

Animal Matters



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Animals in the News

EU Primate ban victory

Years of lobbying by animal groups have paid off. More than half of European Parliament MEPs have signed a Written Declaration calling for a ban on the use of great apes (such as chimpanzees) and all wild-caught primates in experiments, and a phase-out of experiments on all other primates.

There is still a way to go but this means that now the European Commission, which is currently producing a report suggesting how Europe's animal research laws can be updated, has a clear statement of the will of the EU Parliament.

More than 10,000 primates are used in experiments in Europe every year, with the UK being Europe's largest single user, followed by France and Germany.

Year of Food and Farming

September saw the launch of the *Year of Food and Farming*, a government-backed 'campaign to promote healthy living by giving young people direct experience of countryside, farming and food'. Every child will be offered the opportunity to visit a carefully selected farm, and there is also a range of classroom resources available to teachers.

It is important that all youngsters are given the opportunity to discover where their food comes from. It is doubtful, however, that the *Year of Food and Farming* will give them the complete picture.

To provide a balanced and less 'rose-tinted' view of intensive animal farming, teachers can request a free talk by an Animal Aid speaker. We also have a range of resources available such as our *Eat This!* DVD and student activity pack for English and Citizenship.

To order **FREE** copies of any Animal Aid resources, contact the Animal Aid Education Department: Tel: **01732 364546 ext 221** • Email: education@animalaid.co.uk
To view or download pdfs, see our website: www.animalaid.org.uk/education

Circus comes to town

Animal Aid Youth Group members joined the protest against The Great British Circus when it visited Tonbridge in September.

This circus, which uses lions, tigers, camels, reindeer, horses, ponies, zebras, dogs and llamas, has attracted controversy over the years. It is one of the few circuses with animals still touring the UK.

The Animal Welfare Act, which came into force in April 2007, will ban the use of some animals in circuses from 2008. Animal Aid and the Captive Animals Protection Society (CAPS) urge the Government to end the use of all animals, not just wild animals, in circuses.

For resources on animal circuses (including DVD, factsheets and school talks) contact Animal Aid (details below).

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New education resources catalogue now available

The new updated Animal Aid education resources catalogue is now available. This booklet lists all the DVDs, student activity packs (with lesson plans, worksheets and teachers' notes), factsheets, leaflets and posters available from Animal Aid. Most of these resources are free. Contact us for a copy or download it from the Animal Aid website below.

As well as the IWB versions of the *Animal Writes* work units, we now also have available on our website IWB versions of some of the *Eat This!* activities. So if you are covering the topic of animal farming and are looking for an activity to stimulate discussion and debate, visit

www.animalaid.org.uk/education



New Resources

Going Veggie



Your guide to

Animal-Free Shopping

Animal-Free Cooking

Animal-Free Eating

FREE

Going Veggie booklet

This 28-page booklet from Animal Aid is packed with information on vegetarianism and is ideal for students studying meat-free diets in food technology. It covers the reasons why people go veggie, with sections on animal suffering, healthy eating and protecting the planet. It also has sections on vegetarian/vegan nutrition and meat-free alternative meals, and offers vegetarian recipes.

ORDER To order a class set of *Going Veggie*, contact the Animal Aid office on 01732 364546 ext 221. You can also view or download the booklet from the website www.animalaid.org.uk/education

Vegan Society Interactive CD-ROM

This interactive CD-ROM contains everything you need to know about vegans and veganism.

Designed for key stages 3 and 4, it is ideal for students doing projects in English or food technology, or for reference use in the school library. It allows students to explore the impact of diet in relation to a range of issues, including people, animals, the environment, nutrition and health.

Available free to schools, it's fun and easy to use, with great sound, graphics and activities to stimulate interest. Accompanying lesson plans, activity sheets and resources are available from the Vegan Society website: www.vegansociety.com or tel: 0121 523 1730.



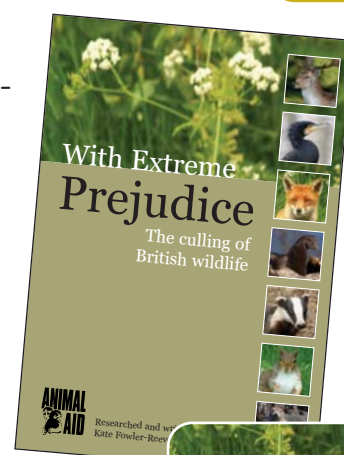
With Extreme Prejudice

FREE

A new 64-page report into the culling of British wildlife. This thoroughly researched, wonderfully-illustrated and very readable booklet challenges the notion that society is justified in seeking to exterminate species that we have conveniently labelled as aliens, pests or predators. Centuries of manipulating and controlling nature have imbued our society with the belief that if a plant or animal is not serving a useful purpose, or inconveniences us, then it should be eradicated.

Animals covered include badgers, wild boar, Canada geese, deer, foxes, gulls, hedgehogs, mink, rabbits, raptors, seals and grey squirrels.

See below for a related English lesson idea.



Lesson ideas

Citizenship KS4 Invite a speaker from Animal Aid to give a presentation on how animal groups campaign to bring about improvements in animal welfare. The talk could cover campaigning on a range of levels, for example locally: how groups have successfully lobbied councils to prohibit animal circuses; UK wide: how national groups have nearly succeeded in getting a UK ban on wild animals in circuses; and EU wide: how anti-vivisection groups have made progress in getting an EU ban on primate experiments.

English KS3 (YR9) Lesson 4: Troublesome Wildlife in *Animal Writes* English resource (available FREE from Animal Aid). Covers year 9 Framework Objectives TLW13 (making a persuasive case), TLW14 (making a counter-argument) and S&L9 (discussing and evaluating conflicting evidence to arrive at a considered viewpoint). Use copies of Animal Aid's *With Extreme Prejudice* booklets as a resource to help students research and make their case for the animals. First five copies available free from Animal Aid – extra copies 50p each.

Christmas Without Cruelty

Sunday 2nd December 10am – 5pm, Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, London W8
Come and do your Christmas shopping and have a fun day out!

More than 80 stalls selling ethically produced, cruelty-free goods (including fair trade crafts, Christmas cards and environmentally-friendly clothes and chocolates), talks, vegan café, celebrity auction, children's activity workshop, face painting and crèche. Admission £2. Please see the Animal Aid website for more details.

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