

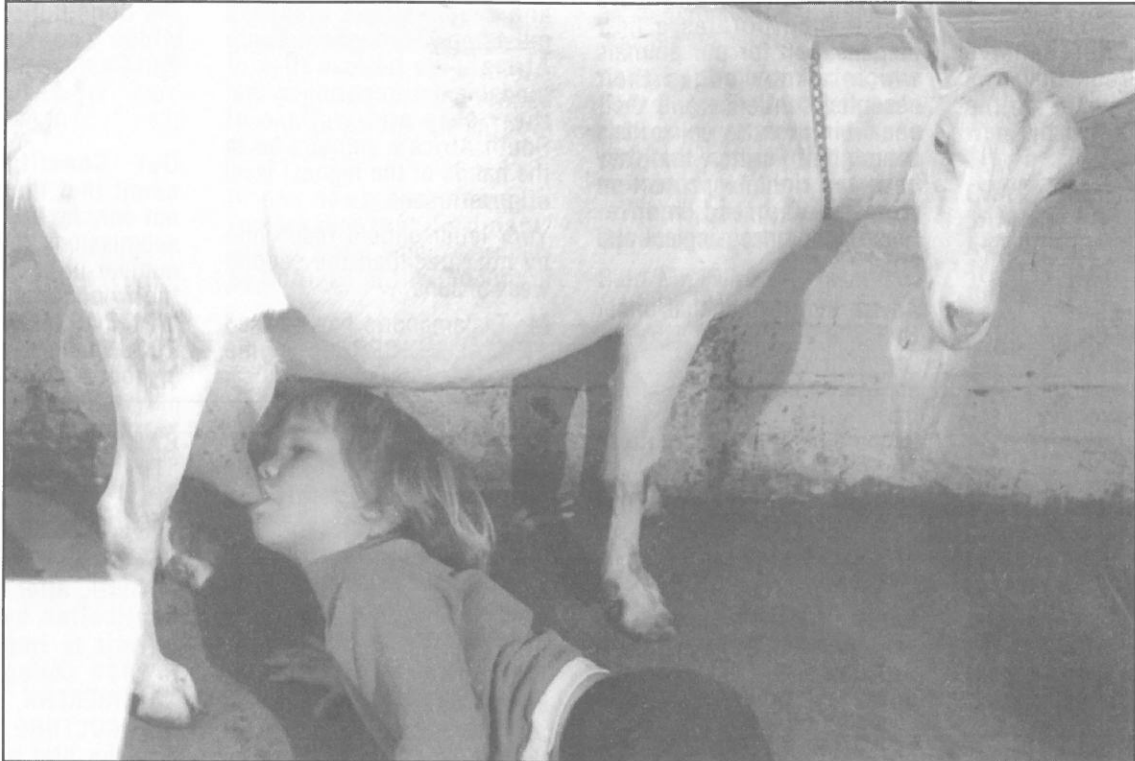
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CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY OFFERS UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

DON'T MISS THIS CHANCE TO SPEAK FOR OUR ANIMALS

For the first time in South African history the ordinary man in the street can make a contribution to the drawing up of the new South African Constitution.

ANIMAL VOICE has taken full advantage of this opportunity, handing in comprehensive submissions regarding the inclusion of a clause on the rights of animals in the new Constitution.

PLEASE, ALL MEMBERS AND SUPPORTERS OF ANIMAL VOICE, HELP BY SENDING A LETTER AS A MATTER OF URGENCY, TO:

Mr John Tsalamandris
Managing Secretary,
Theme Committee Four
Constitutional Assembly
Box 15
Cape Town
8000

Explain to him that every aspect of our lives has become tinged with the sorrow we feel for intensively farmed and laboratory animals in the world today.

Tell him that we implore those responsible for formulating the

new Constitution to ensure that it incorporates a new dispensation for our animals which acknowledges their essential sentience and their equal birthright to enjoy life's basic gifts. Further, that they have the right to protection from man's greed, indifference, ignorance, neglect and cruelty.

Advise him further that under the present Bill of Rights, "every person has the right to an environment which is not harmful to health" and which is "conducive to well-being". The widespread, deliberately induced or avoidable suffering of animals in South Africa has infringed our (human) "right to well-being".

Lastly, perhaps you could say that we the people of South Africa think it is a mistake to devolve and

fragment animal welfare to the 9 different provinces. This means that there will be 9 different approaches to animal welfare which can only lead to chaos. We believe the protection of animals is a national concern and that a single standard must apply throughout South Africa. We believe it is of fundamental importance that the rights and welfare of South Africa's animals be in the hands of the highest level of government.

Your letter should reach him by not later than the second week of June.

Mr Tsalamandris has advised ANIMAL VOICE that Theme

Committee Four deals with "Fundamental Rights". He says each theme goes for full discussion first to a Theme Committee, then to a Management Committee. From there it goes to a Constitutional Committee and finally to the Constitutional Assembly which consists of 490 Parliamentarians including all members of the Senate and the House of Assembly.

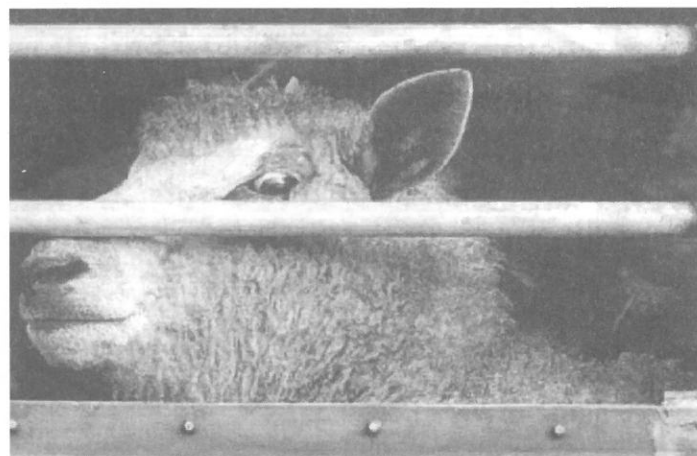
Our Constitution-makers admit that they are swayed not only by the quality of the submissions, but also by the number of people expressing their concerns. SO PLEASE WRITE AS MANY LETTERS AS POSSIBLE!

SA REELS AT HORRIFIC PROSPECT OF 1,4 MILLION LIVE AUSTRALIAN SHEEP ARRIVING AT DURBAN DOCKS OVER NEXT THREE YEARS:

WE WANT NO PART IN AUSTRALIA'S IMMORAL TRADE

Furore has reigned in South Africa recently as animal rightists, welfarists, veterinary surgeons, farmers, businessmen and others have all joined forces in a determined bid to stop the United Meat Traders Association (UMTA) being issued a permit to import 55 000 live sheep a month, over three years, from Australia.

Mr Shabeer Hoosen of UMTA said the importation of live sheep from Australia would result in unemployed people being taken off the street to work in the under-utilised abattoir at Cato Ridge. He also said it did not matter to him that the SPCA predicted 7% of



the sheep would die during the journey.

Dr Michael Levien, Chairman of the Livestock Welfare

Association, was quick to counter Mr Hoosen's arguments: "As for job creation, abattoir work is highly skilled and personnel employed in slaughtering in an abattoir have to be specifically trained for the task..."

ANIMAL VOICE warned: "The arrival at any South African ports of live sheep will precipitate demonstrations by animals rightists in the country to match those in Britain."

FALCON (Front for Animal Liberation and Conservation of Nature) based in Natal, added its warning: "We intend to oppose this plan

with every legal means at our disposal including preventing trucks from entering the harbour if necessary."

BARBARA NASH, NSPCA: "The National Council of SPCA's is against this and is doing everything in its power to put a stop to it."

In April, after receiving the application by UMTA for a permit to import the first 34 000 sheep, DR KRAAI VAN NIEKERK, MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, noted that it was the first time in history that such an application has been received. He pointed out that large quantities of frozen mutton and lamb were already being imported from Australia to supplement mutton supplies during the present period of shortage in SA as a result of the drought. He said evaluating the application would take "considerable time".

**NOTE FROM
ANIMAL VOICE:
Should the ap-
plication be
granted, please
contact Animal
Voice urgently so
that we can co-
ordinate arrange-
ments for mass
demonstrations
against this vile
trade.**

BRITAIN ROCKED BY DEMONSTRATIONS AGAINST LIVE EXPORTS OF CALVES AND SHEEP



Jill Phipps

JILL PHIPPS - DIED FOR THE ANIMALS

Animal Rights campaigner Jill Phipps (31) was crushed to death under a lorry carrying veal calves, as it entered Coventry airport which runs regular 'livestock' flights.

According to eyewitnesses, Jill ran into the path of the huge truck, trying to grab hold of the front of the cab, but slipped and fell.

Former French actress Brigitte Bardot (60) flew from France to join more than 1000 mourners at Jill's funeral service in Coventry Cathedral on February 14, 1995.

"I have come to pay homage to her," said Bardot.

The Rev David Berryman, addressing the congregation said: "Jill, I am told, did what her heart told her. Put in another way, she had a vision of what she was certain was a better world."

Jill's boyfriend, Justin, said: "Jill taught me that compassion applied to everyone, not just to humans."

Fights, arrests, and mass demonstrations have overwhelmed British ports and airports as angry protesters attempted to stop huge truckloads of calves and sheep destined to be shipped or flown to the Continent.

By the middle of March 1995, six ports had succumbed to public pressure and banned shipments of live animals, while animal welfare topped the political agenda in both Britain and the EU.

British newspapers found it remarkable that "ordinary" Britons "who would normally be horrified at the thought of

defying the authorities" were turning out in ever-increasing numbers to protest.

"But they are joining nightly vigils, willingly lying down in front of huge trucks, shouting insults at police and spending hours standing in the rain to protest against what they see as an immoral trade," reported one newspaper.

"Among those arrested was Bob Phipps, a 70-year-old retired postman whose daughter was killed during the demonstrations. He was arrested for trespassing on Coventry Airport runway."

Said Mr Phipps "I promised

myself that I would take Jill's place on the picket line."

According to Time Magazine, February 6, 1995, since the protests started, live animal exports from Britain have fallen by 20% to 30%.

MATT RIDLEY who owns a dairy farm in Northumberland, writes a regular column in The Weekly Telegraph. The following are extracts from his column, Issue Nos. 156 and 183:

"It had probably never occurred to many people until now that dairy cows have to have calves before they can be milked... Veal crates are undoubtedly in some sense cruel, but the cruellest thing ever done to a calf is separating it from its mother soon after birth....

You cannot have a dairy industry without separating calves from their mothers. ... You cannot achieve 20 litres of milk per cow per day without breeding a Friesian machine that is uncomfortably all udder".

He concedes "Animal welfare is a bandwagon with momentum."



Britain is at the forefront of a major reform movement in the West regarding animal welfare and animal rights. (Best-selling author, Richard Adams, as quoted in Time Magazine, February 6, 1995.)



Britain has now set up a special police department specifically for dealing with Animal Rights demonstrations!!

Raising calves in veal crates is outlawed in Britain. However, Britain exports half a million calves, mainly the male calves of the dairy industry, to Continental factory farms every year where they are reared in semi-darkness in so-called veal crates. The space allowance in the crates is such that the animals do not have room to turn around and they are fed a

milk substitute designed to make them anaemic. Here they live in solitary confinement till slaughter at about four to six months. Their diet makes their flesh light and their immobility ensures flesh which is tender. Veal is highly prized by Continental gourmets.

Britain's animal lobby wants these calves to stay home and be raised humanely.

Meantime, British Minister of Agriculture, William Waldegrave, has called on British farmers to be "ahead of the game" on animal welfare. "Other aspects of modern farming will come under scrutiny in turn and the industry must be prepared for this. Quite simply the British public, and increasingly public opinion in other European countries too, demands nothing but the highest standards of care for animals," he said. - Meat Trades Journal Feb 16, 1995.

THE UBIQUITOUS BROILER

(TABLE CHICKEN)

It was with some amusement that I read your article on "The Good Meat" (Supplement to Fair Lady, 16 November 1994) in which one section of the poultry industry takes swipes at the other.

"No cruelly tiny wire cages" boast the broiler farmers (who rear chickens for meat, not eggs) and "no need (let alone no desire) to clip or melt their beaks".

So at least half of the South African Poultry Association agrees then that battery cages for laying hens are "cruel" and would also agree, it seems, that it is grotesque to debeak (beak-trim, beak-tip) a chicken!!!

More importantly, however, the whitewash painted so liberally by Fair Lady on Rainbow Farms, does not do credit to basic journalism.

"The good life - Rainbow chickens roaming free" says your caption.

Let's look inside the broiler houses to show just how "good and free-roaming" that life is:

* Broiler chickens are reared on vast shed floors for all of their short, 42-day lives. By the time they are ready for slaughter, the stocking density is 17 or 18 chickens per square metre.

According to the South African Poultry Association's Code of Practice: Broiler chickens "shall have enough freedom of movement to be able to stand normally, turn around and stretch their wings. Density not to exceed 40 kg per m2.

* The broiler industry worldwide and including South Africa is currently ravaged by disease. SATV News in October 1994 said 20% of the 400 million broilers reared annually in SA were being lost to disease, including a form of cancer. As a result, massive imports of broiler carcasses from the United States have taken place.

* As for "N is for natural birds", consider this: The broiler chicken has been

selectively bred for meatiness. This ruthless selection for meatiness has resulted in up to 90% of flocks suffering from crippling leg diseases. Their skeletons cannot support the extra weight. It is estimated that 4% to 8% of broilers have to be removed from the flock early and turned into pet food because they are unable even to reach the water outlets.

A further 4% to 8% frequently either die or have to be culled due to respiratory/bursal diseases as a result of the high stocking density and unnatural conditions.

How then, one wonders, does the broiler chicken ever grow to maturity in order to reproduce itself? The answer is: by severe diet restrictions. In some countries the parent chickens are deprived of food for up to five days at a time to keep their weight down and "skip-a-day" feeding is routinely practised.

All this so-called healthy good meat is reared for six weeks on the same litter - a litter so contaminated by dead bodies that it was blamed for the outbreak of botulism among South African cows last year. (Yes, cows are given used chicken litter to eat).

Your article also states that "no nasty growth hormones" have to be used for Rainbow chickens. Not growth hormones, but antibiotics and coccidiostats are routinely used in all broiler growing houses. And, it now turns out, FURAZOLIDONE - a known carcinogen - is also used to combat Salmonella and Coliform.

The fact is that the giant bodies one sees in the supermarkets are six-week-old chicks, selectively bred to be giant, but

still blue-eyed and cheeping by the time they go to slaughter. At six weeks, ordinary

farmyard chicks are still able to crawl under their mother's wings.

British poultry expert, Professor John Webster has said in The Guardian: "Broilers are the only livestock that are in chronic pain for the last 20% of their lives (as a result of leg abnormalities)."

When one eats a broiler chicken, one is eating the product of abject cruelty.

AUTHOR SAYS PLIGHT OF THE ANIMALS IS LIKE APARTHIED

British author AUDREY EYTON wrote the following for the magazine "Agscene", official mouthpiece of Compassion in World Farming:

"Working on a newspaper in South Africa in 1976, I looked across the sea to Nelson Mandela's prison island, thought of his 'army' - just black schoolchildren throwing stones against the heavily armed might of white forces... - and wept at the hopelessness of it all.

"I don't have to tell you the amazing eventual outcome of that story.

"When I came home I gradually became involved in fighting 'animal apartheid', the system in which we British pamper pets but consign animals of equal intelligence, equal need of activity, exploratory behaviour and such simple comforts as a bit of straw for a bed, to a horrific life of hard slatted floors and close confinement between cage or concrete walls.

"And out of spiritual belief I joined the little group of enlightened and caring people firing their postcards at the Ministry of Agriculture and the mighty agrichemical industry it so zealously serves.

"Frankly I had as little hope of Compassion in World Farming's success as I did of

Nelson Mandela's.....

"And look what's happened now - so unexpectedly, so suddenly that we are still rubbing our eyes. The tide has turned. The public have opened their eyes...

"But live exports and veal crates, as we know, are only the tip of an iceberg of cold cruelty meted out to millions of farm animals daily....

"About five years ago, when South Africa's apartheid system was still in place, I heard a lecture by Father Trevor Huddleston which ended movingly with this plea: 'I'm an old man. Please help fight apartheid. I so long to see the end of this terrible system in my own lifetime...'

"I'm now 'getting on' myself - 60 next year. Most of my family have died around 82. That leaves me 23 more years each filled with 365 days on which to fight our Ministry of Agriculture's policy of supporting profound cruelty to living creatures to produce that excess of cheap animal products now so clearly implicated as the main cause of human cancers and coronary heart disease....

"Unlike the good Father, I never even imagined major change for the better in my own lifetime.

"Now, for the very first time, I dare to hope."

There is nothing more powerful than an idea whose time has come." - VICTOR HUGO.

BROILERS — Continued

FURAZOLIDONE is still being used in the South African Poultry Industry two years after its link with cancer was publicised by the World Health Organisation. Used to combat Salmonella and Coliform, the drug has already been banned in the US, Canada, Australia and Germany.

America's Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has found "that Furazolidone and its metabolites have by substantial new evidence been shown to induce cancer in man or animals..." (Federal Register, August 23rd, 1991).

Dr Frans van der Merwe, South Africa's Director-General of Agriculture has advised ANIMAL VOICE in a letter dated 9 March 1995, that "the production of furazolidone has been phased-out internationally and the RSA will follow suit."

The FARM ANIMAL WELFARE NETWORK based in Britain has launched a World-Wide Broiler Campaign to help raise awareness about so-called "healthy" chicken meat. Describing the broiler chicken as a "man-made disaster" FAWN draws attention to the fact that now "even the poultry scientists are acknowledging that the broiler industry has ended up with a genetic freak - a chicken so unnatural that it's beginning to collapse under the strain." ANIMAL VOICE will be assisting in the worldwide campaign.

FREE RANGE TABLE BIRDS AVAILABLE FROM WOOLWORTHS

WOOLWORTHS has extended its free-range table bird line to the Cape and Eastern Province. The Buying Manager of Woolworths, Baden Jacka, confirmed that the success of this line in the Transvaal had prompted the extension to other provinces.

Courageous Patty Mark is dealt a blow by Australian Justice system

The valiant attempts by Australian animal rights campaigner Patty Mark, to give Australians a glimpse inside the batteries of Alpine Poultry, third largest egg producing company in the country, have temporarily failed.

Albury Local Court magistrate Mr Ross Leader ruled on February 21 1995 that Patty's photographic and video evidence which were to have supported the 17 charges of cruelty she laid against Alpine's manager, were inadmissible because she had gained the evidence by trespassing.

Patty's legal counsel was Sydney QC Mr Ken Horler, former President of the NSW Council of Civil Liberties. He argued that since her repeated appeals to the RSPCA and police to investigate alleged cruelty at Alpine had failed,

she and other members of Animal Liberation were forced to enter the property themselves to gain evidence and give aid to animals they knew to be distressed.

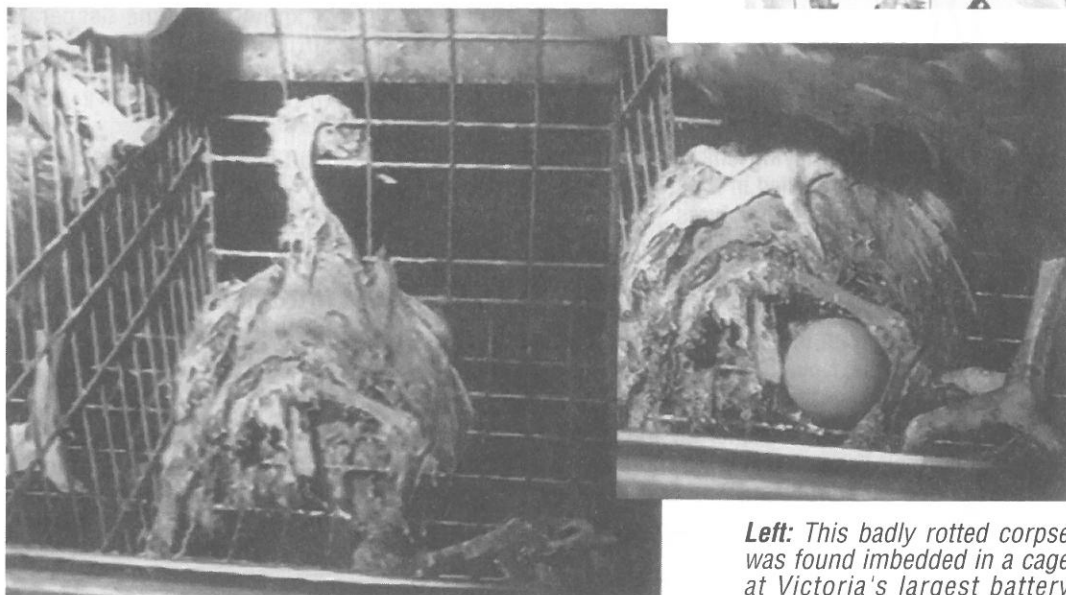
In terms of the court ruling Patty was ordered to pay \$10 000 to Alpine's manager and he agreed to drop his \$40 000 civil law suit against her for trespassing and theft.

Commented Patty after the court case: "It is very sad and disappointing. The real losers are the birds, while the police, the RSPCA and the courts have turned their backs on their stress and continued torment."

Patty, who is vice-president of Animal Liberation (Victoria) has vowed to continue the fight to have battery hens set free.

**THESE PHOTOGRAPHS WERE TAKEN BY
ANIMAL LIBERATION'S INVESTIGATION UNIT
AT ANOTHER AUSTRALIAN BATTERY GIANT
"HAPPY HENS EGG WORLD"**

Patty Mark



Left: This badly rotted corpse was found imbedded in a cage at Victoria's largest battery egg farm, Happy Hens, near Melbourne.

Above: The other hen in the cage used the rotting body as a nest to lay her egg.

BRITISH BUSINESSMAN GUILTY OF WELFARE ABUSES

Former livestock transporter John Whyte was sentenced to 200 hours community service with 600 pounds sterling costs by Oldham magistrates on charges of cruelly transporting sheep.

The prosecution arose after sheep being delivered to North West Meats, Oldham, were found trapped, trampled and crushed to death. Seven sheep were found dead while a further five animals had to be humanely destroyed before they could be moved and 25 were trampled or trapped in the vehicle. - Meat Trades Journal, Jan 5 1995.

"Battery cages belong on the scrap heap of history." CIWF's EU Campaigns Director, speaking to journalists.

Medical doctor calls for legislation to prohibit the live selling of end-of-lay hens



End-of-lay hens are sold live to township residents.

HEAT CRIPPLES EGG INDUSTRY

At least 40 000 egg-laying chickens and thousands more broiler chickens were killed in Natal in a single day last week by exceptionally high temperatures...

Coming only weeks after devastating losses from Newcastle disease, which virtually wiped out the country's poultry stocks, last week's disaster will almost certainly result in an egg shortage and an increase in egg and chicken prices. - The Natal Witness, Nov 15, 1994

(Note from Ed: Where free-ranging chickens have shade from trees or bushes to shelter in, and space enough to be able to lift their wings to allow for more air circulation, heat does not present a problem.)

A medical doctor who offers her services on a voluntary basis in the underprivileged townships around Cape Town says no amount of human degradation can ever justify the scale of cruelty meted out to end-of-lay chickens in South Africa's townships.

"I saw about 40 hens thrown on a heap," she says. "They were all still alive but many had broken wings and were denuded of feathers. Some were bleeding. Bunches of them had their legs tied together. Their eyelids were drooping and their beaks were gasping. They tried to flutter every now and then."

"I know about the desperate suffering of the poor. It is because I feel for them so that I do voluntary work there."

"But even so, there is no way one can actually justify the hideous cruelty to these animals."

"South Africa should introduce legislation to prohibit farmers from selling their end-of-lay hens live."

ANIMAL VOICE ENDORSES THE DOCTOR'S CALL. The irony of the situation is that end-of-lay hens are sold by battery farmers to the cull farms for about R10 each.

Dealers then buy the hens from the cull farms and resell them for up to R20 a hen. This effectively means that the poor pay about double for a chicken compared to people who shop in supermarkets.

ANIMAL VOICE CALLS ON THE SA POULTRY ASSOCIATION TO SET UP REFRIGERATION DEPOTS IN THE TOWNSHIPS SO THAT CHICKEN CARCASSES CAN BE SOLD DIRECTLY TO THE PEOPLE.

It is to be regretted that Mr Hernus Kriel, Premier of the Western Cape failed to respond to our request that he join us at some of the cull outlets in the Western Cape to see for himself the horrific suffering of these chickens.

Instead Mr Kriel passed our letter to Mr Lampie Fick, Minister of Agricultural Development and Sport: Western Cape. Mr Fick's Administrative Secretary wrote to say Mr Fick had spoken to the poultry industry in the Western Cape regarding ANIMAL VOICE's abhorrence of the battery system. However, a request by us as to what the outcome of these discussions were, remains unanswered.

Sad and disappointing

SAD AND DISSAPPOINTING is the news that Attorney General of the Cape, Mr Frank Kahn has reached a final decision NOT to prosecute South African egg giant Lemoenkloof Farms.

We asked him to institute a test case against Lemoenkloof on the grounds that its battery operations, as with all battery operations, violated South Africa's own Animals' Protection Act in that the laying hens:

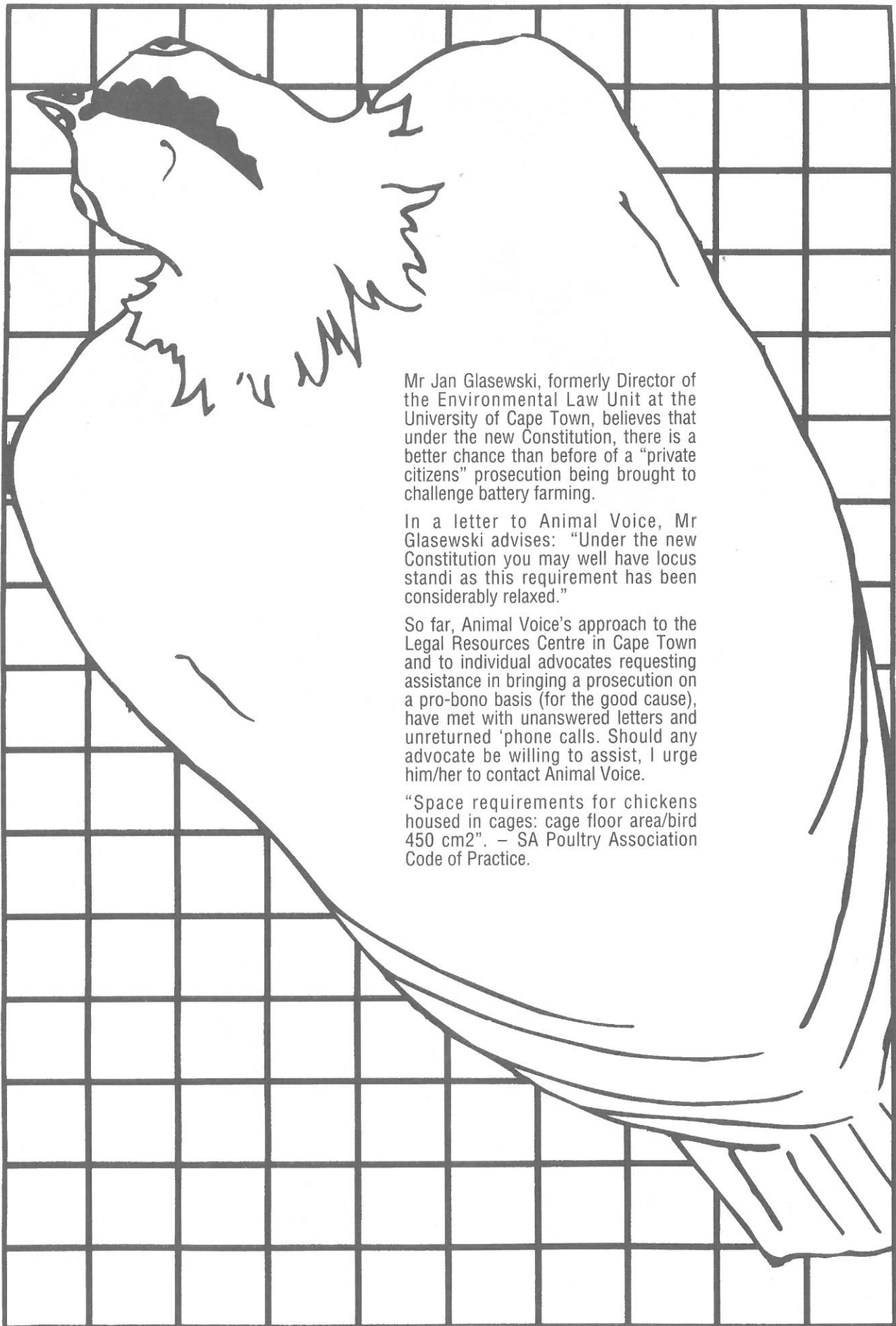
- * ARE KEPT IN "INADEQUATE SPACE"
- * ARE "MAIMED" (BY MEANS OF DEBEAKING)
- * ARE SUBJECTED TO "UNNECESSARY SUFFERING" (IN THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO EXERCISE THEIR NATURAL PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOUR SUCH AS DUST BATHING, SUN BATHING, FORAGING OR LAYING AN EGG IN A NEST)

A senior advocate's opinion supported our case

Attorney General Kahn says he decided not to institute a prosecution because he does not consider that "there is a reasonable prospect of success".

Overleaf is the space-allowance per hen in a battery cage for the entire year of her laying life.

YOU BE THE JUDGE:



Mr Jan Glasewski, formerly Director of the Environmental Law Unit at the University of Cape Town, believes that under the new Constitution, there is a better chance than before of a "private citizens" prosecution being brought to challenge battery farming.

In a letter to Animal Voice, Mr Glasewski advises: "Under the new Constitution you may well have locus standi as this requirement has been considerably relaxed."

So far, Animal Voice's approach to the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town and to individual advocates requesting assistance in bringing a prosecution on a pro-bono basis (for the good cause), have met with unanswered letters and unreturned 'phone calls. Should any advocate be willing to assist, I urge him/her to contact Animal Voice.

"Space requirements for chickens housed in cages: cage floor area/bird 450 cm²". - SA Poultry Association Code of Practice.

A BATTERY HEN IN ITS LIVING SPACE FOR A YEAR (ACTUAL SIZE).



Crowds at a peace rally kill one of the cattle which had been earmarked as a present for Zulu monarch, King Goodwill Zwelithini. They attacked it with sticks and spears, and eventually beat it to death. Questioned by a reporter, the organiser of the rally said some aspects of Zulu culture might appear to others to be "barbaric".

Pictures courtesy
Natal Mercury.



Backyard and ritual slaughter a cause for concern

ANIMAL VOICE IS concerned with the suffering of animals used for ceremonial slaughter in certain cultures.

For instance, some traditional wedding ceremonies require the ritual sacrifice of a goat in order to ascertain whether the bride is a good choice or not.

The goat is tied down and a spear pushed in below the ribs. The length and pitch of the bleating is an indication of the bride-to-be's acceptability. The longer and louder the bleating the more acceptable she is.

Only when the bride's acceptability has been established is the goat's throat cut.

Says Mrs Marie Eekhout, Chairman of the National Council of SPCA's: "While we respect the religions and

traditions of all people, our concern is for the animals which are slaughtered for religious or ritual purposes.

"The slaughtering methods must be humane. We cannot believe that any God or spirit would ask for a sacrifice that requires the suffering of an animal."

In his book "Rituals and Medicines" South African anthropologist David Hammond-Tooke explains that a sheep cannot be used for ritual killing because a sheep does not cry out when stabbed. He explains further that deep stabbing prevents the animal bleeding externally, for no blood may be spilt. The bleating or bellowing is essential because it is the medium by which the message is carried from the living to the dead.

SOUTH AFRICA'S DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF AGRICULTURE COMMENTS AS FOLLOWS ON BACKYARD SLAUGHTER:

"My Department's Directorate of Veterinary Public Health has already begun with a program to inform the public as to the risks of eating meat from these back-yard slaughterings, which we hope will help to reduce the incidence of such slaughterings."

Please help the prisoners of Cheng du



"The moment I spoke to them the baby bear nearest me stood and reached through the bars with both tiny paws. I took those paws in my hands and leaned toward the little nose that now poked between the bars. The suffering is almost impossible to describe." - IFAW investigator.

More than 10 000 bears are confined in dark, tiny cages in China so that they can be "milked" of their bile through a crude tap surgically implanted through their stomachs into their gall bladders.

Now a new "farm" has been discovered by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) - this time for baby bears, outside Chengdu.

Please let us help IFAW to set these bears free into woodland sanctuaries:

IFAW suggests we write as follows and mark our letters "URGENT":

To: Chinese Embassy
His Excellency Mr Ma Yuzhen
Embassy of the Peoples
Republic of China
49 - 51 Portland Place
London, WIN 3AH, UK

Your Excellency,

Please extend my heartfelt thanks to Prof. Liu Yuhe, Vice Minister of Forestry, and others in his department for meeting with IFAW to discuss plans to save the moon bears.

I look forward to the day when the first bears are released from their cages and fully support efforts to promote herbal alternatives to the use of bear bile in traditional Chinese medicine.

Respectfully,

More thoughts from the Reverend Professor Andrew Linzey who holds the world's first academic post in Theology and animal welfare at Mansfield College, Oxford.

"HOW CAN WE EXPLAIN THIS ASCENDANCY OF CHRISTIAN INDIFFERENCE OVER CHRISTIAN COM-PASSION?....

"I suggest that it is humanism - both religious and secular that is the dominant philosophical adversary... I mean humanism defined as the 'religion of humanity', comprising that ancient notion that 'man is the measure of all things'. From this view it is only a short step to the belief that 'man is the master of all things', that human interests are absolute and that animals are made, not for the glory of God, but for us.

"The upshot of deifying humanity is this: animals are resources for us, animals are our tasters, animals are our tools. Animals are means to human ends...

"Some of us contemplate this prospect with horror. It occasions **perhaps the greatest spiritual crisis in our world today.** In the words of the philosopher Jean Paul Sartre: 'Man's fundamental desire is to be God'.

"We need a concept of ourselves in the universe not as the master species but as the servant species - as the one given responsibility for the whole and for the good of the whole. We must move from the idea that the animals were given to us and made for us, to the idea that we were made for creation, to serve it and ensure its continuance. This actually is little more than the theology of Genesis chapter two. The Garden is made beautiful and abounds with life: humans are created specifically to 'take care of it' (Gen. 2:15)...

"We are the species now responsible for the global garden. With the power of technology we hold the earth in our hands...

"As a general principle, the right of animals to be animals, to live in their space on God's good earth, is a

CHRISTIANITY IN THE DOCK

moral principle I commend as a rule of thumb...

"Now we must shift from thinking that human interests always come first to the idea that humans themselves should bear the cost of whatever progress there should be in the world today. I do not see the theological basis on which we can go on saying that the human species is of such overwhelming, unique and colossal significance that it justifies, as a matter of course, the institutional exploitation of billions of animals. In one sense, we are not worth it...

"If this sounds a strange gospel coming from a theologian, let me say immediately that there is also so much in the Bible about the awfulness, the cruelty and the unfaithfulness of human kind that we may be sometimes justified in wondering why God continues to love us at all. We do well to remember that, after all the violence which humans had created on the earth, God surveyed the debris and said he was sorry he made man (Gen. 6:7). It's a point of view for which now and then I have some sympathy...

"None of us is pure as far as animal exploitation is concerned. We are all party to exploitation either through the food we eat, the products we buy or the taxes we pay...

"As consumers in a capitalist society we have great power to bring pressure to bear...

"But it is not only the institutionalised abuse of animals that we must root out. In the process of disengagement, we must examine our own personal lifestyle. In case there are any reading this who have still not seen the vision, allow me to spell it out in moral advice: if you attend

zoos and circuses find other entertainment; if you are engaged in intensive 'livestock' farming, throw away the systems of close confinement; if you are engaged in animal experimentation, find alternatives; and to those who still eat meat: give it up

"This moral challenge often comes hardest to those who think of themselves as environmentalists. But it is difficult to see how we can have sensitivity to wild creatures and ecosystems if we have no sensitivity to the caged animals, to the animals undergoing product testing or to the animals about to be slaughtered"

(The above extracts were taken from an address given by the Rev. Prof. Andrew Linzey to the RSPCA's International Conference on Animal Welfare and the Environment in 1990. The full text appears in BBC Wildlife, October 1990)

ANIMAL VOICE ASKED SEVEN LEADING SOUTH AFRICAN THEOLOGIANS FOR COMMENT ON THE REV PROF LINZEY'S PROPOUNDING OF A RADICAL SHIFT IN THE CHURCHES' TRADITIONAL VIEW OF ANIMALS. ANIMAL VOICE ALSO ASKED THESE THEOLOGIANS IF THEY WOULD CONSIDER ASKING THEIR MINISTERS TO LEAD THE WAY TOWARDS THIS NEW PERCEPTION BY PREACHING IT REGULARLY FROM THE PULPIT.

OUR LETTERS TO THE FOLLOWING MINISTERS WERE SENT OUT ON JANUARY 4 1995.

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Moderator, N G Sending Kerk.

The Editor, Die Kerkbode

The Most Right Reverend Archbishop Desmond Tutu

The Most Reverend Lawrence Henry, Archbishop, Catholic Church.

Dr M S Mogoba, Presiding Bishop, Methodist Church of South Africa.

The Right Rev R J Botsis, Moderator, Presbyterian Church of South Africa.

Only Archbishop Tutu has replied. A letter from his office assures us that the Archbishop will deal with our correspondence as soon as he possibly can, given the pressure on his time.

CHURCHES APATHETIC IN BRITAIN TOO?

It would seem, however, that it is not only South Africa's churchmen who are reluctant to become involved in man's treatment of the creatures of Creation. Last December, 44 Diocesan Bishops of the Church of England in Britain were sent Animal Aid's new video "Here's the Catch".

The video shows a team of chicken catchers emptying a broiler shed. The team knew it was being filmed, and the equipment it used was very up-to-date, but the treatment of the helpless and bewildered birds could hardly have been worse.

Reports Clare Druce of the FARM ANIMAL WELFARE NETWORK in Britain: "Shockingly we received a mere four replies and of these only one was satisfactory, though even this Bishop gave no indication that he's viewed the video - and certainly no promise of prayers!!"

The Animal Movement thanks the Vice Dean Canon Peter Brett for including the plight of the animals in his preaching in Canterbury Cathedral in September last year. He denounced modern intensive farming methods and declared that life to death for the animals in such systems is continuous suffering. "Humans will never be whole if they live only for single-minded self-gratification, careless of how they achieve it," he said.

14 minutes that will change your life

COMPASSION IN WORLD FARMING HAS MADE A 14-MINUTE VIDEO "FOR A FEW PENNIES MORE" WHICH EXPOSES THE HORRIFIC SUFFERING OF ANIMALS CAUGHT UP IN LONG DISTANCE TRUCKING AND SHIPPING TO SLAUGHTER. THIS VIDEO IS AVAILABLE FROM ANIMAL VOICE AT R35 (INCLUDING PACKAGING AND POSTING).

Actor Martin Shaw, who played the Chief in SATV's Sunday night "The Chief" - had this to say after watching the video "For a Few Pennies More":

"People of my generation have grown up on films about Belsen, Auschwitz, and the Holocaust, and feel horrified when we see the cruelty perpetrated in those films, but always there is the thought that it has been put right, and the people responsible have largely been caught and punished - that a war was fought to stop it - that it is over. In my mind, what I have just seen is no different, and it's going on every day, all the time, constantly."

Looking ahead, Shaw sees the public rather than the politicians as having more potential to improve the lives of farm animals.

"Eventually it will be possible for the public to change things. Public opinion always wins. As Gandhi said: 'No tyranny will ever survive. It cannot, but it just takes longer in some places than others'."

WE THANK DR SCHULTHEISS

ANIMAL VOICE wishes to express its deep appreciation to DR UWE SCHULTHEISS who, at our request, spent copious hours from his home in Wulfrath, Germany, formulating a suitable submission on the rights of animals for the New Constitution. He further gave comprehensive suggestions as to how South Africa's Animals Protection Act can be updated and redefined so as to rank among the most comprehensive in the world today.

Dr Schultheiss, who recently

completed a doctoral thesis on animal welfare, world-wide, for the veterinary school in Hannover, Germany, spent a year of his research-time in South Africa.

He believes South Africa's Animals Protection Act is old-fashioned and unspecific.

"Ethics must form part of any Animals Protection Act in the world today. The trend is to give animals dignity by acknowledging they are sentient beings," he said.

* Dr Schultheiss's suggestions include the following:

- Currently, the legal status of animals is comparable with moveable property. Animals need a special legal status.

- The Electro-immobiliser should be banned forthwith with the exception that only veterinary surgeons be allowed to use it.

- Regarding animal experimentation in laboratories, Dr Schultheiss was shocked to find that there is not a single paragraph in our current law which is specifically for the protection of such creatures.



"That it is legal to experiment on an animal caught in the wild, as is common in South Africa regarding the poor baboons, is simply not justifiable."

"I am afraid to say that this enormous loophole in your law regarding experimentation on animals is to the embarrassment and shame of all South Africans - Dr Uwe Schultheiss."

VARKE: LYDING VEROORSAAK PAP VLEIS

Navorsing het bewys dat lewendehawe wat van produksie tot slagting op 'n menslike wyse behandel en hanteer is, vleis van 'n hoer gehalte oplewer. Een van die oorsake van bleek, pap en waterige varkvleis is onmenslike hantering direk voor slag. - Red Meat Magazine Dec/Jan 1995

THE WORLD ORGANISATION FOR THE RIGHTS OF ANIMALS (HEAD OFFICE IN BHARAT, INDIA) HAS NOTIFIED PRESIDENT MANDELA THAT IT HAS APPOINTED ANIMAL VOICE AS ITS REPRESENTATIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND HAS URGED THE PRESIDENT PLEASE TO HEED OUR "VOICE".

BUT HAM, BACON AND TROTTERS IS NOT ENOUGH

It is not enough that pigs are farmed intensively, sometimes chained to the floor, to provide pork and bacon en masse for the human race to eat. Now we want their hearts too.

According to Compassion in World Farming, scientists working on heart transplants are looking to pigs to solve their problems. Not any ordinary pig, but pigs genetically engineered to carry a human gene. Already scientists at Cambridge and in the US and Canada have bred pigs carrying human genes which were micro-injected at the embryo stage.

Pigs are woodland-loving animals who live naturally in family groups and spend half their time rooting in the soil for food.

ANIMAL VOICE HOPES TO HAVE COMMENT ON THIS FROM GROOTE SCHUUR'S HEART TRANSPLANT TEAM FOR ITS NEXT ISSUE.

Bull-fighting in Mozambique

Animal Voice condemns the proposed reintroduction of bull-fighting in Mozambique. Although it would be the Portuguese version of the "sport" in which the bull is not hurt, nor killed at the end (as is required by the Spanish version), we nevertheless believe that taunting the bull in itself is cruel, demeaning of the human race, and unacceptable in an enlightened community. Please write to the Mozambique Consul: Mr Z Gilo, 13th Floor, Bosman Building, 99 Eloff Street, Johannesburg, 2001, and request him to use his influence to prohibit the reintroduction of bull-fighting in Mozambique.

PETITION

DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, MRS THOKO MSANE, HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO SAY WHETHER SHE WILL RECEIVE OUR PETITION FOR THE ABOLITION OF BATTERY FARMING IN SOUTH AFRICA OR NOT. 27 000 SIGNATURES WERE COLLECTED NATIONALLY

UBUNTU - GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPORT

Ubuntu is a Xhosa word that is fast being adopted by South Africans at large. It has two meanings. The first is simply "people" - the second meaning is all-powerful, bountiful and difficult to translate: It means Love with a capital L, Care and Compassion all in one.

"It means everything good," explains Mr Moki Cekisani, chairman of the UBUNTU Association based in Port Elizabeth. "We want UBUNTU to spread beyond Africa. It is good enough to export."

Moki says UBUNTU is concerned with a reverence for life and compassion for all living things.

"Greening the townships and teaching the children to love and respect animals is our top priority," he says. "We are teaching the children, for instance, not to throw stones at the donkeys and horses. We explain to the children that the animals are of worth to us. And thus, we must be of worth to them too."

If you would like to know more about UBUNTU, contact Moki on Tel: 041 564743 or write to him at P O Box 5612, Walmer, 6065.

UBUNTU - INTO ENHLE KABI ENGADLULISELWA KWAMANYE AMAZWE

Ubuntu yigama lesiXhosa elamukelwa ngokushesha okuyisimanga ama-Afrika. Lisho okubili. Okuqala nje lisho "abantu" - okwesibili, kunamandla kakhulu, kucashile futhi kunzima ukukuchaza. Lisho uThando, Ukunakekela nozwelo konke kuhlangene ndawonye.

"Lisho konke okuhle," kuchaza uMnu. Moki Cekisani, usihlalo kasoseshini woBuntu oseBhayi. "Sifuna UBUNTU budluliselwe ngaphaya kwe-Afrika. Yinto enhle kabi engadluliselwa kwamanye amazwe".

UMoki uthi UBUNTU buqondene nokuhlonipha impilo nozwelo kuzona zonke izinto eziphilayo.

"Ukutshala emalokishini nokufundisa izingane ukuthi zithande futhi zihloniphe impilo yezilwane iyona into ephambili kithina," uyasho. "Sifundisa izingane, isibonelo, ukuthi zingajikijeli izimbongolo namahashi ngamatshe. Sichazela izingane ukuthi izilwane zibalulekile kithina. Ngakho ke, kufuneka sibaluleke kuzona."

UBUNTU - INTO ENOKUTHUNYELWA NASEZIZWENI

Eli gama lesiXhosa lithi ubuntu lingxamele ukuthatyathelwa phezu luluntu ngokubanzi lomZantsi Afrika. Iintsingiselo zalo zimbini. Eyokuqala, "ngabantu". Eyesibini, neyona inamandla nekunzima ukuyitolika, ithetha ngoThando olubonakaliswa ngo "T" omkhulu. Kwakhona ibhekisele kwiNkathalo noVelwano. Zonke ezi zinto zontathu, zibandakanywa kunye.

"Ubuntu bubhekisele kuyo yonke into elungileyo," ucacise wathso uMnu. uMoki Cekisani, uSihlalo wequmrhu lobuntu elibizwa ngokuba yi - UBUNTU Association eliseBhayi. "Sifuna ukuba UBUNTU bunwenwe buyokuthi ga ngaphaya kwe-Afrika. Bukufanelwe ukuthunyelwa nakwamanye amazwe".

Lo kaMoki uthi UBUNTU bunxulumene nokuhlonelwa kobomi kwakunye novelwano lwayo yonke into ephilayo.

"Ukwenziwa luhlaza kweedolophu zabaNtsundu ngokutyala kwe-zityalo, ukufundiswa kwabantwana uthando nokuhlonelwa kwezilwanyana, zezona zinto zimandla," utshilo. "Umzekelo, abantwana sibafundisa ukuba bangazigibiseli ngamatye iidonki namahashe. Siyabacacisela abantwana ukuba izilwanyana zibalulekile kuthi yaye zilulutho. Nathi ngokunjalo masixabiseke kuzo."

MEMBERSHIP FORM: ANIMAL VOICE

Membership of ANIMAL VOICE does not depend upon a financial contribution. Even just the distribution of ANIMAL VOICE to new readers is valued. Nevertheless we are completely dependent upon funds from the public and any contribution at all is deeply appreciated.

The more we receive, the more copies of ANIMAL VOICE become available for distribution.

Because so much of Big Business is embroiled in Factory Farming, we are unable to depend on large

organisations for support or sponsorship. When it comes to animals confined in factory farms for the purpose of feeding us, the Stock Exchange shows that Big Business is often part of the system. Names like Old Mutual, Tiger Oats, Rembrandt and Bokomo have major investments in the factory farms.

Thus, if things are going to change for the animals, it really is going to be up to US. And if enough of us stand together, we should not underestimate the consumer power we can wield.

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NAVIGATOR PETER NEWTON SAYS "NEVER AGAIN" TO LIVESTOCK CARRIERS

In a personal interview with **ANIMAL VOICE** in his Newlands home, Peter Newton tells his story:

"I worked on a livestock carrier for six months during 1988 carrying animals from Australia to the Gulf.

We carried 160 000 sheep on every trip plus about 700 cattle. A round trip to the Middle East and back to Australia took 6 weeks.

The sheep were transported from farms and put into holding pens at Australian ports where they were introduced to pellet feeding as opposed to grass feeding. Once the sheep were eating pellets, they were loaded on board the carrier - about 50 sheep to a pen.

Stocking density was such that about half the sheep could lie down and half could stand up at a time. Loading took two or three days and it took two weeks to travel from Australia to the Gulf.

It would take about 12 to 13 days from Australia to South Africa.

On an average journey, four or five sheep died a day and more if the temperatures got to be too high or too low. Sometimes 17 could be lost in a day. The first to go were the sheep which had not adjusted to pellet feeding. These starved to death. Next to die would be the "starve outs" - the smaller, more timid ones which were prevented from getting to the food by the stronger ones.

The weak and highly stressed sheep died next. We had a machine on board called a mascerating machine. You put the dead sheep in at the

top and the whole sheep came out as mincemeat which was discharged into the sea. (Most carriers do not have these machines and simply throw the dead sheep overboard.) Dung and urine became a problem. The smell of ammonia was quite sickening.

Those six months were enough for me. There was one incident which said to me that this was enough: We were coming up to the port of Damman in Saudi Arabia and the wind died down completely.

Humidity went up to 99%. It was mid afternoon. They would not berth us till evening. We lost 2 500 sheep in 30 minutes from the humidity. They just collapsed. It was a nightmare. When we got alongside the quay, we couldn't run the sheep onto the quay for more air because sheep won't cross over a dead sheep's body. We were down in the pens trying to get all the dead sheep to one side to get the live ones out. On the quay there were two consignees for the sheep and they started arguing because the one said the other was getting bigger sheep than he was - causing further delay. Four thousand sheep did not make it.

And for what? Sometimes they are killed right there on the quay - especially in Iran.

The baby lambs that have been born during the trip are highly prized by the sheiks who come onto the quay themselves to buy them. I think it is a trade that should be stopped.

ANIMAL VOICE CALLS FOR A BAN ON ALL LONG DISTANCE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS. ANIMAL VOICE URGES THE TV MEDIA TO TAKE ITS CAMERAS TO GOBABIS AND FOLLOW THE SHEEP AND GOATS TO MAITLAND SO THE PUBLIC CAN SEE THE EXTENT OF THE SUFFERING OF THESE ANIMALS.

THE VEGGIE GENERATION

One in every five teenagers in Britain will no longer eat meat, according to a recent article in the International Express.

CALL FOR INTERNATIONAL TOURIST BOYCOTT OF KRUGER NATIONAL PARK A POSSIBILITY

Representatives of local and international animal welfare groups left South Africa disappointed in early May, following their unsuccessful bid to prevent the annual elephant cull from taking place this year.

Representatives of the British-based CARE FOR THE WILD, the HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE USA, the INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ANIMAL WELFARE, and the INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE COALITION attended the debate in Johannesburg.

Following the debate the National Parks Board agreed to reduce the proposed cull of 600 elephants to 300 and to review the management policy of Kruger. A public symposium would be held in about a year's time.

Mandy Crerar, co-founder of the Animal Rights group FALCON which was instrumental in organising the debate, said there was a strong possibility that an international tourist boycott of the Kruger Park would be called in a bid to prevent the culling.

FALCON cites expert viewpoints which suggest that Kruger could accommodate more than double the current number of elephants.

Says Mandy: "Our international colleagues have offered to pay the full relocation costs of the elephants due to be culled but so far the National Parks Board has refused this offer. They insist that the full purchase price of R10 000 to R15 000 be paid for each elephant."

PLEASE WRITE TO OR FAX THE NATIONAL PARKS BOARD AND ASK FOR A MORATORIUM ON ELEPHANT CULLING AT LEAST UNTIL THE RESULTS OF ITS REVIEW ARE AVAILABLE.

The Board's address: P O Box 787, Pretoria 0001.

ONS DANK U, DIE ONDERSTEUNERS VAN ANIMAL VOICE, DAT U HIERDIE UITGAWE MOONTLIK GEMAAK HET.

WE THANK YOU, THE SUPPORTERS OF ANIMAL VOICE, ONCE AGAIN FOR MAKING THIS ISSUE POSSIBLE.

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Puppies become big business

Backyard breeding of puppies is fast becoming the new way to earn a living for many of South Africa's squatters.

"Little kids are sent out armed with puppies into parking lots and shopping centres where they sell the puppies from about R10 upwards," says Voluntary Animal Rescue PRO Mrs Karen de Klerk. "It's getting to be big business".

Anyone wishing to help VAR should phone (021) 479 429.

BABOONS MUTILATED

The sighting of several baboons near Kommetjie with a front paw missing has raised fears that they are being mutilated for muti.

According to the Cape Times (May 8 1995), Mr Wally Petersen, ecologist for the Kommetjie Environmental Awareness Group, said baboons' paws were of great value to witchdoctors. "Food is used to draw the baboons to a car and when they reach in, the window is wound up. This enables the hand to be removed", he said.

SA TO PROMOTE HUNTING?

ANIMAL VOICE is dismayed that Dr John Hanks of the World Wildlife Fund has called for the promotion of hunting as being the only way in which South Africa can retain its biodiversity. His call comes at a time when a Bill to ban the hunting of foxes, deer and hares in Britain has cleared its first Parliamentary hurdle. We believe hunting as a "sport" or "recreation" is dehumanising and demeaning. ANIMAL VOICE suggests we look to ourselves (for a change) for the solution and limit human population growth which in itself would promote our biodiversity.