

ANIMAL VOICE

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Fighting for humane rights for all animals
Animal Voice of SA incorporates Humanity for Hens

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SOUTH AFRICA'S SHAME

UK ENVOY SAYS "NO" TO TRADE DEAL WITH SA AFTER WITNESSING OSTRICHES BEING STRIPPED NAKED BEFORE SLAUGHTER

A delegate from Britain's Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries, who came to South Africa late last year to negotiate the import of ostrich meat into the UK, closed the door on the deal after witnessing the live plucking of ostriches.

DR DAVID MAUAT told members of the ostrich industry in South Africa that live plucking was not acceptable to the UK's Charter on Animal Welfare.

STRIPPED NAKED

DR WALTER LÖWE, Director of Public Veterinary Health in Pretoria, has told ANIMAL VOICE that following Dr Mauat's visit, immediate measures were taken to stop this practice in South Africa. "It was terrible", Dr Löwe agreed. "The ostriches were stripped of all their feathers. They went to the slaughter completely naked. We put an immediate stop to it and we try to monitor the situation now."

He said he "hoped" there was no live plucking before slaughter being practiced in South Africa any longer.

However, ANIMAL VOICE understands from a member

of the ostrich industry that "humane changes" are still in the "pipeline" at some ostrich abattoirs, including the major one at Oudts- hoorn.

RESIDUES

Other reasons cited by Dr Mauat for not importing South African ostrich meat into the UK, were that there is an outbreak of Newcastle Disease among SA's ostriches and because of "residues in the meat".

Dr Löwe said his department was busy with a residue monitoring programme. The drug concerned is Zerenol, a growth stimulant, which he believed was no longer being used.

A member of the ostrich industry who has witnessed the live plucking of ostriches told ANIMAL VOICE: "To pluck unripe or green feathers from an

ostrich is barbaric. To see them being stripped stark naked was one of the most terrible things I've ever witnessed. The pain and blood is terrible to see.

If we are going to join the world, we in South Africa have got to realise that we've got to keep up with the ethical standards demanded by the rest of the world."

He said live plucking was carried out because the



quill holes closed up better, improving the quality of the hide.

DAILY DISPATCH - 1.12.93:

Workers herd another ostrich into the pen and begin to rip out handfuls of feathers while the bird struggles to break free.

It takes about five minutes for the blind-folded animal to be plucked. Then it is released into a holding pen, where it joins a growing number of others: all plucked, covered in bumps where the feathers have been ripped out, streaming blood.

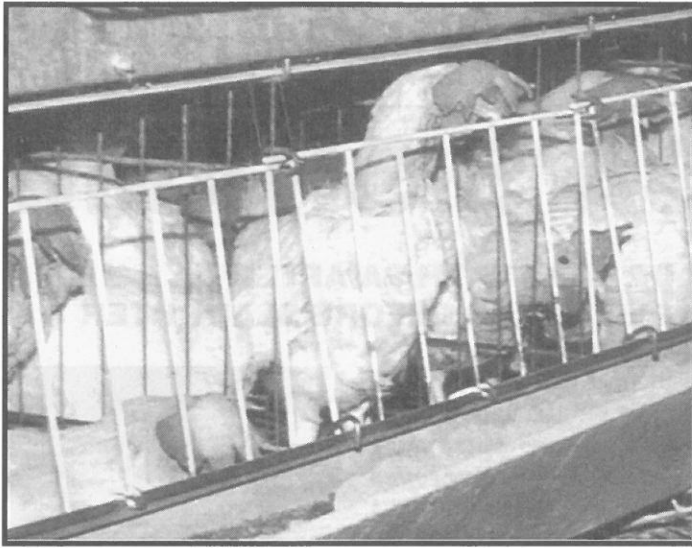
And awaiting slaughter....

The executive director of the SPCA National Council, Mrs Marcelle Meredith, said the plucking of feathers from live ostriches is "absolutely horrific". She said the suffering and trauma to the ostriches was "totally unacceptable."

ANIMAL VOICE calls on the new South African government to legislate against live plucking of ostriches before slaughter as a matter of urgency. The SA Animals Protection Act contains no regulations whatsoever specifically relating to the farming of ostriches. We would like to know why the voices of South Africa's acknowledged experts in the field of animal welfare, namely the SPCA National Council, were ignored, and changes are being brought about only as a result of SA's products being shunned by the UK. It is another demonstration of the pitiful fact that only money really moves people! THAT'S WHY WE NEED LEGISLATION.

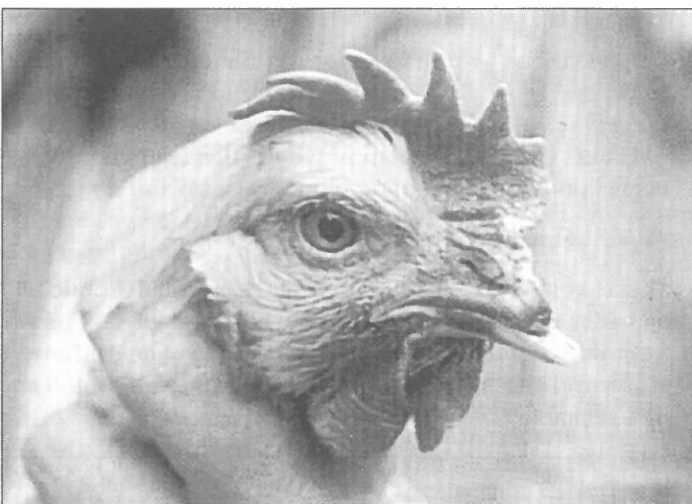
ANIMALS NEED A NEW SOUTH AFRICA TOO

We want the ANC slogan "a better life for all" to mean "a better life for all of life"



Pre-election pledge by Professor Kader Asmal, Cabinet Minister and former Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of the Western Cape (in a letter to a Humanity for Hens' member): *"I share your concern about animal rights ... We hope that it (will) be possible to work out common problems before long".*

Pre-election pledge by Mr Errol Moorcroft (DP) in a letter to an HforH member: *"Both myself and my party are fully committed to pursuing vigorously the rights of animals in the new South Africa. We are not prepared to accept any situation in which animals are forced to submit to cruel practices."*



At about 10 days old, a baby chick destined for life in a battery is debeaked (beak-trimmed) to prevent her turning cannibal in the cramped and barren confines of the battery cage. The space allowance per hen in the battery is 25% less than the A4 size page this is written on. The egg industry's standard space allowance is 450 square centimetres per hen, i.e. 22 hens per square metre!



The dairy cow – one mother who never has her day

The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be measured by the way in which its animals are treated - **Mahatma Gandhi.**

The hall-mark of true civilisation is a felt compassion for the needs and rights of all sentient life ... Inspiring music, paintings, architecture and words have been mere breaks in the clouds of an enveloping barbarism... It would be the greatest gift of all time... if the human race could earn the right to put an 'e' after its name." - **British author Jon Wynne-Tyson**

"Ethics must form part of any Animals Protection Act. The world trend is to give animals dignity by acknowledging they are sentient beings. South Africa's Animals Protection Act has been written from a human's perspective. It should be rewritten from the animals' perspective." - **German veterinary surgeon Dr Uwe Schultheiss who is contributing to a world-wide study on animal welfare at Hannover University.**

PETITION

The Grand total of signatures for our Petition for the Abolition of Battery Farming in South Africa is **26 553**.

We are waiting for permission to present it to the powers that be – hopefully the new Minister of Justice, Advocate Dullah Omar. We thank every single South African who signed and all the effort that went into collecting signatures.

THANK YOU to all HforH supporters for making our Petition such a success.

**HIDDEN FROM VIEW FOR FORTY YEARS,
INTENSIVE FARMING HAS SHOCKED
CONSUMERS THE WORLD OVER NOW
THAT IT IS BEING EXPOSED.**

Countdown on the demise of factory farming:

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THE UNITED STATES Congress in conjunction with Purdue University in Indiana have created the Centre for Food Animal Well-Being, an experimental farm designed to study how farm animals like to live and how farmers can best provide them with their ideal environment. Says animal scientist Jack Albright of Purdue: "What we're trying to do for animal labourers is no different from what we try to do for human labourers: Create a work environment in which they can be as contented, as comfortable, and, as a result, as productive as possible."

"Our work is about animal cognition. We want

to get inside the animal's head, to figure out what it feels, what it perceives, and how we can make it happier. Creatures that many people think of as very simple can in fact be very complicated."

"If you really want to punish a lifelong ne'er-do-well, don't reincarnate him as a sea sponge or a raisin or a shrimp fork - bring him back as a farm animal. Of all the creatures to evolve in the last several billion years, few have a tougher job description than the average resident of the average farm."

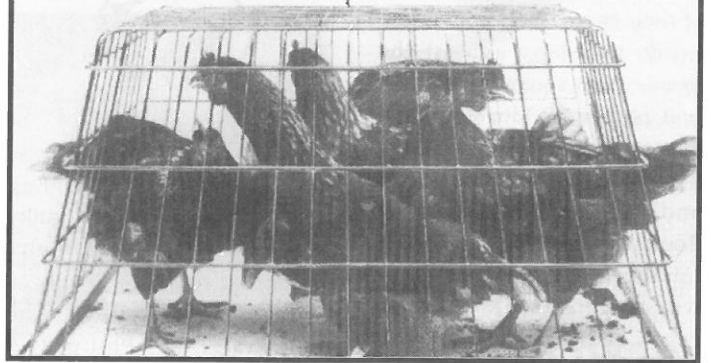
Jeffrey Kluger writing in "Discover" magazine (USA), March 1994.



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BRITAIN'S RSPCA has begun an active advertising campaign (see example advertisement) and has embarked on a "Freedom Food" labeling system.

**Before you put battery eggs in
your shopping basket,
consider the consequences.**



WHAT IS FREEDOM FOOD:

The Freedom Food standards, for cattle, sheep, laying hens and pigs require that animals are properly fed, are comfortably housed and have appropriate shelter, regular and immediate veterinary treatment, the freedom to behave normally together (eg in the case of hens - to stretch and flap their wings, roost, as well as have a nest box in which they can lay their eggs) and have a quiet and painless end to their lives. To administer these standards, the RSPCA has set up Freedom Food Ltd, which will operate an inspection service, monitored by the RSPCA to ensure that all elements of the Freedom Food standards are being complied with. Non-compliance would result in a

ban from participating in the scheme and the withdrawal of the licence to use the Freedom Food trade mark. Farmers, transport companies and slaughter-houses are being encouraged to adopt the Freedom Food standards and register with the scheme.

Says the RSPCA: "Freedom food represents the beginning of a revolution in livestock farming in which the good and the caring farmer is linked directly with the consumer. As we understand more about the needs of farm animals and how to fulfill them, so the freedom food standards will change and with them the welfare of livestock."

The RSPCA states that with the help of consumers, the battery cage can be a thing of the past within five years.

SAYS SPCA NATIONAL COUNCIL OF SA:

"This avenue of Pro-active animal welfare strategy is one that is on the up and up and for good reasons". says SPCA National Livestock Unit Senior Inspector, Neil Fraser.

"Fortunately the RSPCA's resources and infrastructure allow it to forge the way forward in fields such as this, and any animal welfare organization can only sit up and learn from any positive results obtained from such a campaign with the possible view to implementing them closer to home."

AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIA'S egg giant Alpine Poultry faces prosecution on 17 counts of cruelty in Corowa, NSW.

An undercover investigator who worked at Alpine for three days, had this to say: "Conditions were deplorable. I saw hens savagely ripped out of their cages, their bodies and heads smashing against the metal. The squawks of terror and pain were deafening... I observed employees throwing hens with full force into crates and kicking hens along the floor... No regard was shown for the hens. The objective was to get them out of the cages and into the crates as quickly as possible."



Mr Justice Michael Kirby, President of the New South Wales Court of Appeal, said: "Hens are high in the order of sentient beings in nature. The treatment of them in battery farm conditions ... is undoubtedly cruel in the accepted sense of that term. There are other and humane ways to secure eggs economically. These may involve the community in Australia paying a marginally higher price for them. But ... if the community in Australia knew of the cruel conditions of battery hens they would be shocked. They would then be willing to pay the extra price to reduce such a huge toll of pain and misery."

Australia's Primary Industry Ministers are to present an alternative to the battery system by July 1994.

NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND'S RSPCA has initiated an advertising campaign and a citizens referendum to phase out "the inhumane practice of battery hen egg production".



TASMANIA

TASMANIA'S Golden Egg battery farm was found guilty of seven counts of cruelty under that country's Cruelty to Animals Prevention Act. The magistrate, Mr Philip J A Wright, found that "the cruelty (of battery farming) is constant and continual and without relief... It is my strong view that all these birds have been treated with unjustified and unnecessary cruelty, constituted by great indifference to their suffering and pain."

SWEDEN

In SWEDEN, Animal Rights campaigners have persuaded the Swedish Government to do a "U" turn on its battery cage legislation. The original plan was to ban cages from the year 2004 but the date has been brought forward to 1999. Batteries will be illegal from that date, as will be beak-trimming. Said Mary Ann Sorenson of the leading egg company Kronagg: "Since September will see an election, the Minister of Agriculture decided that he was not going to lose the votes of the animal welfare groups and decided on the (earlier) ban." - Poultry World, March 1994.

SWITZERLAND

Batteries were banned in Switzerland all of 12 years ago, allowing a 10-year phase-out. Their reason was that hens showed themselves to be "unable to adapt" to the confinement of battery cages.

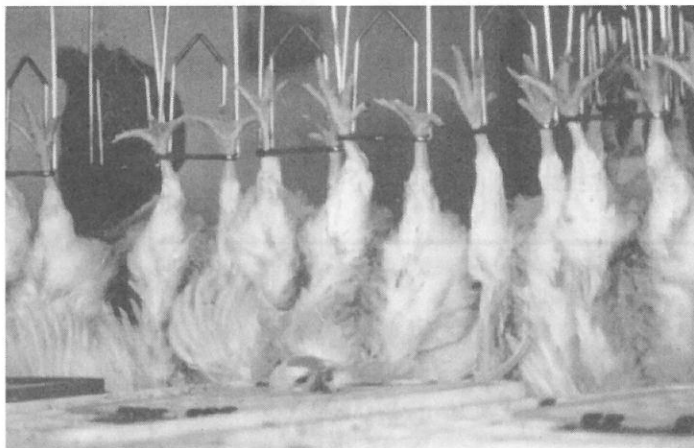
ACTION

Please use the poster (see enclosed) and stick it up as far and as wide as possible. Ask permission to put it up in cafes, supermarket notice boards, libraries, offices, schools, universities, doctors' surgeries, veterinary surgeries, wherever you can.

If your supermarket does not stock free-range eggs, please write to the head of the chain and ask him please to participate in this humanitarian drive to stamp out one of the most **abominable** cruelties of all time.

Humane slaughter in UK

British Agriculture Minister, Mrs Gillian Shephard has agreed that chickens shall, in future, be rendered unconscious with a carbon monoxide gas before being slaughtered, according to the Daily Telegraph, March 10, 1994. "Egg and meat producers were denied a level playing field in the EC (regarding this decision) largely BECAUSE PUBLIC OPINION in Britain INSISTED on raising animal welfare standards, she said."



Current slaughter methods of table birds (broilers) in SA involve the live chickens being suspended upside-down in shackles on a conveyer belt. They are then stunned as their heads pass through electrically-charged water troughs. However, some, like the one shown in the photo, miss being stunned and have their throats cut while fully conscious and may even enter the scalding tank while still alive.

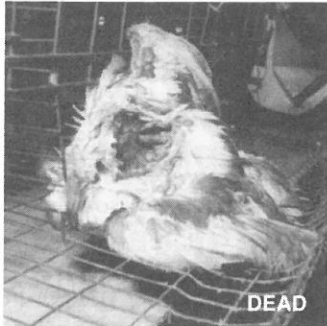
ANIMAL VOICE WANTS THE PRESENCE OF A STATE VET AT CHICKEN ABATTOIRS TO BE MADE LAW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN LINE WITH EUROPEAN REQUIREMENTS.

SOUTH AFRICA -

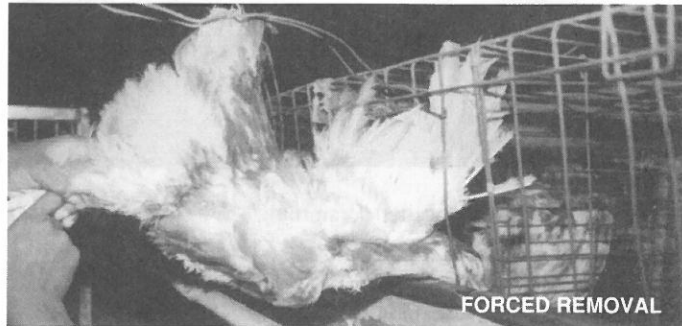
The damning evidence piles up:

"SPCA Midnight raid reveals shocking living conditions for fowls at egg farm" –

Sunday Tribune, Feb. 6. 1994



PHOTOS COURTESY SUN TRIB



As a result of the raid, the company concerned has offered the SPCA (Durban and Coast) an open-door policy allowing their inspectors free access at any time and has offered to work with the SPCA to overcome problems.

Welcoming this move, Mr Dudley Fortune, SPCA Manager, said: "If other companies would allow us access, ideas could be shared, education improved and the plight of the animals relieved."

(In Switzerland, state vets have the legal right to turn up at any time on any farm to carry out an inspection. Farmers expect such a visit once a year).

"The perception of the country farm where animals play in the barnyard and the reality of animal production are like the difference between a comfortable stuffed chair and the electric chair." - Paul Obis, editor in chief and publisher of Vegetarian Times.

Chickens burnt alive

Paarl Post, 21.01.93:

A horrified Klappmuts businesswoman discovered newly-hatched chickens burning to death in a pyre at the Klappmuts rubbish dump at the weekend.

The chicks had hatched from eggs allegedly dumped by a poultry farmer from the area.

Paarl Post

& WELLINGTON GAZETTE

The baby's not for burning

ONLY the deranged would leave a new-born to burn to death, or die of thirst and heat exhaustion in a foul-smelling refuse dump.

In the best of possible worlds, such an inhumane atrocity would be greeted with public outrage. If the infant in question were human, that is.

When the burning baby's a chicken, offspring of some anonymous battery hen, less-than-ethical poultry farmers find it expedient to immolate the tiny creature.

Roll on legislation that will back the appeal of the SPCA: "Adequate Animal Protection Laws NOW!"

S A POULTRY ASSOCIATION'S CODE OF PRACTICE

states: **4.5** Euthanasia and disposal of unhatched chicks:

4.5.1 All unhatched chicks must be dead before disposal.

"As long as man continues to be the ruthless destroyer of lower living beings, he will never know health or peace." Pythagoras, 25 centuries ago.

NEWSPAPERS HAVE A MAJOR AND DECISIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN CREATING A NEW PUBLIC CONSCIOUSNESS

ANIMAL VOICE wholeheartedly endorses the sentiments expressed in this letter (below) to The Star, written by Rae Pearl of the South African Association Against Painful Experiments on Animals (SAAAPEA), P O Box 85228, Emmarentia 2029.

'Comic' headlines were not funny

Why is it that whenever your paper reports a catastrophe which has befallen a species other than human, you tend to give the news item comic headlines? For example, the headline in Star on January 17, "A new swing for snakes". To add to this facetious heading, the observation that "all rinks have now gone to the big snake pit in the sky as a result of some determined clubbing by Mr Gert Wolfaard" was extremely tasteless. The Star would appear to be amused by Mr Wolfaard's ignorance. He was invading the snakes' home and if he knew a jot about ecology, he should have gone away and let them alone.

Another example: "It's not for a lap dog" (heading in The Star of January 18). A dog allegedly accidentally swallowed anti-freeze and was kept alive on a human kidney machine. Since this report comes from a university, I strongly suspect the dog in question was force-fed the anti-freeze. A dog usually smells things before eating, so would hardly be likely to swallow anti-freeze.

The public is becoming aware that downright cruel and bizarre experiments are carried out on live animals all over the world.

The person on your staff responsible for these headings needs to make an in-depth study of the abuse of animals perpetuated by human beings – he may not find it such amusing reading.

R. Pearl – Greenside

TRANSPORT

We want a ban on long-distance transportation of animals to abattoirs. Trucks carrying live sheep and goats travel 1 700 km from Gobabis in Namibia to Maitland in the Cape.



"Meat should be transported on the hook, not on the hoof - RSPCA, Britain."



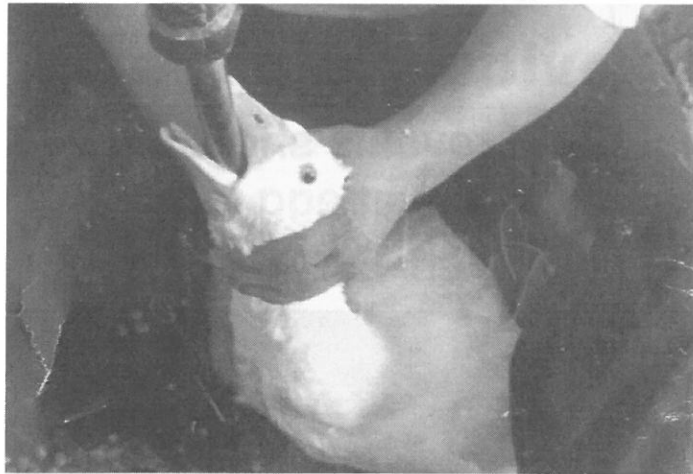
British actress **Joanna Lumley**, speaking out against live exports from Britain: "We must use our democratic system and ask our elected Minister to act on our behalf... We are saying these are the specific things we want you to ban... We are the people of Britain. Ban them on our behalf. We have to insist on our democratic rights."

ADVERTISING STANDARDS

The Advertising Standards Authority of South Africa has rejected our complaints that the County Fair advertisement on television is a gross misrepresentation of the facts. Says Mrs J C Pestana, Manager: Consumer Affairs, "... the advertisement clearly conveyed the advertising message in a humorous way and cannot be seen to claim that the chickens are free range."

SO THE MORAL OF THIS STORY WOULD APPEAR TO BE THAT AS LONG AS IT'S MEANT TO BE AMUSING, A DISTORTION OF THE FACTS IS ACCEPTABLE!!!

PATE DE FOIE GRAS



It's called "cramming".

Sunday Times, April 10, 1994.

"The appearance on posh Johannesburg restaurant menus of locally produced foie gras - goose liver - has set alarm bells ringing. In France the production of foie gras has enraged animal rights groups.. Geese are placed in boxes and force-fed to make them as fat as possible, producing the grossly enlarged livers so prized by gourmets....

"We are totally against it," said Barbara Nash, SPCA National Council Administrator.

The Sunday Times traced the production of South African "foie gras" to Pennybridge Duck Farm, Bryanston, but a reporter was refused permission to visit it.

Owner David Ritchie said his livers were not from geese - they came from ducks which will be news to diners forking out over R40 thinking they are eating the real thing."

Animal Voice has been told by a major Feeds Company that a foie gras farm is about to start in Bredasdorp too.

Let's nip this vile practice in the bud.

In the European Community, only France is still allowed by law to produce pate de foie gras. Switzerland has recently taken the lead and

has now banned even the IMPORT of foie gras.

As there is nothing in South African law specifically prohibiting force-feeding of animals, South Africa could become the new centre for the production of this cruel food.

ACTION

WRITE TO:

Managing Director
Mr Syd Miller
Woolworths
Box 680
Cape Town 8000

or

Managing Director
Mr J W Basson
Shoprite/Checkers
P O Box 700
Parow 7500

Request their assurances that they will not allow any form of "foie gras" onto their

In all other animals, a grossly swollen, fatty liver is regarded as pathogenic and would be condemned by abattoir meat inspectors.

shelves. In addition, request that they give urgent attention to providing free-range meats and eggs in all their stores. Suggest that organisations such as themselves which provide food on such a massive scale, could play a far greater role in influencing the consumer to become more caring of the welfare of his/her sources of food.

Should you find yourself in a restaurant which serves "foie gras", tell the manager that you regret you shall not patronise his restaurant again unless he removes this cruel food from his menu.

Pick 'n Pay

We thank Mr Ray Murray, Pick 'n Pay's General Manager, Perishables, for his assurance that Pick 'n Pay will not be stocking foie gras from Pennybridge Farm.

He has also invited anyone who is unable to obtain free-range eggs in any of the Pick 'n Pay stores in the Western Cape to contact Mr Brian Daitsh, Senior Perishables Buyer for the Western Cape, P O Box 23087, Claremont, 7735.

Mr Murray said he had also sent a memo to all regions in SA requesting that they stock free range eggs.



Now that the rights of all human South Africans have been firmly entrenched in the constitution, it is time to turn to the question posed by The Economist: "Do animals have rights? The surprise is not that this question is now an emotional issue. It is that it lay dormant for much of the 20th century."

STRONG NEW ANIMAL ALLIANCE FORMED

WEEKEND ARGUS: APRIL 2/3 1994

■ The new South Africa will also be good news for the animal kingdom — a powerful new animal rights and welfare lobby is emerging, its aim to redress inadequacies in legislation for the protection of animals.

Weekend Argus Reporter

SHOULD the Animal Groups Alliance (AGA) have its way, and indications are it probably will, new legislation will soon be on the statute books making life for animals of all descriptions in South Africa much more pleasant and painless.

For years animal rights and welfare organisations have been pointing out flaws in the Animal Protection Act which meant misery and even death to animals simply because people could either get away with, or were lightly penalised for, cruelty.



FORUM TO BE SET UP TO NEGOTIATE AN ANIMAL RIGHTS DISPENSATION FOR THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA:

THE GOOD NEWS IS that Professor Albie Sachs, ANC veteran fighter for human rights, agreed to meet the Animal Groups Alliance in the ANC offices in Parliament Street in March this year. The meeting was attended by about 50 AGA members, some of whom flew in from as far afield as the far Northern Transvaal. SPCA members also attended, including Mrs Marcelle Meredith, Executive Director of the SPCA National Council.

Calling the meeting "historic" Professor Sachs suggested that all interested parties set up a forum to negotiate, consult and plan an animal rights dispensation for the New South Africa.

The meeting elected a steering committee to set up the forum which is expected to get underway fairly soon.

Our sincerest thanks go to Professor Sachs for giving us his ear. Also, for sharing with us some of his experience in what it takes to fight for rights. The ANC is the first South African political party to react constructively to our pleas for a better dispensation for the animals. Our sincerest thanks also go to co-chairmen of the meeting, Mr Edward Shalala and Mr Wayne Morris, and to Mr Roland Langley, all of whom were instrumental in bringing it about.



THE AGA HAS MANAGED to have Animal Rights incorporated in the ANC's Reconstruction and Development Programme for the Western Cape.

The clause includes the following: It is the responsibility of any civilised and democratic society to ensure that all animals are treated in a compassionate, dignified and respectful manner without the infliction of stress or suffering and allowing them to satisfy their basic needs and natural and instinctive behaviour.



HFORH WELCOMES the ANC's promotion of small-scale farming. Not only will this create many jobs (only one labourer is needed for 20 000 chickens in a battery) but it should also be instrumental in putting animals back onto the soil.

The ANC's Agricultural Policy states that in the old South Africa, 70% of research into Agriculture was funded by taxpayers money and was almost entirely geared to the needs of the richest five percent of white commercial farmers (read factory farmers ed). In addition it was "closed to public scrutiny".

The ANC intends to redirect a substantial portion of publicly funded research spending to the needs of small, emerging farmers. Animal Voice of SA supports this move in principle as it should open

the doors for a return to free-range farming.

However we are already aware that Medunsa is helping small-scale farmers set up their own battery systems for egg production.

WE REQUEST AN ASSURANCE FROM THE ANC THAT CAGES FOR HENS DO NOT BECOME PART OF THE THRUST INTO SMALL-SCALE FARMING.



THE GOOD NEWS is that the Tasmanian judgement by Hobart Magistrate Philip Wright in which a major battery farm was found guilty on seven counts of cruelty, has arrived.

Many of you will remember that in 1992 HforH laid a complaint with the police against a battery giant in the Western Cape, on the grounds that their business (as with all battery operations) was a violation of South Africa's Animals Protection Act, No 71 of 1962.

Eighteen months later, the Attorney-General, Mr Frank Kahn, declined to prosecute but when we presented him personally with new information, including the ruling in Tasmania, Mr Kahn, who has the right to change his mind, called for a copy of the Tasmanian judgment and said he would keep an "open mind".

This judgment has now been passed on to Mr Kahn and to the Cape Town advocate who has so kindly

been assisting us on a pro-bono basis so far. In a covering letter with his historic judgment, Magistrate Wright wrote to Humanity for Hens:



DRG:PJAW, 175
 5 May 1994

**Magistrate's Chamber,
Houtt**

I enclose a copy of my judgment in Clarke v Golden Egg Farm Pty. Ltd. delivered 24 February 1993. My views and opinions are as expressed therein: if they help at all to bring an end to the vile trade I am glad.

**Philip J.A. Wright,
Magistrate**

We trust Mr Kahn will see fit to have a test case in open court on whether battery farming is in violation of our laws or not.



WOOLWORTHS leads the major supermarket chains in offering us a truly free range table bird at selected stores in the Transvaal. Sold under the Woolworths label these chickens;

- * Have led quality lives in a quality environment on a farm in White River
- * Have not suffered the stresses of being transported to an abattoir as the farm has its own abattoir on the premises
- * Are free from additives – no colourants (to give a yellow hue to the skin), growth stimulants or antibiotics are added to their feed
- * Cost R11,99 a kilo.

THANK YOU WOOLWORTHS. PLEASE TRY TO EXTEND THIS LINE COUNTRY-WIDE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

ANIMAL VOICE urges the new South African Government to take our animals out of the factories. Put them back on the ground and let's lessen our dependence on animal protein. Never before have the animals competed with the human race for food to this extent. Think about it. The digestive systems of cattle, for instance, are made to break down grass, stalks and other rough food which our digestive systems cannot cope with. Today, because they are removed from a natural environment and fed intensively, more than 70 percent of the US grain harvest and more than one-third of the grain produced in the world - is fed to cattle and other livestock.

Look at this a little more closely:

An Asian adult consumes 300 - 400 pounds of grain each year. A middle-class American, by contrast, consumes more than a ton of grain each year, 80% of it through eating cattle and other grain-fed livestock. Thus Americans consume nearly six times the amount of grain that their Eastern counterparts consume. Put another way, for every American that eats, five other people could have eaten too. South Africans have similar eating habits to Americans. In a hungry world we cannot afford such indulgence.

P I G S

WE WANT A BAN ON TETHERS AND THE FARROWING CRATE FOR PIGS IN THE NEW SOUTH AFRICA

"To other animals, rooting might not seem like much of a way to spend a day, but a rooting pig appears to be a happy pig" Animal scientist Jack Albright of Purdue University, Indiana, USA.



Victim of tail biting

Friends of the Pig (Box 785799, Sandton 2146) says:

Lobby your supermarket. Ring the hotlines, ask the Manager, write to the MD. Ask for free range pork products.

WE WANT LEGAL RIGHTS FOR ANIMALS

Animal Voice thanks all South Africans who have yet again given their magnificent support, in whatever way, towards making this magazine possible. Thank you for your news cuttings, helping me to keep abreast of developments. Thank you for your words of encouragement. Thank you for spreading the word, writing letters to the powers that be and for all your financial contributions without which there would be no Animal Voice magazine.

With warmest wishes always.

Louise van der Merwe

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**Send to Animal Voice,
P.O. Box 843,
Kuilsriver 7580**

"We believe it is our democratic right to live in a country which satisfies basic ethical standards regarding the welfare of animals." - Animal Voice in a letter to the new South African Minister of Justice, Advocate Dullah Omar