panorama until he is ready for his second operation, with the next three months.

We are still in need of funding for his second surgery. Thank you for all your support!!

Power of One reaches out to kids

By LIBERTY MULKANI

Power of One, the Vancouver Humane Society's humane education program, hit the ground running this month with several exciting presentations.

First, Power of One presenters, Lesley Fox and Liberty Mulkani, were invited to Victoria for the "Breaking Down the Walls" youth festival. The festival was hosted by the Jane Goodall Institute's Roots and Shoots program.

After Dr. Goodall's inspirational talk, Lesley and Liberty led two one-hour workshops for grade 6-8 students exploring the impact of our choices and discussing solutions to issues effecting the environment, animals, and people.

Next, Power of One headed to the Vancouver Formosa Academy to offer a series of presentations to adult English as a Second Language (ESL) students. During a two-week period, Lesley and Liberty worked with over 180 ESL students from twelve different classes, teaching the concept of how to make humane choices in our daily lives. The ESL classes provided an opportunity to reach out to new immigrants and help to foster environmental stewardship and compassion towards animals.



Students at the "Breaking Down the Walls" festival took part in VHS's Power of One program with VHS's Liberty Mulkani (bottom row centre) and Lesley Fox (bottom row second from right).

The reaction of students and teachers to the presentations was positive:

"It was very stimulating. The presenters really got students thinking about making more humane choices. Showing students a real (leg-hold) trap was, in my opinion, the most effective part of the presentation."

Svetlana, Vancouver ESL Teacher

I learned how many animals are being affected by us." *Alicia, grade 6 student*

This is just the beginning of what promises to be a dynamic program. Power of One will also be venturing into high schools and presenting at conferences and festivals in the coming months. For more information on VHS' Power of One humane education program or to book a presentation, please visit: www.powerofonehumaneeducation.org.

Don't forget the Power of One on-line auction! See our ad on the back page!

Putting spurs to Cloverdale's brutal rodeo

VHS steps up its efforts to end the cruel spectacle that takes place each May long weekend in Surrey

By DEBRA PROBERT

The 60th Cloverdale Rodeo took place in Surrey in May and never before has public and media attention been so keenly focused on the controversy around the suffering of rodeo animals.

The VHS continued to fan the flames, meeting with Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts in late April and then appearing as a delegation in front of Surrey Council on May 8th. VHS supporters will recall that last year Council refused to permit VHS to appear; however the 2005 civic election resulted in a more open-minded council. This year, Surrey Council was ready to face the photos that VHS so painstakingly obtained from the 2004 and 2005 Cloverdale Rodeo.

On May 8th, the pictures said it all. As VHS spoke about the abusive events that take place in rodeo arenas every year, photo after photo appeared before the councillors on their monitors. The room was still as VHS described the cruel calf-roping event, (now euphemistically referred to by the rodeo as 'tie-down roping') which exposes baby animals to terrible fear and pain as they are harassed out of the chute and roped around the neck while running at top speed. Faces froze as the steer killed in 2004 during the steer-wrestling event appeared on the screen as he was chased down and fatally injured. Terrified horses, steers being nearly pulled in two in the team-roping event, and photo after grisly photo of half-strangled calves with their tongues hanging out, saliva pouring from their mouths, some of them even urinating in mid-air from terror, kept the room in an uncomfortable silence.

The Vancouver Humane Society asked Surrey Council to phase out the rodeo over

the next few years, in favour of something more representative of a growing, urban city. Surrey's new plan calls for the city to improve its image, becoming known as a "great city with a heart", so VHS called upon Council to immediately impose the following restrictions on the rodeo:

End the Wild Cow Milking event – it's unnecessary and is not a professionally sanctioned event, making its removal painless to rodeo authorities.

Modify calf-roping, or tie-down roping, to be a break-away event. This means that when the calf hits the end of the rope, the rope would break, thus eliminating the most painful portion of the event. Tail-twisting, kicking and banging of the animals' heads against the bars of the chute should be prohibited.

Prohibit the use of animals during the half-time show. Typically, small birds like chickens or animals like rabbits are used in a clown act, which involves an explosion and exploitation of the extreme stress and fear this induces in the animal.

Make the prohibition of animal abuse in rodeo a prime area of discussion in the upcoming redevelopment planning for the exhibition site, with ongoing consultation with the BC SPCA and the Vancouver Humane Society. The City's contract with the Lower Fraser Valley Exhibition Association expires at the end of 2007. This is a prime opportunity to end the animal abuse and replace it with more contemporary, humane entertainment.

On May 17th, the Tuesday before the rodeo began, VHS faced off with Curve Communications representative Laura Ballance, the media spokesperson for the Cloverdale Rodeo, in the editorial pages of the Vancouver Sun. VHS's op-ed piece was concise, again describing the animal abuse



Scenes like this from the Cloverdale Rodeo in Surrey

inherent in rodeo activities and quoting the BC SPCA, who wrote to Surrey Council echoing everything VHS had requested, including an end to the rodeo. Ballance's piece, which appeared below, did not address the issues; rather talked about "tradition" and decried animal activists claims that rodeo attendance is decreasing. This was particularly interesting, considering that VHS obtained Ballance's own figures provided to the City of Surrey, showing a clear decline in attendance - down from 19,500 in 2004 to 16,000 in 2005.

That afternoon, the City of Vancouver unanimously voted to ban all cruel rodeo events in the city. This was a clear message to the public that blatant animal abuse, especially despicable in the name of entertainment, is unacceptable in modern society.

VHS kept up the pressure by issuing press releases, resulting in interviews with several media outlets, including the Globe and Mail. Coverage culminated in another face-off with Ballance, this time live on CKNW Radio during the Saturday afternoon rodeo performance. Ballance was clearly uncomfortable and



y will now never be seen in Vancouver, thanks to a city decision to prohibit inhumane rodeo events.

Rodeo ban a victory!

Vancouver city council sees the light

Yee-ha! Rodeo has been run out of town. On May 16, Vancouver City Council voted unanimously to ban rodeo events – the first major city in Canada to do so.

Councillor Kim Capri, who spoke in support of the decision, congratulated VHS “for raising this important issue with the City of Vancouver.” VHS has been working for years to stop the cruel spectacle from taking place in the city. Ingrid Pollak, VHS’s founder, began the process in the 1980s and we have persisted ever since. A break came in 2005 when then councillor Tim Louis helped push through an “approval in principle” for a ban. Following the civic election, VHS ensured rodeo stayed on the new council’s agenda, resulting in the final ratification of the ban.

City staff will now amend the Prohibited Business bylaw to ban inhumane rodeo activities, including the key events that make up a professional rodeo. This effectively ensures that no rodeo can take place in the city.

VHS hopes the ban will send a message to other communities that rodeo is no longer acceptable in modern society.

The last rodeo in Vancouver took place in 1997, but VHS is concerned that the rodeo industry might attempt to use the 2010 Winter Olympics as an opportunity to showcase itself. Rodeo was featured in the 2002 games in Utah as one of the cultural events, despite protests from the public and animal protection groups.

inarticulate – when asked point-blank questions by callers, she refused to answer. VHS repeatedly told listeners to make up their own minds by going to www.vancouverhumaneociety.bc.ca to see the undercover photos taken by VHS in 2004-2005 and disputed Balance’s claims at every turn.

Rodeo officials are clearly becoming desperate – misrepresenting attendance, and even attempting to make the public believe that cruel devices such as cinch straps, used to make horses buck, are there to protect the animals.

VHS was not the only organization outraged by the rodeo. The BC SPCA again issued a media release calling for a boycott of the rodeo. Liberation BC, led by activist Ashley Fruno, managed significant television and print coverage to with several brilliant strategies, including carrying banners stating that rodeo is cruel in the Cloverdale Rodeo Parade; a demonstration covered in the Globe and Mail at the opening, complete with banners saying “Nobody likes an 8-second ride!” and a disruption which saw Fruno and another young woman scaling the arena fences and attempting to chain themselves to the calf-

roping chute. Global TV news coverage showed it all, ending the spot with a shot of a calf being slammed to the ground and dragged across the arena by the neck.

The latter two days of the rodeo were marked by protests by another local activist, Lauchlin Ashdown, who has been speaking for rodeo animals at the site for more than ten years.

We at VHS are confident that the Cloverdale Rodeo will soon be relegated to the dustbin of history, where it belongs. The combined efforts of the Vancouver Humane Society, the BC SPCA, Liberation BC and other committed activists have resulted in public humiliation rather than adulation. After all my years of attending the rodeo; feeling so desperately sad for the animals inside who are kicked, prodded, harassed and terrified into acting like wild animals and who are unable to speak for themselves, I’m beginning to feel hopeful. The public is finally seeing rodeo for what it is – glorified animal abuse.

It’s time for Surrey to grow up and act its age. A great city with a heart should not tolerate animal abuse thinly disguised as entertainment.

No dead cows on your lips!

Make certain the personal-care products you buy are really cruelty-free

By DEBRA PROBERT

Alright, I admit it. I'm vain. Never mind that I'm...well, past 40. Well past. I still like to look my best. After all, I'm often out there dealing with the media on animal issues. But at the same time, I want to avoid animal cruelty.

It's always bothered me that the term cruelty-free is so ill-defined. "No animal testing" is the mantra of most cosmetic and personal care product companies these days. Great, no animals were tortured to make my lips red. But often, products contain slaughterhouse by-products like collagen and gelatine. I'm a vegetarian. Most of these products don't even meet vegetarian criteria!

So I'm always on the lookout for that perfect shampoo that's going to leave my hair shiny, yet manageable; that conditioner that will volumize my pathetically limp tresses and that face powder that will smooth away my wrinkles and make me look...30ish again. But please, no animal guts!!

Happily, I've found lots of vegan products, conveniently available at local stores and, increasingly, actually doing what they say they will! I'd like to share my list with you, in the hopes that you'll go a bit further than "not tested on animals" to "contains no animal ingredients" and stop smearing cow brains on your lips.

Of course, you can always go to PETA's website and download their list of non-tested, vegetarian and vegan products (www.caringconsumer.com) or for more information on animal testing try www.navs.org. You can also find out about the Leaping Bunny Logo (www.leapingbunny.org) which appears on products approved by the Coalition for Consumer Information on Cosmetics (CCIC).

Now for my personal list:

Avalon Organics

www.avalonorganics.com

Shampoo – Lavender (and lots of other yummy scents)

Alba - Sunscreen

100% vegetarian ingredients. No animal testing.

Cover FX Skin Care Products

www.coverfx.com

This line was originally designed for use by people with rosacea, acne, scars and other skin conditions. It is a Canadian company that has now expanded into the



United States. Founder and President Lee Graff told VHS: "None of our products contain animal ingredients. Only our powder brush and new kabuki brush are by-products. We have certificates stating animals are not injured for the purpose of producing our tools." Most larger Shoppers Drug Mart stores carry Cover FX.

Life Brand products

www.shoppersdrugmart.com

Many Shoppers Drug Mart Life Brand Products are labelled as containing no animal products and no animal testing. A query from VHS about testing elicited the following:

"Life Brand Dish Detergent does not contain animal products or byproducts. The generally recognized meaning of the term, "not tested on animals" is that the finished product was not tested on animals. At present, and based on our current information, Shoppers Drug Mart does not actively support or commission the testing of any Life Brand product in order to establish clinical support for safety, efficacy, or allergic reactions.

"This phrase does not guarantee that the individual ingredients were not tested on animals. For new ingredients, testing is sometimes essential to determine that the ingredient is safe. The scientific community and industry is moving toward using fewer animals and is gradually producing valid tests that do not use live animals but use cell cultures instead (called 'in vitro testing') as well as predictive computer models. However, these new test methods cannot completely replace animal testing at this time for the risk assessment of most substances."

Shoppers Drug Mart is being honest. Many companies will not admit that some ingredients in their products have actually

been tested on animals at some time.

Advanced Research Laboratories

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"Our products do not contain any animal-derived ingredients."

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Pureology

www.pureology.com

Pure Volume Shampoo, Conditioner

Pure Volume Thickening Masque

Pure Volume BlowDry Amplifier

My hairdresser, Karen, (CRUSH Hair Company) told me about this line a couple of years ago. She was really excited because it's vegan — now she's excited because it's good and she's using it on all her clients! Unfortunately, the website is not active yet, but I found an article online confirming that all products are 100% vegan and not tested on animals. Pureology products are available at better salons and at London Drugs.

While I was writing this article, I talked to my colleagues at VHS. Lesley Fox, VHS Humane Education Program Director, suggested I include a vegan deodorant that *really works* (nothing worse than a stinky vegan except a stinky meat eater). She found Mitchum for Women Cool Dry, Invisible Solid, which is vegan and available at Shoppers Drug Mart.

I've been around for a while (remember, I'm over 40). There are TONS more products available now than there were even five years ago. For reasons known only to them, some companies do not list "no animal ingredients" on their products, so it pays to do a little sleuthing on your own.

If you have a vegan product you really like, let us know and we'll include it in future issues!

Making progress for chickens

More companies are going cage-free, while our Chicken Out! project grows

Google goes cage-free

On May 11th, Google, the world's largest Internet search engine went cage-free. It joined the ever-growing number of corporations who are choosing compassion over cruelty.

"There's tremendous pressure on the corporate community to do the right thing and we anticipate companies will be scrambling to join Google," says Bruce Passmore, Farm Animal Welfare Coordinator of the VHS.

Google's decision is significant because the company uses 300,000 shell eggs and 7,000 pounds of liquid eggs a year. Other corporations making this ethical choice are AOL, Whole Foods Market, Wild Oats Natural Marketplace and Palo Alto-based food service provider Bon Appetit. Over 80 schools and colleges in the U.S. have also followed suit in their cafeterias.

"We're very excited about Google," says Bruce. "But we need to get cracking here in Canada to reduce the suffering of these intelligent, social birds. Labelling eggs from caged hens at Loblaw stores would be a huge step forward and would demonstrate their corporate commitment to animal welfare. We're not even asking them to stop selling them – just to label them. It's a small thing for Loblaw that would make a huge difference to the hens."

Loblaw is Canada's largest grocery retailer and the parent company of local stores like the Real Canadian Superstore, Extra Foods and Super Valu.

Planet Organic Market Drops Eggs from Caged Hens!

After receiving an information package from VHS, Planet Organic Market, with stores in Toronto and Vancouver, decided to drop Omega-3 eggs from their shelves.

Despite their labelling and misleading logo, Omega-3 eggs are from caged hens. (For more information on eggs and labelling visit www.chickenout.ca.)

Please send a polite letter to the manager congratulating them for taking this important step.

Stewart Vander-Hoek
Store Manager
Planet Organic Market
10-2755 Loughheed Hwy
Port Coquitlam, BC
V3B 5Y9

Chicken Out! Internet video

The production of our innovative Internet



Why did the chicken cross the road on May 4th? To celebrate International Respect for Chickens Day with Pia Shandel on CFUN radio. VHS's Bruce Passmore shared touching stories about chickens and some of the interesting and lesser-known facts about these intelligent birds. One caller even read out a poem she wrote after being moved to tears by a truck carrying hens to slaughter.

video on battery hens has begun, thanks to generous help from the Humane Society International (HSI), Canadians for the Ethical Treatment of Food Animals (CETFA) and VHS supporter Jean MacKenzie.

This video is part of our upcoming viral campaign that we hope will blanket the Internet with an entertaining but informative look at egg-laying hens in Canada. Stay tuned for more details!

The Chicken Out! project still needs more funding in order to complete the video. Can you help? Donations can be made online at www.chickenout.ca or by calling 604-266-9744.

National Farm Animals Day

National Farm Animals Day, on April 15, was a great success.

As usual, our human-sized battery cage drew a lot of attention from unsuspecting pedestrians. Most people admitted that they did not know the horrendous conditions that battery caged hens are forced to live in.

The highlight of the day came when an angry, self-proclaimed "factory farmer" approached our table. The farmer had just read an article in the paper about the welfare

of battery-caged hens. He accused animal rights groups of grossly misinforming the public about the size of a battery cage by comparing it to an 8.5X11-inch sheet of paper.

But our knowledgeable volunteers quickly defused the situation by correctly indicating the size of a battery cage (approximately 16X18 inches, holding five to seven birds) and informing the farmer that the living space of each battery hen, rather than the size of the actual cage is equivalent to the size of an 8.5X11-inch sheet of paper.

Even the factory farmer had to agree that our volunteers were well informed and that he had misread the article. Most consumers we spoke to that day, were not interested in the size of the cages, because they simply do not want birds in cages, period.

At least two dozen people walked away determined to change their shopping habits and start buying certified organic eggs.

Runners egged on in Sun Run

VHS was also present at this year's Sun Run on April 23, with a display on the route and several runners wearing Chicken Out! T-shirts.

Ban on exotics deferred

Vancouver City Council has deferred consideration of a motion to ban exotic animals until the fall. City staff will produce a report for council on the issue, which will be then be discussed by the Planning and Environment Committee. Public input will be invited when the meeting is held.

VHS is encouraging the humane community in the city to make itself heard on the issue. The exotic pet industry and reptile clubs are expected to hotly contest any move toward a prohibition on the sale or ownership of exotic animals in the city. They have been deluging city council with correspondence in an attempt to convince councillors that they should have the right to own the animals they choose.

VHS has provided scientific research to the council showing that exotic species suffer in captivity and are inappropriate as



VHS is working to protect caimans like this.

pets.

Please watch the VHS website for updates on the issue: www.vancouverhumanesociety.bc.ca

Thanks to companies for having a heart

Thank you to the very special businesses that support our work with financial donations:

AAA Wildlife Control
The Green Room Modern Café Inc.
Small Potatoes Urban Delivery
Nutrition House (Willowbrook Mall)

Thanks also to companies that have provided items for door prizes and items for our Summer Solstice On-line Summer Auction to raise funds for our Humane Education Program:

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Petcetera
The NAAM Restaurant
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Healing Scents Aromatherapy
The Cellar
Bosley's Pet Food Plus, Eagleridge Plaza

It's summer and we need volunteers

It's summer, and VHS will be hosting many educational displays around the city and at local events.

Can you help out? Any help you can give would be appreciated, but particularly transportation. Email events@vancouverhumanesociety.bc.ca if you are free for any of these events:

Farmer's Market – various Saturdays during the summer
Vancouver Folk Music Festival –

Saturday, July 15

Richmond Animal Welfare Expo –
Saturday, July 22

Vancouver Pride Day – Sunday, August 6
Animal Rights Day – Saturday, August 12
Henny appearances around town – any day you are free to help!

Is there another event happening that you can help organize a VHS table for? Let us know and we will see if we can get enough volunteers to help you out.

Seniors' homes welcome VHS talks

This spring, VHS was warmly welcomed at two Vancouver seniors centres, West End Seniors Network and the Peretz Seniors Centre.

Many issues were discussed including egg-laying hens, zoos and aquaria, and the link between the treatment of animals and the treatment of humans. One participant remarked, "If I had only known this 30

years ago, but better late than never!" Bruce Passmore, VHS's presenter said, "I learn so much from the participants, too. Our elders have so much knowledge to share. It's really a great experience for all of us!"

Do you know of a seniors' centre or home that might like to have VHS as a speaker? Let us know! Contact info@vancouverhumanesociety.bc.ca or call 604-266-9744.

Our Privacy Commitment to You

You, our supporters, are our most valuable resource. Without you, we would not be able to do the work that we do. You are our lifeblood. When we expose and protest animal abuse, we know that you are right behind us, ready to speak out for those who cannot defend themselves. And for that, we thank you.

Sometimes it is very advantageous for groups like ours to share information. This is the fastest and most economical way for us to inform people like you about animal issues. It is also the most efficient way for VHS to grow and become more effective.

It is very frustrating for all of us when we open our mailbox to find that we have received donation requests from worthy organizations, many of which we would like to support. Not only is it a waste of paper and postage, it is often heartbreaking to open the envelope and be told yet another story of sadness and despair.

That is why when we do share information about our supporters; we do it ONLY with like-minded organizations - other people who care about animal suffering and want to put their resources towards exposing and stopping it. If you allow us to share information with other like-minded groups, simply

put, we can help more animals. And it is our sincere promise to you that we will only exchange lists with organizations with similar views and policies. Even knowing how important it is to us, if you still do not want VHS to share your name, just phone the office and we will honor your request.

Do you want to become a VHS member? Just let us know. The membership fee is \$2 per year. The only other things we require are that you have interests that are compatible with our goals and philosophy, and that you donate two hours per week (or the equivalent) of your time.

HAPPY ENDINGS



Mini-Kitty

Mini-Kitty (pictured above) is a one-year-old neutered cat who had been shot with a pellet gun. His wound required two and a half hours of surgery and a couple of weeks in hospital. Mini-Kitty is now home and is only going outside with a harness and

leash. He is the third cat in the Newton area of Surrey to have been stabbed or shot in recent weeks.

Smokey and Josie

Smokey and Josie, two young cats, had broken legs, probably from being hit by cars. Their guardians had no money for vet bills and saw no option but euthanasia. Fortunately, the vet agreed that they could surrender the cats and the staff would try to get some funding to cover the costs. VHS offered some money from our McVitie Fund so their legs would not have to be amputated. Both cats are recovering well and are available for adoption.

MJ

At first it seemed as if there were not going to be a happy ending for MJ, a two-year-old rottweiler. She had been hit by a car and had a broken leg. MJ was difficult to treat because she became aggressive due to her fear, but eventually settled down and the vet was able to carry out an expensive operation to save her leg. VHS's funding for animal medical care had run out, so we appealed to a very special donor who agreed

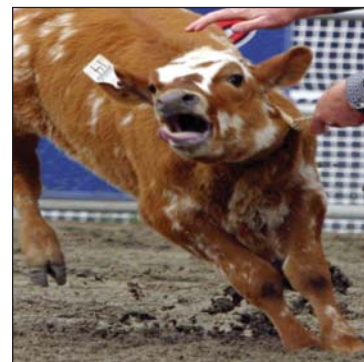
to help with the costs. The surgery went well and MJ is now home and doing well.

Buddy

Buddy (pictured below), a male cat, celebrated his eighth birthday on May 1st, thank to VHS. He had a crystal bladder blockage requiring urgent medical treatment and VHS helped with the cost. His guardians wrote to us: "Without your help Buddy might not be with us today. He now has a chance to live a long and precious life with us."



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and much more!

Items go up for bid from **June 21 at 6:00 pm** through Ebay.
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