

THE SANCTUARY SUNBEAM

Our new newsletter will be sent out regularly to all Black Sheep supporters, keeping you up to date with news about the sanctuary, vegan recipes and animal rights stories!

The *Sunbeam* title remembers Norman Bell, a vegan animal rights activist who helped run New Zealand's first animal rights group. In the 1930s the Humanitarian and Anti-Vivisection Society campaigned against meat-eating, zoos, circuses, animal experiments, and the fur trade.

Bell also co-edited *The International Sunbeam*, a 1920s anti-war magazine which promoted

independence for India and Samoa, international co-operation, socialism, and vegetarianism.

Bell did not drink milk because of his concern for bobby calves, and wore non-leather shoes of American cloth and rubber, 'shoes which look as neat as they are innocent'. A staunch anti-war activist, he spent two years in prison during the First World War, after refusing to be conscripted.

When he died, he left money in his will to fund anti-slaughterhouse newspaper advertisements.

We hope he would enjoy the *Sanctuary Sunbeam*!

ADOPT AN ANIMAL

Squeaky lives at the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary and is awaiting a loving permanent home – Squeaky is very talkative (hence her name!), assertive and loves dogs! She is 9 months old, black with a small white tuft under her chin. She is quite hyperactive and nutty in a very sweet way!! She gets hugs on her own terms but is very friendly!

If you are interested in giving Squeaky a stable caring home please contact the Black Sheep on 06 364 2241.



VEGAN CHOCOLATE APPLE CAKE

as tested at a Black Sheep working bee ...

125g olivani (or other vegan margarine)
2 cups of flour
pinch salt
1 tsp cinnamon
2 tsp baking powder
1/2 cup raw sugar
soya milk
1/2 cup chopped vegan chocolate
1 apple, peeled, cored, and finely chopped
1 apple peeled, cored, thinly sliced
more cinnamon and sugar.

Mix flour, salt, baking powder and cinnamon in a large bowl. Rub in margarine, then stir in chocolate and finely chopped apple.

Add enough soya milk to make a dough that is soft but not slushy. Spread in a greased and lined 8-inch tin. Decorate top with slices of apple and sprinkled sugar and cinnamon.

Bake at 180 degrees Celsius for about 30 minutes or until cooked and golden.

Eat while still warm. Enjoy!

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ANIMAL RIGHTS AND WRONGS

Opportunity for Animals supports the radio show
Animal Rights and Wrongs
– check it out!



Wellington Access
Radio, 783am
Saturday 11am

or online at:
www.accessradio.org.nz/
animal_rights_and_wrongs.
html

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SANCTUARY ANIMAL STORY

Max and Molly are two Beagle-Huntaway cross dogs who live at The Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary who came to us as puppies.

During a protest at the Valley Animal Research vivisection breeding facility in the Hawkes Bay three puppies were handed to the demonstrators by a worker. The protestors also requested (and were given) written proof that the puppies were given lawfully - in case there were any future legal ramifications.

The puppies were very fortunate to escape the life of their siblings and other kennel mates who are likely to have been killed in vivisection experiments.

We are unsure why the puppies were given to the protestors but suspect that it is because Max and Molly are not "pure breed" beagles – beagles are chosen for vivisection because of their gentle and trusting nature. Lucky for them they are "mongrels".

Max and Molly have found a permanent home with Kate, who lives on-site at the Black Sheep sanctuary. They now enjoy a loving, peaceful country life, far from the horrible realities of vivisection.

The Valley Animal Research Centre (VARC) is a contract animal testing company which keeps over a hundred beagles for experiments. VARC was set up two and a half years ago by Allen Goldenthal and his wife, Margaret Harkema. The company has facilities in Hawke's Bay and in the Manawatu, where they keep dogs and cats for research purposes.



The Manawatu operation is run out of Baines Kennels in Himitangi, a boarding kennel business which acts as a front for a vivisection laboratory.

VARC's beagle dogs are kept in unpleasant and unsanitary conditions. They live in cages either with concrete floors or wire mesh over dirt floors. When the beagles are being used for a drug trial, an experimenter regularly comes in and removes them from their social group, and takes them to a frightening environment where they are dosed or injected with a drug. Dogs have excellent memories, and will soon get know and fear the routine of being removed from their cages and experimented on – a routine which may continue for weeks or years. If they survive the experiment they may be killed and dissected, or sold to whoever happens to bid for them on Trade Me.

For further information on VARC please visit:
www.varc.org.nz

THE BLACK SHEEP ANIMAL SANCTUARY

The Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary is a safe space, rehabilitating abused, injured and neglected non-human animals – both native and introduced. The Sanctuary operates according to animal rights principles and promotes animal liberation.

We have been fundraising through our Opportunity for Animals op-shops and have recently purchased 26 acres of land near Otaki Forks for the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary. The Sanctuary is still in its initial stages but expects to be fully operational by summer 2010.

Every day, hundreds of thousands of animals suffer pain and fear in intensive farms, stockyards and slaughterhouses throughout New Zealand. Countless others are neglected or abandoned.

We offer unwanted and ill-treated farm and domestic animals a chance for a new life. We plan to run animal rights educational programmes, open days, and school trips when we have the resources to do so.

We are working to provide information and resources to help people make informed choices about animal welfare and animal rights in New Zealand.

The great news is that the Black Sheep is now able to take in more animals. We were awaiting completion of our caretaker house before taking in more animals, but the house is finally finished and we're looking forward to the new arrivals!

Our main focus is animals that are neglected, abused or injured, and in particular farm animals and wildlife. We have started approaching SPCAs, local vets, councils and other agencies that work with hurt and mistreated animals to build relationships and get the word out about who we are and what we do.

It's fantastic to have better facilities. The Kapiti District Council did the final sign off on the house mid-August, so now we have a base for animal caretakers, where they can care for vulnerable animals who need indoor attention! We have been furnishing the house, laying carpet, putting up curtains and varnishing the interior to make it all sealed and snug. We have started paths and landscaping around the new house to minimise mud brought inside by animals (including humans!) and improve the general aesthetic for open days and residents.



The New Chicken Coop



Kate and Thunder

It's been a busy month in so many ways. We rehomed Jess – the much loved Labrador cross who inspired us with her energy and friendliness! Jess – now called "Lucky" went to a loving home backing onto Paraparaumu beach with builders who can take her to work everyday and give her all the love and care she deserves! Lucky is truly lucky to have gone from a home of gross neglect into loving forever care!

The end of September is the cut off for ideal tree planting weather so we are trying to get all tree seedlings in on time – these are important for shelter and feeding birds as well as looking lovely! Thanks very much to everyone who donated us tree seedlings! The miniature pony shelter is built and awaiting a coat of paint – Thunder only uses it in extreme weather, but it is great to have there for him!

We have completed the chookhouse! The dismantled aviaries and other donated materials were a great help towards building the chicken house - the only things we needed to buy new were posts! So the extra from donations towards the chicken house can be put into our next project – goat fencing.

An alliance for animal liberation

Animal Freedom Aotearoa (AFA) is a national grassroots, non-hierarchical animal liberation network, with active groups in Wellington and Auckland who campaign on issues such as fur, foie gras and animal testing as well as educating the public about the plight of animals through stalls, film screenings, workshops and factory farm visits. Members work within AFA's guidelines but otherwise they are autonomous and free to take action and make decisions as they see fit.

AFA has an investigation team of activists who work through out the country documenting the conditions in which millions of animals are suffering in Aotearoa.

Animal Freedom Aotearoa supports direct action – so far this year activists have rescued pigs, hens, and broiler chickens from factory farms, and also released disturbing images of the conditions the animals endure.

If you would like to get involved, please contact: info@animalfreedom.org.nz



A chook rescued by AFA discovers the joys of sunbathing!

An enormous thank you to all the amazing volunteers who have helped out so far at the Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary!

Volunteers make our work possible, and we especially seek helpers with skills in animal care, construction, or fundraising. Please contact us if you would like to get involved!

HELP WITH OUR WISHLIST!

We need a range of building materials for our many projects – wood, ply, corrugated iron, windows, doors, posts, timber, tools, fencing, trees, hay, straw, foam mattresses, blankets and bedding for animals!

DONATE!

Monetary donations are of course very welcome – please either send to or direct deposit into:

The Animal Protection Society
PO Box 7500, Newtown, Wellington

The Animal Protection Society
Kiwibank account 38 9005 0324267 00.

The Animal Protection Society is a registered charity, and all donations are tax-deductible. We are entirely run by volunteers, so all donations go directly to our work to care for animals and promote animal rights.

WWOOF!

We have recently applied to join the Willing Workers on Organic Farms network (WWOOF), which will give us the opportunity to have people stay with a variety of skills and enthusiasm to help us in our daily sanctuary work. Maybe this could be you?

OPPORTUNITY FOR ANIMALS OPHOPS



Opportunity for Animals are two op-shops fundraising for the Animal Protection Society. One store is situated at 4 Bay Rd, Kilbirnie and the other at 90 Riddiford St, Newtown. We sell only donated goods and try to keep our prices low – we want to help the community as well as the animals!

Opportunity for Animals has a relationship with Women's Refuge where we give one-off free clothing assistance to clients in need. We have loaned and/or donated clothing and accessories to a number of plays, low budget films and art projects. If you have a community project that you think we may be able to assist with please get in touch!

As well as setting up our own animal sanctuary we have contributed to other animal rights and welfare projects, including:

HUHA/Pakuratahi Animal Sanctuary	\$3,000
The Wellington Cats Protection League	\$2,586
Arapawa Wildlife Sanctuary	\$1,080
Dog emergency assistances	\$1442
Wellington Animal Rights Network	\$ 670
Christchurch Vegetarian Society	\$ 500
Indonesian Rescue Doco Camera	\$ 365
Total contributions to groups/projects	\$9,643

The Animal Protection Society is a registered Charity with the Charities Commission and receives tax exemption from IRD. We do not employ paid staff in any capacity, all our workers are volunteers.

If you would like to join our team of awesome volunteers please contact: Kate on 04 389 3891

ANIMAL PROTECTION SOCIETY INC.

The Animal Protection Society was established in May 2006 to provide services and facilities for animals in need.

It encompasses two main projects; The Black Sheep Animal Sanctuary and Opportunity for Animals op-shops. We are a group of people dedicated to working for better conditions for animals in New Zealand.

Our aims are radical – we are not just into reforming bad conditions for animals, we are into removing the root causes. For example, rather than trying to improve factory farming practices, we work towards a total ban on factory farming, and rather than trying to improve the regulation of animal experiments, we seek an end to all vivisection.

The Society works towards improving animal welfare directly and via working with other animal welfare groups.

As animal advocates, we promote ethical veganism

and vegetarianism. While members, volunteers and visitors must make their own lifestyle choices, we believe that there is a fundamental conflict between trying to help animals and eating them or otherwise exploiting them.



Our Kaupapa is to:

- Provide services and facilities to help animals in need
- Work towards animal liberation
- Promote education about animal rights
- Recognise the role of tangata whenua in Aotearoa, and explore how to build relationships with local iwi and hapu
- Protect the environment in which animals live using organic methods and restoring natural habitats.