

earth. Now most of those nations want to exploit the area's riches by mining. As of early December 1989 Australia and France have vetoed the mining plan but the future is still in the balance. Conservationists are asking that Antarctica be declared a world park to protect its wildlife and its fragile ecology. This proposal has the support of the governments of Australia, France, Belgium, Italy and Greece.

Greenpeace

The World Society for the Protection of Animals has asked the United Nations to review the use of dogs and other animals on suicide missions during military offensives. Recently military sources in Lebanon reported that dogs are harnessed with gas and explosive canisters by the Israeli Army. These dogs are sent to enemy troop concentrations and enemy buildings and electronically blown up. Some nations have trained dolphins and seals for military purposes.

The United States currently has more than 200 marine animals trained for scientific military uses. Former trainees have provided information alleging gross cruelty to the animals undergoing training for such tasks.

Animals International (WSPA)

In 1988 the US Patent & Trademark Office issued a patent for a genetically modified mouse, the first patent issued for a mammal. The animal was developed by researchers at

Harvard University. The two scientists inserted into mouse eggs a gene that can produce cancer in many mammals. Their mouse patent is not for one specific mouse but for a strain of mouse. The patent covers the genetically modified mouse, all of its progeny, and all of their progeny for seventeen years. This whole question of the patenting of life needs urgent public debate. It is a matter of great concern and with profound implications.

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ANIMALS MATTER

Around the world there are thousands of groups working to build right relations between humanity and the animals. Here we list some of the groups we have come into contact with in preparing this Newsletter. Every country has its own network of organisations, and readers of the Newsletter who wish to get in touch with local groups can write to any of the organisations listed below — many of these can put you in touch with branches and co-operating organisations in your own country. Shortage of space means that we are unable to describe the work of all the organisations listed.

Australian and New Zealand Federation of Animal Societies — a grouping of over 50 animal societies in Australia and New Zealand. Active in a wide range of areas. ANZFAS, P.O. Box 1023, Collingwood, Victoria, Australia 3066. **Compassion in World Farming** — campaigns for a fair deal for farm animals. C.I.W.F., 20 Lavant Street, Petersfield, Hants. GU32 3EW. Similar work is done in the USA by Farm Animal Reform Movement, P.O. Box 70123, Washington, DC, USA 20088. **Dr. Hadwen Trust for Humane Research** — promotes development of valid techniques to substitute use of animals in medical and associated fields of research. Dr. Hadwen Trust, 6C Brand Street, Hitchin, Herts, U.K. SG5 1HX. Major work in the States done at Johns Hopkins Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing, Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, 615 North Wolfe Street, Baltimore, MD, U.S.A. 21205. **Elefriends and Zoo Check**, Cherry Tree Cottage, Coldharbour, Dorking, Surrey U.K. RH5 6HA. **Environmental Investigation Agency** — investigates abuses of wildlife and prepares highly effective international campaigns on such issues as the illegal ivory trade and the killing of pilot whales in the Danish Faroe Islands. EIA, Unit 32, 40 Bowling Green Lane, London, U.K. EC1R 0NE. **Greenpeace International** — national and international campaigns on a variety of issues for the protection and conservation of animals and their natural habitats. Greenpeace International, Keizersgracht 176, 1016 DW Amsterdam, Netherlands. **Humane Education Centre** — publishing a new teachers animal welfare bulletin for commonwealth educationalists. Humane Education Centre, Bounds Green Road, London, U.K. N22 4EU. **Institut Juridique International pour la Protection des Animaux**, 86 rue du Pas Saint Georges, 33000 Bordeaux, France. **International Network for Religion and Animals** — sponsor an annual World Week of Prayer for Animals in early October and focus a world-wide effort to bring religious principles of all faiths to bear on attitudes to animals. INRA, P.O. Box 1335, North Wales, PA 19454-0335, U.S.A. **International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources** — a network of over 450 government agencies and conservation organisations from more than 100 countries that plays a powerful role in leading the international community to act to conserve and protect endangered species of animals — IUCN, 1196 Gland, Switzerland. **La Ligue Suisse Contre la Vivisection et Pour les Droits de L'Animaux**, 8 Ch Du Cedre, 1224 Chene Bougeries, Switzerland. **Svenska Djurskyddsforeningen**, P.O. Box 10081, 100 55 Stockholm, Sweden. **Traffic** — an independent group monitoring the international trade in wildlife, and especially the trade in endangered species. Traffic, 1196 Gland, Switzerland. **World Society for the Protection of Animals** — international campaigning organisation with 360 member societies in over 60 countries. International HQ, WSPA, 106 Jermyn Street, London, U.K. SW1Y 6EE; also regional centres at P.O. Box 190, 29 Perkins Street, Boston, MA 02130, USA; Apartado 516 Heredia, Costa Rica; Apartado Aereo 75002, Bogota, Colombia; 215 Lakeshore Boulevard East, Suite No. 113, Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5A 3W9; No. 3 Totara Avenue, New Lynn, Auckland 1232, New Zealand; P.O. Box 11733, 1001 GS Amsterdam, Holland. **World Wide Fund for Nature International** — WWF Network on Conservation and Religion publishes a free bulletin, The New Road. WWF, 1196 Gland, Switzerland.



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