

# LIFEFORCE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

## BC FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION WITH ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS

Lifeforce sent an email to the BC Professional Fire Fighters' Association to ask if they still have their no animal experiments policy. The BCPFFA stated that they do not fund any vivisection. However, Lifeforce has found that the Head of their Burn & Wound Healing Research Laboratory had conducted experiments on rats and rabbits with others.

In the early 90s the BC Professional Fire Fighters Burn Foundation stated that they will not provide any more funding to Dr. Charles Snelling. Dr. Snelling was putting rats in boiling water to test various combinations of creams which were already being used for human patients. The BCPFFF also told the International Association of Fire Fighters Burn Foundation that your contributions "not be used to fund research grants that required the use of animals.

The experiments, that have been reported by Dr. Aziz Ghahary and colleagues, includes rats, mice and rabbits. In one experiment "full-thickness wounds were infected with *Staphylococcus aureus* on the dorsal skin surface of New Zealand White rabbit ..." Eight 6mm wounds were made on each rabbit. A "specialized wound cover attached to a tether and swivel" was used to deliver the gas treatment for 8 hours per day.

Lifeforce's request to Dr. Ghahary for his position on continued collaboration with vivisection was not answered. His first letter supported vivisection and that is not consistent with BCPFF Fund policy.

## CANADIAN MILITARY EXPERIMENTS ON ANIMALS

The Canadian Forces Trauma Training Centre West is at the Vancouver General Hospital (VGH). In their "Special Skills Lab" medical procedures are practised using animals when non-animal alternatives are available. Pigs have their throats cut, stomachs slashed and are stabbed with needles before being killed. In Trauma Unit experiments pigs were bled to induce haemorrhagic shock, surgical trauma and hypothermia.

## ICORD AT VGH

Instead of admitting that animal models have failed and should be stopped, one of the stated purposes of ICORD is:

"Development of more accurate experimental spine/spinal cord injury paradigm. ICORD will develop novel animal models of SCI (spinal cord injury)..." With modern technology and non-animal alternatives this is truly a step backwards.

ICORD head, John Steeves, has experimented on Canada Geese captured from Stanley Park in the 80s. Lifeforce campaigned against it and no further permits were issued by the Canadian Wildlife Service.

Lifeforce provided information to a principle ICORD donor – the Blusson family – about the scientific fraud of vivisection.



One of thousands of kittens tortured and killed in spinal cord injury experiments.

## What You Can Do!

The Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC) has failed to adhere to their claimed mandate called the "3Rs" – Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of experiments on animals.

**Tell them to stop the horrific burn/wound experiments, the military training/experiments with animals and spinal cord experiments on animals because viable non-animal methods are available. Email/Write Dr. Clement Gauthier, CCAC Executive Director:cgauthier@ccac.ca or CCAC, 1510-130 Albert St., Ottawa, ON K1P 5G4**



## WORLD WEEK AGAINST VIVISECTION POSTER

Lifeforce has created anti-vivisection posters that we hope people will pass on and post in strategic locations. Additional information about experiments on animals is available in our **Better Living, Image Library, and Posters** sections of the website. **You can download the World Week Against Vivisection Poster** from our posters page (on [www.lifeforcefoundation.org](http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org)) or request that copies are mailed to you.

## **Lifeforce Better Living Campaigns:**

### **GROW VEGGIES NOT CHICKEN EGGS**

Lifeforce sent the following to City Council in Vancouver. We also sent similar information to Councillors in Halifax.

“Lifeforce is a Vancouver-based ecology organization that looks at the interrelationship of human, animal and environmental issues. When trying to resolve problems one must take into consideration the long term impacts on all life. For over a decade we have opposed any “city farming” plans that involve animals. We hope that Vancouver will not allow the keeping of poultry or any other livestock because it would result in major health and animal welfare issues. Please find the attached in which we outline the many reasons why we oppose farming chickens in Vancouver and other cities.

As part of Vancouver’s Greenest City Action Team we should be promoting eating healthy veggies not chicken products. We must decrease, not increase, the number of animals presently being raised and consumed in order to protect people’s health, stop animal cruelty and to reduce Global Warming. Backyard chickens are not a just and sustainable food system – it would be part of the crisis not the solution.”

### **EAT HEALTHY ADVICE TO POLITICIANS**

**Lifeforce sent the following information to Mayors and Councillors throughout the BC Lower Mainland: Re: Eat Healthy and Protect People, Animals and the Environment**



The Vancouver-based ecology organization, Lifeforce, is asking you to promote eating healthy by supplying more vegetarian and vegan items on menus in your public facilities. Trying to use “green” dairy and meat products does not protect people, animals and the environment.

You can reduce the animal suffering, health hazards, and Greenhouse Warming by promoting eating non-dairy and non-meat products - a vegan diet. The intensive production of animals for dairy and meat contribute to 18% of Global Warming as compared to the more publicized transportation issue that is a 13% factor. We must reduce and phase out the 60 billion animals who are killed every year worldwide.

Lifeforce acknowledges your good intentions to help animals. As stated in this letter you can do a lot more can be done by just eating a lot less meat. It is scientifically proven that meat is a risk factor for many diseases such as cancer, heart, and diabetes. These illnesses are the most frequent cause for illnesses and death in humans. This represents a growing financial burden for health care service.

There is a wonderful selection of vegetarian/vegan products on the market. The more we get off the shelf and into government run facilities the more likelihood there will be time to reduce Global Warming.

(Note: Since this letter was written a new study has revealed that the factory farming of animals may contribute to 51% of Global Warming.)

### **WILL TIM HORTON’S AND WENDY’S GO VEGAN?**

Lifeforce has resurrected campaigns that demand food chains provide healthy vegetarian and vegan meals. While some chains have added veggie burgers etc. to their menus companies such as Tim Hortin’s and Wendy provide no such options. Lifeforce has contacted the companies and will provide updates.

### **MILK NOT SO DELICIOUS**

The Dairy Industry is releasing misleading ads such as Island Farms “Every Drop Delicious” and “Great Canadian Moo” (June 3, 2009 – urging people to press a Moo button to show their support of dairy industry as “A Source of Pride”).

These campaigns ignore the plight of animals used for dairy products and the associated human health hazards. BC's Island Farms parent company is Agropur based in Quebec. Quebec has had the highest bacteria and somatic cell counts in their milk.

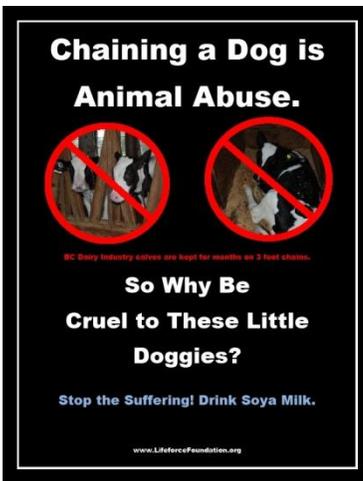
Facts about the animal cruelty and human/animal health problems proves that milk is NOT SO delicious. It is a source of shame not pride! The campaign brochure is available on our web site.



### **PLEA TO PRIME MINISTER AND WIFE**

Lifeforce, has sent a letter to Canada’s Prime Minister Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen, to ask them to stop cruel practices on Canadian farms. As stated on the PM’s web site, the Harpers participate in a Foster Program for cats and dogs in Ontario. Lifeforce hopes that their compassion to protect abandoned animals will extend to animals on farms that are routinely abused.

“There are anti-cruelty laws against confining and chaining dogs so the meat and dairy industries must be stopped from confining and chaining calves and pigs for months and longer ,” stated Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Founding Director, “I was shocked to see the way animals are mistreated on farms in BC and the rest of Canada. Other countries are phasing out these barbaric practises and Canada must follow. Hopefully Canada will take the lead by stopping all cruelty and mandating outdoor pasturing.”



Lifeforce urged them to press the Federal Government to implement legislation re:

1. Calves: Ban chaining, veal crates and restrictive huts practises.
2. Pigs: Ban chaining, gestation crates and farrowing crates.
3. Chickens: Ban battery cages.
4. Provide all animals with large clean indoor areas with access to large outdoor areas where they are free to run and socialize with others of their kind.
5. Require that all animals be given the basic freedoms to freely lie down, stand up, run, fully extend their limbs and turn around.

## Lifeforce Investigations

### FRASER VALLEY AUCTIONS

Lifeforce's year-long 2008 investigation of Fraser Valley Auctions (FVA) in BC found mistreatment of animals and major health issues. Gerry Ritz, Federal Minister of Agriculture and former livestock owner responded by saying:

1. The main responsibility is under the BCSPCA. *So where were they?*
2. They claimed that the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) inspected the Saturday auction. *However, they were not present.*
3. CFIA cannot comment on actions taken, such as notices of non-compliance, penalties or fines, at FVA. *However, we heard that there were numerous notices issued.*

In addition, Ritz said "Pet food is not a regulated commodity in Canada..." Only imports are regulated so the sick animals that are unfit for human consumption are used in Canadian pet food.

### PETTING ZOOS: PARKS BOARD PHOTO WAS IRRESPONSIBLE

The Vancouver Parks Board web site photo of a baby kissing a goat is irresponsible and a threat to the safe health of kids visiting petting zoos. THEY MUST NOT BE ENCOURAGED TO KISS THE ANIMALS! The Parks Board agreed that kids shouldn't be kissing animals and pulled the photo from their web site that promoted the 2009 Easter event at the Stanley Park Farmyard.

Lifeforce has investigated Petting Zoo operations in Metro Vancouver and the Lower Mainland. Petting zoos are hotbeds of serious pathogens, including E. coli and salmonella bacteria. Numerous children have been severely sickened as a result of visiting animal displays, and some have even died. Those who come in contact with E. coli can develop bloody diarrhea, anemia, chronic kidney failure, or neurological impairments such as seizures or strokes. The pens where children play can be soaked with urine and remains of feces that are not picked up by broom/shovels.

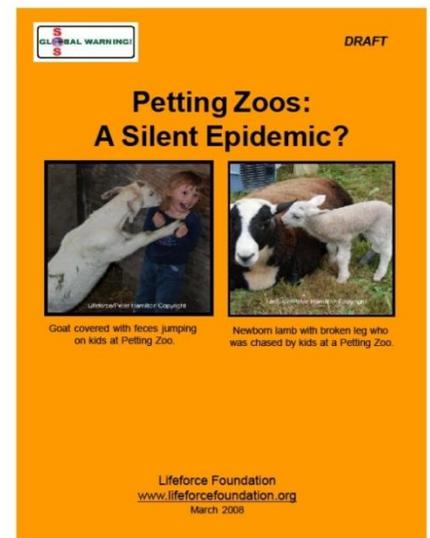
Animals are continuously harassed and even sick animals may be on display. Problems included a lamb with a broken leg, a dying chick and kids petting animals covered with feces (from a sick goat with diarrhoea). At the end of the season some operators send the animals to auction for food slaughter.

During Lifeforce's investigations we found that there are only guidelines not regulations for Petting Zoos. These guidelines are often not adhered to and there is a lack of enforcement. When advised of problems Health Inspection agencies can only recommend improvements.

**During an Easter 2008 Lifeforce investigation of the Stanley Park Farmyard we were shocked to see seven bunnies treated like props in a 20" x 40" (approx.) window display.** It is not only cruel to keep them in such a small space with kids banging on the windows but it also promotes the purchase of such animals at Easter. After Easter when the novelty wears off they are often disposed of by such practises as illegal dumping in public parks. Lifeforce also advised the Parks Board that this petting zoo did not have proper signs advising the public of health hazards and adequate hand wash stations. **All of the findings and complaints to the City of Vancouver can be found on our web site.**

### TRAVELLING PETTING ZOO, PONY RIDES AND CAR DEALERS

The "Family Day" at North Shore Auto Mall (BC) included a petting zoo. We sent information to the sponsor and the city to stop the cycle of cruelty to animals perpetuated by businesses that profit and/or exploit animals. At the end of the usefulness of the animals most are taken to auction and sold for food slaughter. In 2008 the District stopped a petting zoo scheduled to be at their "Blueridge Days" event but the City has said that their bylaw does not ban travelling petting zoos. Lifeforce is challenging that decision.



Lifeforce sent our 55-page report "Petting Zoos: A Silent Epidemic?" to politicians and responsible agencies."

When advised of problems Health

## VANCOUVER AQUARIUM - PORPOISE SENTENCED TO LIFE

The Harbour Porpoise, Daisy, was moved to the Vancouver Aquarium and will spend the rest of her life in an aquarium prison if she survives. This inhumane move will also open the door for the captivity of other Harbour Porpoises as a new aquarium attraction. It was apparent from the beginning that the Aquarium had no intention to release her. They were teaching her to perform tricks not rehabilitating her for release. Instead of being rewarded with freedom for her struggle to survive, she is being punished by being forced to be an aquarium circus performer. The greatest threat to porpoises is the human predators exploiting them as a first North American show.

Lifeforce volunteered to help with the rehab and release. We were there monitoring her progress (it wasn't self proclaimed caring aquarium people giving us the photos of Daisy's plight). The relief of boredom did not include the rehab steps such as providing live fish then a sea pen! They claimed that she would be exposed to predators if released. Well all wild porpoises are threatened but would choose freedom over captivity. And we don't stop releasing harbour seals because they too could be attacked. The greatest predator threats are the aquarium industry that exploits wildlife! They don't give them every chance at freedom to perpetuate this cruel, barbaric entertainment business!

**Our new Rehab 101 video shows what must not be done when rehabilitating wildlife. The examples were discovered over the years at the Vancouver Aquarium.**

## VANCOUVER AQUARIUM – BELUGA BIRTH

The birth of a beluga in June 2009 did not provide the mom and baby with peace and quiet. As any pregnant person could relate to, the belugas should be given peace and quiet. The Vancouver Aquarium should not have told hundreds of people to go there and gawk at them from a few metres away. That is stressful and cruel.



Then, imagine spending your entire life in a bathroom. That's a fair comparison for belugas imprisoned in an aquarium pool and deprived of ocean freedom. Then add to that cruelty that they will be swimming around and around and around in toxic feces and urine. It's very sad that another beluga has been sentenced to life in a toilet bowl.

The Aquarium eventually added a live video hook up so people can watch from the Aquarium theatre. But millions of people worldwide watch wildlife at home. This has been done with eagles and other wildlife living freely in the wild. The same ethical considerations should be extended to captive dolphins. They were dangling the birth in front of the public to pay and see. That is irresponsible.

### Video - Belugas: Far From Home

The Vancouver based ecology organization, Lifeforce, has a new video entitled "**Belugas: Far From Home**" in order to raise public awareness of the plight of belugas in captivity. The original music was written by Lifeforce's Peter Hamilton. Lifeforce hopes to counteract the pro-captivity propaganda by a multi-million dollar entertainment industry that will seek to capitalize on births and imprisonment. The video shows the natural lives and freedoms of belugas that cannot be provided for in captivity. Being born in captivity is a life sentence and is tantamount to locking a child in a room for their entire life.

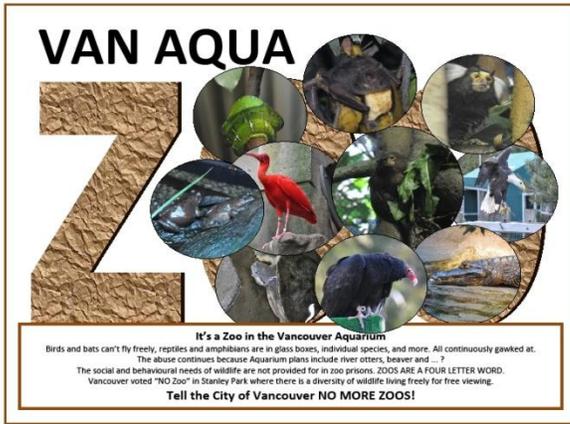
## THE VAN AQUA CIRCUS

During a 2009 Lifeforce investigation of the Vancouver Aquarium we found several large, painful wounds on a Steller Sea Lion being used in experiments conducted by researchers at University of British Columbia. The wounds may be caused by harnesses strapped to them. Inquiries to the Vancouver Aquarium and UBC were not answered.

The City of Vancouver banned exotic animal acts in circuses but this aquatic circus continues. In the wild sea lions don't stand on their flippers and they don't wave at people. They certainly don't kiss people – a dangerous public message. In the wild belugas don't spit and wave at people. They certainly don't let people put their arms down their throats. And in the wild Pacific white-sided dolphins do not jump into the air, tail walk and shake their heads on cue for dead food because they are hungry. They certainly do not jump onto stages.

**Read "Circus? Or Conservation?" and "Aqua Circus". View " Sea Lion – Freedom NOT Captivity" and "Dolphins – Freedom NOT Captivity" on our web site.**





Please Email the Vancouver Parks Commissioners ([pbcomment@vancouver.ca](mailto:pbcomment@vancouver.ca)) and the Mayor and Councillors ([mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@vancouver.ca)) to tell them:

**The Show Must Not Go On! Stop the \$120 million Aquarium Expansion that Means More Animals and More Destruction of Stanley Park Green Space. The Aquarium doesn't have the money to build by the 2010 Winter Olympics as they stated so the previous Parks Board's approval should be null and void.**

## VANCOUVER AQUARIUM DOLPHIN DEATH – MAY 2009

In May 2009 the Pacific White-sided dolphin, named Laverne, died. She was imported from Japan. Japan is infamous for their dolphin fishery in which dolphins are slaughtered for food and some are sold to aquariums throughout the world.

**At least 35 dolphins have now died at the Vancouver Aquarium since 1964. They must stop the suffering. They must stop the imprisonment.**

## Lifeforce Marine life Programs

### HARBOUR SEALS



As part of a Department of Fisheries and Oceans response team Lifeforce continues to respond to wildlife problems in both the BC Lower Mainland and Point Roberts, WA. Lifeforce has been conducting marine wildlife and other animal rescue work since 1981. This season we spent many hours keeping people and dogs away from seals resting on the beach. The seals, dogs and people could get bitten. And some people still do not understand that seals will rest on beaches – it doesn't mean that they are in need of help.

### BOAT HARRASSMENT: "STOP ORCA CRUELTY"

Lifeforce has been using our "undercover black and white boat" to photograph pleasure and commercial boaters that are harassing orcas. Numerous violations of whale watching guideline and legislation were reported to US and Canadian agencies in our campaign to prove that more enforcement is needed to protect endangered orcas. **Some of our photos led to fines being laid against a Canadian whale watch company.**

Lifeforce prepared a report entitled "**Contact: In Pursuit of Orcas**" to lobby government to provide more funding for enforcement by the responsible government agencies.



Whale Watch Operators Association members are some of the worst violators of guidelines. The photo above shows one Board Member driving into a group of orcas and following within 100 meters.

## NEW REGULATIONS ON BOATS HARASSING ORCAS

Get up close with orcas or else those companies who harass them will go broke? That's what companies are saying! Financial profits must not take priority over stopping orca cruelty! The innocent orcas can only try to avoid all the boats all day long.

Lifeforce's Peter Hamilton has studied the behaviour and travel patterns of orcas for 15 years. Some of that work was done under a DFO research permit. It is a fact that boat traffic has a negative impact on the lifestyles of orcas. Industry people want to hide behind any gap in "science" when it just makes common sense to respect orcas. Let Them Be!



For 15 years the Lifeforce's Boater Awareness Program has advised boaters of the rules and, most importantly, respect when operating in the vicinity of endangered orcas. We found that the pleasure boaters usually say they are just doing what the companies are doing because they thought at they knew what to do. When not watched by government enforcement agencies whale watch companies get too close and block the path ways.

More enforcement is needed so existing and any improved laws are adhered to. Lifeforce urges all to email US Commerce Gary Locke to increase orca protection by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (Email [TheSec@doc.gov](mailto:TheSec@doc.gov)). In Canada contact Minister Shea (Email [Shea.G@parl.gc.ca](mailto:Shea.G@parl.gc.ca)).

The US NOAA Fisheries has started a Public Comment regarding new laws to restrict boat traffic. Their web site is [www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov). Comments can be sent to [orca.plan@noaa.gov](mailto:orca.plan@noaa.gov) up to January 15, 2010. See the Lifeforce recommendation on our web site under, "Stop! Orca Cruelty!"

## ORCA AWARENESS MONTH

In Washington state June is "Orca Awareness Month". The Southern Community of Resident J, K & L pods were designated as Endangered in November 2005 under the US Endangered Species Act and also in Canada. All three pods are found in Southern BC and WA waters from approximately June to November.

## WHALE ENTANGLEMENT

Lifeforce Founder has invented methods to keep orcas away from oil spills and has been looking at ways to prevent whale entanglement by lobster trap lines. We have contacted Canada's Department of Fisheries and Ocean. Lifeforce is looking at methods to reduce the threat to whales getting entangled with vertical lines.

## Wildlife Abuse

### GV ZOO VIDEO AND REPORT A ZOO IS A ZOO

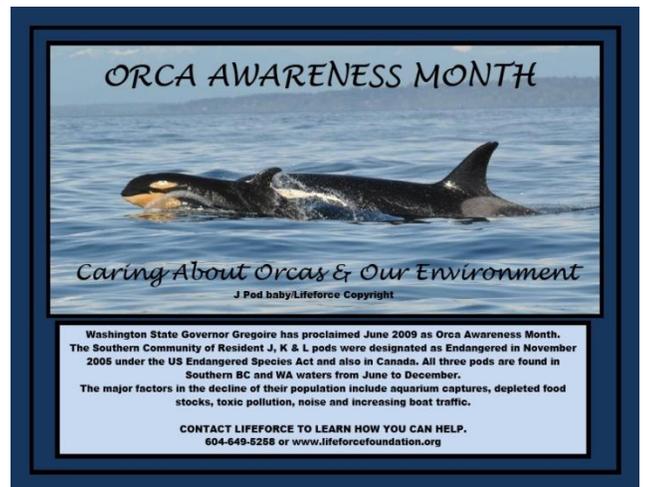
Lifeforce conducted several investigations of the Greater Vancouver Zoo. We found many appalling conditions for animals that have resulted in psychological abuses. This includes abnormal pacing back and forth, bar licking and bar biting. In addition to the animals' suffering there are human safety issues. Visitors are not protected from all threats of animal bites and zoonotic diseases. A comprehensive report has been completed. We show some of the lone animals and the inhumane lockups. It is also revealed that nearly 300 Fallow Deer were sold to game farms for venison and products such as aphrodisiacs. **"A Zoo Is A Zoo" video focuses on the abnormal, stereotypical behaviours of a tiger, coyote and camel.**

### STOP SKI RESORT ZOOS – GROUSE AND FROMME MOUNTAIN EXPERIMENT

The BC Liberal plan to give the Grouse Mountain ski resort \$400,000 for experimental bear rehab has been stopped. The District will not provide 50+ acres. There were numerous reasons stated by bear experts why the government must not fund this experiment on Grouse Mountain. From public safety issues to animal welfare abuses this Ski Resort Zoo business must be stopped.

Bears are presently being rehabilitated and released by existing BC organizations – not the Grouse Mountain zoo vet Ken Macquisten who keeps bears and wolves in captivity on Grouse and a bear in captivity at their Kicking Horse resort. Bears do not have to be trained to be wild in a "bear high school" – it is their innate behaviour. And there is no need to exploit bears to study any captive den behaviours because such studies have already been conducted. The reputations of these proponents with financial motives are tainted with zoo abuses (Vancouver Game Farm), movie industry cruelty (got one lone polar bear cub from Sweden), creating ski resort zoos (Grouse and Kicking Horse) and previous plans to imprison pandas and other wildlife.

Politicians and the public should support the existing rehab facilities in BC - the ones who are truly the bear protectors!



## SEA OTTER SLAUGHTER

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth Tribal Council in British Columbia wants to kill at least 20 sea otters every year for “ceremonial” purposes. Permitting a sea otter slaughter is not only cruel but opens the door to the killing of other marine mammals such as whales. In Canada sea otters are listed as of special concern but the exact numbers aren’t known. They haven’t fully recovered. There are less than 3500 in BC. They have only repopulated 25% to 33% of historic territory over many decades. The impacts of fishing, boat strikes and other causes of death are also undetermined.

The Nuu-Chah-Nulth is targeting a population of approximately 2000 in their territory. This population is at risk of extinction from an oil spill, pollution, disease, fishing, boat strikes and human threats which now includes a potlatch fur trade. Approximately 3000 sea otters alone died during the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill in 1989.

Sea Otters maintain a balance and prevent “sea urchin barrens”- the destruction of kelp forests that provides habitat for a diversity of marine life including threatened fish stocks. So every sea otter matters for their survival and their protection of natural ecosystems.

**You can help stop the slaughter of precious sea otters by writing to:**

**Department of Fisheries and Oceans Minister Gail Shea – AND Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council c/o cliff.atleo@nuuchahnulth.org**

## CITY OF ST. CATHERINES HALT BEAVER TRAPPING

In February 2009 we got some great news about the Lifeforce response to a newspaper article re: beaver trapping in St. Catherines, Ontario. The trapping has been stopped. Here's the response from the Mayor:

Mr. Hamilton,

Thank you for your email -- sent through the City's website -- regarding the issue of beaver trapping in St. Catherines. Councillors were initially unaware of the trapping. Once it was brought to Council's attention they asked that further trapping be stopped and that staff investigate other means of resolving the concerns caused by the beaver. Once completed, the report will be brought to council for consideration.

Best regards,

Brian McMullan

Mayor

## SENATOR NANCY RUTH – GOOSE GRAM

In response to Senator Nancy Ruth’s call to kill Canada Geese, that she says are fowling her property in cottage country and Toronto, Lifeforce sent the attached comedic GOOSE GRAM to her and others.

**To: Senator Nancy Ruth(less?)**

**From: Canada Geese Everywhere**

**Re: Hey Nancy what happened to living in peace with nature? You and others have enjoyed cottage life and the presence of wildlife for years. Or were you shooting those bothersome squirrels, chipmunks and other nature’s creatures? We can’t be blamed if hunters bred us with domestic geese so they would have year round hunting of our families by stopping our migration. We won’t get you sick – simply don’t eat our feces and stop those recreational boats from dumping their excrement in our homes. We made this heart shape for you - please don’t eat us.**



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No response from her but I was shocked to receive an email from Senator Larry Campbell (former Vancouver Mayor) saying “In keeping with the name of your organization why don't you get a life.”

One would think that a person in his position would have an open mind and take into consideration all facts regarding such a life and death issue. We asked Senator Campbell to explain. Does he think killing wildlife is the answer to problems created by humans?

## More Exploitation

### LIL BRITCHES RODEO

OPEN LETTER

March 29, 2009

To: Chilliwack Mayor and Council; Langley Mayor and Council

Cc: Surrey Mayor and Council

From: Peter Hamilton, Lifeforce Foundation

**Re: Please Protect Children and the Beasts /Young Children Injured at Lil' Britches Rodeos**

It was very disturbing to see little kids injured and crying at Lil' Britches Rodeos that are held in your cities. Kids that looked as young as 6 or 7 years old were encouraged by parents and rodeo promoters to get the job done. Obvious injuries – pain and suffering – were nervously laughed at by the parents and crowds. Many of the kids were not having a good time.

Parents must signed releases and waivers from liability for injuries and death. Why would someone subject a young child to potential serious and fatal harm? It's kind of like the hockey parent mind set where violence erupts between parents and kids because the parents want their kid to be the next multi-million dollar star.

Please go to the following link to see a video, "Bless the Beasts and the Children" in which children are seen being injured.

See [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a134cMZ5\\_fo](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a134cMZ5_fo)

***Lifeforce urges you to stop this abuse of children and restrict the participant age limit to teens. There is certainly no reason for kids any younger to be trained to be in rodeos. At an older age, when they are more physically and mentally prepared, they will be more likely to decide for themselves. In many cases, taking such young children is tantamount to brainwashing and coercion.***



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### PIG AND DUCK RACES

During the 2008 Abbotsford Agri-Fair in British Columbia Lifeforce found that the pigs and ducks in Richard's Racing Pigs show were inhumanely confined for long periods. Later we urged the owner, who was selling this business, to donate the trailer and equipment for recycling and reuse for humane purposes such as animal rescue work. However, he sold the business and it was running at the 2009 Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver. The new owners were not present at the Abbotsford Agri-Fair.

### EVENTS



Thanks to all the volunteers who helped staff the Lifeforce educational displays at the July 4th event and the Arts and Music Festival in Point Roberts, WA. Special thanks to Beverly Mar who created a beautiful needle point orca pillow and to Leroy Carlson for his artistic driftwood flower holder. The artwork were the prizes in our raffle. Also, Anne Carlson created a variety of lovely craftwork. See you all next year.

### WILDLIFE REPORTS

This year, we posted on our website regular reports of our work on the water and the numerous wildlife species that we encounter. You can see beautiful wildlife photography of animals living freely in the wild. Lifeforce supports freedom not animal prisons.

You can also view a photo "walk through" of our displays in the **Orca Center**, Lighthouse Marine Park, Point Roberts.



www.lifeforcefoundation.org

## Where to shop ethically and cruelty free

### KARMAVORE VEGAN SHOP

For those that haven't heard the great news, the lower mainland now has it's very own all vegan store! Located in Historic Sapperton, New Westminster. Karmavore Vegan Shop offers a many great vegan products, ranging from vegan animal companion food, to footwear and clothing, to people food and treats, including vegan cheese varieties, marshmallows, soy whipping cream, and more! Karmavore also donates 10% of profits to animal related charities, including the Lifeforce Foundation! Don't live in the area? Not a problem. Karmavore also has a full online store

**Karmavore Vegan Shop Inc.**  
Located in Historic Sapperton  
[468 East Columbia Street](#)  
New Westminster, BC V3L 3X5  
T. 604.630.8656 | [info@karmavore.ca](mailto:info@karmavore.ca) | [www.karmavore.ca](http://www.karmavore.ca)  
Hours | Tue-Fri Noon-7pm | Sat-Sun Noon-5pm

There are directions and more info here:  
<https://www.karmavore.ca/contact.php>

**You can also buy Wildlife Photography by Peter Hamilton, books and more on the Lifeforce website - [www.lifeforcefoundation.org](http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org)**

Dear Supporter:

I hope this finds you well and in good spirits to address the many problems that people, animal and the environment are facing.

You would have received some of this campaign information throughout the year. This is a summary of that work and the updates. We will continue to send you ECONews mailings in 2010.

Lifeforce has been very, very busy. We try to continue our volunteer work with only an annual budget of approximately \$10,000.



Lifeforce Peter Hamilton at an art show exhibiting his photographs that depict vivisection atrocities.

I hope you will give your moral and financial support to help us continue this important work. Lifeforce has been hit hard in these tough economic times – donations are scarce. I would greatly appreciate your help.

Peter Hamilton  
Lifeforce Founding Director  
(604)649-5258

## Please Sign Me Up for a 2010 Lifeforce Membership/Donation

\* Here is my Ocean Friends Membership to help conduct the Marine Life Programs:  
\$100.00 Adult \$45.00 Children under 13

**I WANT TO HELP BY JOINING/RENEWING AND/OR VOLUNTEERING**

**Membership is only:**

**\$15 Senior/Student \$25 Individual \$50 Family \$250 Business**

Here is my Gift Membership of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

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Here is my membership/donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## Your Bequests

If you want to help the Lifeforce Foundation continue our important work in the future you can leave us a gift in your will. You may wish to bequeath funds for a program of your choice or for the general work and perpetuity of Lifeforce. Program(s) could be given your name for your lasting legacy. Funds will be gratefully acknowledged. A general form of bequest is suggested:

I give, devise and bequeath to the Lifeforce Foundation, located in Vancouver, BC, the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ and/or (specifically described property).

Lifeforce hopes that you will act now to make sure that your wishes will be carried out.

*For further information about Lifeforce go to [www.lifeforcefoundation.org](http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org)*

## ABOUT LIFEFORCE

Lifeforce is a non-profit Vancouver based ecology organization that was formed in 1981 to raise public awareness of the interrelationship between people, animals, and the environment. We promote animal rights and ecological responsibility. In order to develop a non-violent society we must extend our circle of compassion to include all sentient creatures with whom we share this planet. We are based in Canada but our work has no boundaries.

Lifeforce has been registered as a non-profit organization under the Society Act of BC since 1981.

Your memberships, donations and bequests help us continue our important work



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