

DESTROY ALL VIVISECTION LABS

On the recent raids against animal liberators

On May 12 2007, 700 police officers from ten different regional forces from across the UK carried out raids in a number of houses and arrested 32 fighters for animal liberation. The arrests were apparently the result of a two-year investigation into campaigns against Huntingdon Life Sciences (HLS), the infamous laboratory that tortures and kills animals to be used in the most varied experiments. Approximately one third of those arrested were charged with blackmail in relation to their anti-HLS campaigning. Three of the founders of Stop Huntingdon Life Cruelty UK (SHAC), Gregg, Natasha and Heather, have been reminded in custody and are being charged with 'Conspiracy to Blackmail'.

This police operation was backed by the FBI, which is also engaged in repressive activity against animal rights fighters in the USA. Recently 7 activists of SHAC USA have been sentenced to several years' imprisonment, not to mention other police operations led against environmental and animal liberation activists in the USA (one of the most infamous being 'Operation Backfire, December 2005).

It would take too long to examine these repressive attacks in details, which can however be found in the websites reported below. And then it is always the same story: when power is seriously threatened and the most vital interests of capital are at risk, massive actions of repression burst out, houses are raided and people are arrested.

It is well known that vivisection, the torture and murder of living beings that cannot speak for themselves, serves the interests of pharmaceutical and cosmetic industries. So-called scientific and medical research is also aimed at nourishing such businesses and has no real beneficial effect on human lives, as proved by the many accidents that occur when tests are conducted on humans after having been inflicted on animals. Moreover, most diseases are direct consequences of the ecological and social collapse towards which all of us are directed, which means that they are created by the same system that is responsible for vivisection, for polluting industries and for the most horrible ecological disasters of our time.

For this reason we want to express our unconditional solidarity to the animal rights fighters struck by repression because we think that any animal freed from a lab of torture, any company that is forced to dissociate itself from the infamous practise of animal testing and any structure of pollution that is sabotaged are little steps towards the destruction of this system of death and exploitation.

**FREE ALL PRISONERS
FREE ALL ANIMALS
FIRE TO ALL LABS OF TORTURE**

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