

The North American Animal Liberation Press Office *NAALPO*

The North American Animal Liberation Press Office (NAALPO) was formed in 1994 to respond to the mainstream media's uncritical reporting on animal liberation activities. The Press Office takes a proactive stance to communicate the actions, strategies, and philosophy of the animal liberation movement to the media and the public. Many of these actions are illegal under a current societal structure that fails to recognize the rights of non-human animals to live free of suffering, but validates and promotes the "right" of industries to do whatever they want to animals for profit or research. Within these conditions, those in the underground working for animal liberation often cannot speak out directly. Nevertheless, their actions and message is urgent, deserving to be heard and understood. No one else was performing this function in North America.

Press officers with NAALPO are not the Animal Liberation Front (ALF), nor do we know who the ALF are, nor do we want to know. If the Press Office had any direct dealings with the underground, knew who the members of underground groups were, or were members ourselves, law enforcement would not hesitate to charge and imprison us. The Press Office frequently receives communiques anonymously from these underground groups, and passes them along to the media, but has no personal knowledge of who sends them or from where they are sent.

We are frequently asked how one joins the underground animal liberation movement and the ALF in particular. Historically, those wishing to participate in direct action have gotten together with others they could trust of like mind and just started doing actions. ALF cells operate independently, and typically are begun locally by like-minded individuals who get together and decide to take action against animal abusers.

Although many other groups and individuals fight animal oppression in legal ways, the stark fact is that every year, more animals are exploited, oppressed tortured and killed than the year before. Members of the ALF and other underground organizations feel that in order to truly liberate animals, the unjust laws that allow their exploitation must be broken. The ALF and other direct-action groups have a history of effectiveness, closing many businesses that exploited animals, hurting many more economically, and freeing tens of thousands of animals, who could spend the remainder of their lives free of torture and suffering.

Some members of the animal rights community support the ALF and others do not. Many believe a wide variety of tactics are necessary to win animal liberation, as so many other struggles for liberation have demonstrated. The ALF seem to care not about what other activists or the public think about them, but what the animals would and do think, as they are liberated from their prisons of torture, suffering and certain death. Think about it: If you were locked in a cage your whole life, taken out only to be injected with poison or to be skinned for your fur, what would you want people to be doing about it? Working on legislation for years, writing kind letters to their congressman, or getting you the hell out of that cage?

NAALPO strives to promote the struggle for animal liberation, by distributing information on illegal acts of sabotage and the freeing of captive animals, and by promoting a culture that encourages, explains and exposes actions that help animals actions that are currently illegal under a corrupt system that encourages the exploitation, torture and murder of non-human animals. We also strive to support those relatively few individual who are imprisoned for their actions, although only a handful exist despite thousands of illegal direct actions.

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