

# SEAR ACTION

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Please come to our next meeting  
**Tuesday 7th Aug**  
Ruskin House, Croydon  
23 Coombe Road, CR0 1BD  
**7.30pm**  
guest speaker • Vegan Food • cheap bar

## Great Global Warming Swindle

### Cut the Crap on Carbon emissions - Christian Aid targeted

Christian Aid (CA) launches a series of 'Cut the Carbon' rallies this weekend aimed at alerting the public to the devastating impact of climate change on people in the poorest parts of the world. The charity will point out that industrialised nations are responsible for some 80% of greenhouse gas emissions.

Animal activists will be at each of the rallies, highlighting CA's own negative role on this issue. Supporters will be leafleting marchers and carrying banners reading 'Cut the Crap', as part of a new Animal Aid campaign. A recent major report by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) reveals that livestock farming contributes 18% of all man-made greenhouse gases - a larger share than the entire global transport sector. Yet Christian Aid promotes gifts of farm animals to destitute communities in regions that are already suffering serious environmental degradation.

The report also details the inefficiencies of using animals as a source of nutrients for people rather than devoting agricultural resources (land, labour, water) to producing food for people to consume directly. 'In simple numeric terms,' the report states, 'livestock actually detract more from total food supply than they provide.' This reality prompted the Bishop of London, Richard Chartres, to become vegetarian two years ago. With a call for Christian Aid to channel its resources on the many initiatives that aid people, animals and the planet including tree planting, production of green manures, water management schemes, and healthcare, vet and educational initiatives.

Christian Aid Cut the Carbon rallies launch July 14 in Belfast, nationally ending with the Oct 2 finale at the London Stock Exchange and St Paul's.

#### Methane

All the evidence points to livestock farming as being inefficient and environmentally destructive - as well as appallingly cruel to the animal victims. But rather than confront this reality, 'science' offers an endless stream of fake solutions. The latest relates to the massive emissions of climate changing methane produced by animal farming. It is an irreducible fact that cattle and sheep emit large quantities of the gas during digestion. GM companies are now holding out the promise that cattle feed can be engineered to contain more sugars and thus allegedly reduce the methane burden. Given that 70% of all British agricultural land is devoted to growing grass and crops for livestock, would the British public be happy for so much of the countryside to be subjected to a genetically-modified fix? Researchers are also exploring the alarming idea of genetically engineering the digestive system of sheep and cattle.

Burping and farting from the cows themselves only accounts for part of emissions from the livestock industry. In total, animal farming is responsible for 18% of all greenhouse gases - more than that generated by the whole of the transport sector. Holding out the promise of GM 'solutions' will make biotech companies a tidy profit, but won't change the fundamental reality about the massive damage, cruelty and inefficiencies that are integral to animal farming.

There is a clear way to solve the problem: moving over to a plant-based diet. This is one of the reasons Animal Aid promotes a vegetarian or vegan diet. It is good for your health, good for the animals, and good for the planet.

**Carshalton Green Fair - Aug 27th Bank Holiday Mon - Help needed for SEAR stalls**

### Sad loss of Neil Lea

Neil Lea was an extraordinary man. Each day was a battle to overcome his, sometimes very painful, illness to get on with his tireless campaigning for animal rights. The loss to our movement is immeasurable. But Neil's strength and determination should inspire us all to continue the fight - no matter how tough it gets. Neil died peacefully at 6.08 on Tuesday July 10th. As many of you know he had quite a few health problems, and in the end his kidney failed and there was nothing they could do other than make him as comfortable as possible.

Sat 28th July - Neils funeral, please take the time to remember a great activist and take inspiration from his example to carry on fighting for animals with equal determination. He will be sadly missed.

### Bovine TB - Badger cull fails

Bovine TB is caused and spread by the often filthy, crowded and poorly ventilated conditions in which cattle are kept, and increasingly intensive regimes to which the animals are subjected. Around 170,000 calves and 250,000 adult cattle die or are killed every year through such conditions. Government-appointed Independent Scientific Group announces - after a decade of research - killing badgers will not reduce bovine TB and could make matters worse. 30,000 badgers have been destroyed since 1975 in a failed attempt to curb the disease. Despite virtually exterminating badgers from four counties in Ireland, a massive TB problem remains there. Dairy cattle are now selectively-bred to produce up to 60 litres of milk daily; increasingly 'zero grazed', where hundreds are packed together in concrete floored sheds and move about outside only in 'loafing yards'. 10 % of UK cows are zero grazed, yet produce 30% of the total milk yield. Bovine TB flourishes in these oppressive conditions, its spread accelerated by the countryside movements of untested cattle - against scientific advice. The inevitable consequence is disease and terrible animal suffering. Killing badgers will not make this reality go away.

**Aminal Rights Gathering - Holland - August 10-13th, this is a great opportunity to meet activists from all over the world and share ideas, learn new skills and be inspired. Demo in Amsterdam on 9th - all the details at [www.ar2007.info](http://www.ar2007.info)**

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if not you ~ then who?

## Free Felix

March and Rally 4th Aug - Oxford

Felix at this moment sits alone in a barren cage. See [www.speakcampaigns.org/Felix/fighting\\_for\\_felix\\_video.php](http://www.speakcampaigns.org/Felix/fighting_for_felix_video.php)

The sad truth is that the experiments on Felix have no doubt already started. He will be alone, confused and almost certainly in pain. Felix has no one to help him but us. He is surrounded by people who only want to do him harm and if we don't act NOW, the very same people who have inflicted unimaginable horrors on him will kill him; a fine reward for quietly enduring so much misery. They will have no remorse. They are incapable of having any empathy with a living sentient creature who they see as nothing more than a tool, to abuse and then once they have finished abusing they will dispatch without a moment's thought for the poor creature they have used so horribly.

We can't let Felix die without fighting to save him. Save him we can, and save him we must. Felix needs US all NOW. Felix might be just one of millions of animals killed in the name of a fraudulent scientific practice, but he is a symbol for all those many millions of poor creatures languishing and brutalised in vivisection laboratories around the world.

SPEAK have prepared information packs of Felix leaflets and posters, petitions and DVDs, leaflets that tell the Felix horror story as well as leaflets that expose the fraudulent nature of the type of Parkinson's research that Tipu Aziz is conducting on Felix.

The Fighting to Free Felix campaign can only be maintained and grow with financial help from those that support us. Leaflets and posters are free to anyone that requests them, but it takes finances to print and distribute them as well as the cost of postage. General advertising and organising demonstrations all take financing.



**"I fear that history will judge their animal rights opponents as less extreme than the very scientists who persist in non-human primate research..."**

**Marius Maxwell MBBChir, DPhil, a practising neurosurgeon who gained his doctorate at Oxford University and who has spoken out against the vivisectors at the university.**

[www.speakcampaigns.org](http://www.speakcampaigns.org)

## Rise in Vivisection 5th year in a row

The Home Office has announced that British researchers conducted more than three million experiments on animals in 2006. This is the fifth year in a row that the number of animal procedures has risen.

More than 3,000 primates were experimented on, despite huge public and political opposition. Aside from the cruelty of inflicting pain and suffering on our closest genetic kin, the experiments are unreliable. Last year, clinical trials of the TGN1412 monoclonal antibody were abandoned when the drug, which had been passed as safe in monkeys, almost killed six human volunteers. The company

insisted that animal testing gave no hint of the side effects. Latest statistics also show a massive hike in the use of genetically modified (GM) animals, who are supposed to mirror human disease and reaction more closely than non-GM animals. The use of GM animals has revealed itself to be hopelessly inefficient and crude. Some 70% of the time when a GM animal intended to replicate a human disease is created, it does not 'perform' as expected. In short, modelling human diseases with GM animals has been disastrous.

These latest Home Office figures reinforce the government's blind support and promotion of an industry that injures and kills animals and people alike.

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## DIARY

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August

**Tues 7th**

**SEAR Meeting - 7.30pm, Ruskin House, 23 Coombe Road, Croydon**

1-5th

Vegan summer gathering at Big Green Gathering, Nr Cheddar, Somerset [www.veganviews.org.uk](http://www.veganviews.org.uk)

4th

SPEAK - Felix Solidarity Day - details at [www.speakcampaigns.org](http://www.speakcampaigns.org)

10-13th

Animal Rights Gathering - Holland - see [www.ar2007.info](http://www.ar2007.info)

19th

London Vegan Festival, 10am-8pm - £1 (Under 16 free)

Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8 (High St Ken tube). £1

Mon 27th

Carshalton Environmental Fair - Bank Holiday Mon, support needed to run SEAR Stall please!

**Pigeon Action Group: rota feeding, campaigning & rescue: 07810 024098**

**Can you do a boot fair for SEAR, let us know we need volunteers and stuff to sell**

Fur campaigns: London: Pickets every week at London fur shops. 07951 274371 / 07796 774200 / 0845 845 4775

Every Thursday, outside the proposed Oxford University animal torture centre, South Parks Road, Oxford.

Transport from London - to book reply to [info@speackampaigns.org.uk](mailto:info@speackampaigns.org.uk) or contact 07899 775493.

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