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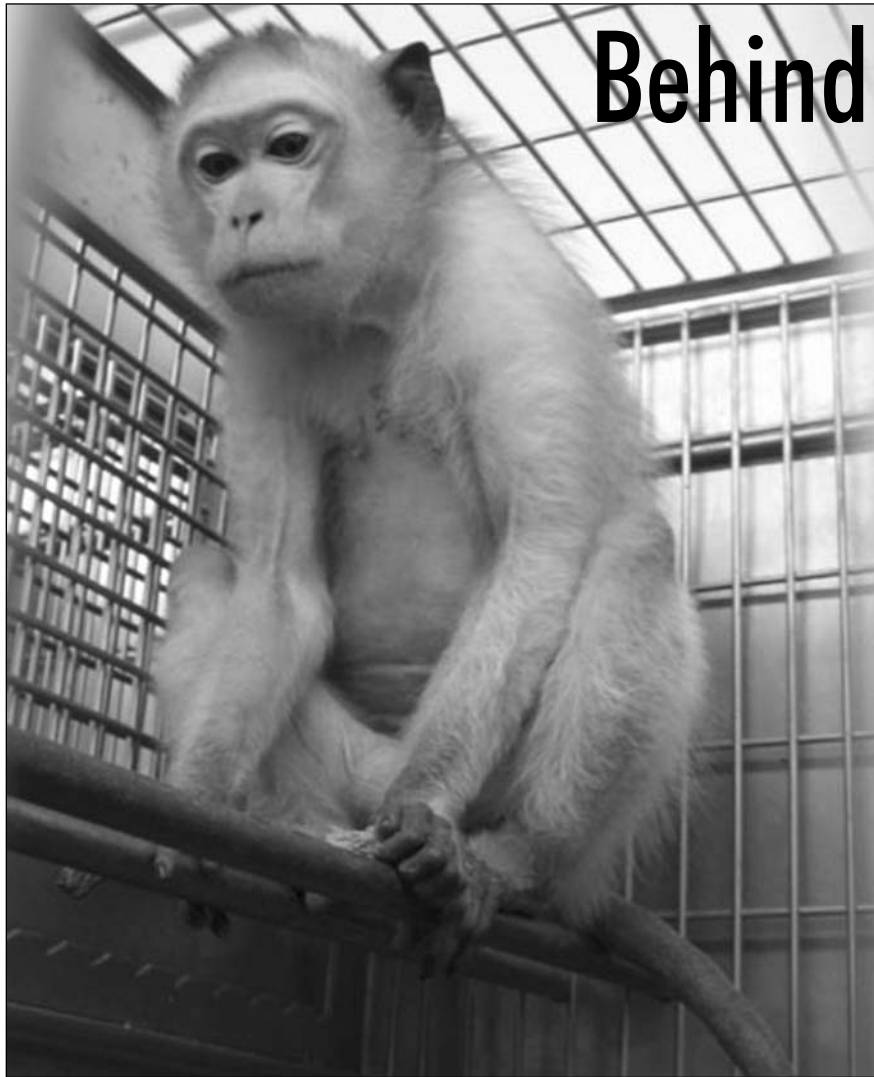


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Behind Bars

Animal welfare violations are business as usual for Covance, and Chandler residents are fighting the corporation's plans to move into their Phoenix-area neighborhood, citing biohazard risks and cruelty to dogs and monkeys

importers of primates in the United States.

According to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Covance imported 12,681 primates from Asia in 2005, up from 7,000 in 2004.

Biohazardous Background

In 1989, Covance, known then as Hazleton, imported two shipments of Ebola virus-infected monkeys to its Reston, Virginia, facility, just 10 miles from Washington D.C. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) ordered a military tactical unit in full hazmat gear to evacuate the buildings housing the monkeys, kill the animals, and destroy the building.

A strain of Ebola was named after the outbreak (Reston Ebola virus), and the incident was later documented in Richard Preston's best-selling nonfiction book, *The Hot Zone*.

In 1990, more Ebola infected monkeys were shipped to Hazleton facilities in Texas and Virginia. In 1996, monkeys infected with Ebola virus again were found at the Texas Hazleton facility.

Covance plans to build a mega animal testing facility in Chandler, a move that has outraged local citizens and animal advocates. The company recently was fined by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) for violations of the Animal Welfare Act.

The company has been scrutinized for alleged animal abuse throughout the world. In addition to testing drugs, food additives, and cosmetics ingredients on animals, Covance is one of the world's largest breeders of dogs for use in experiments, and one of the largest

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Covance Fined by USDA

Covance recently was fined \$8,720 by the USDA for 16 citations (three of which involved lab monkeys), based upon documented allegations of striking, choking, and tormenting primates at its Virginia facility.

Among the citations issued by the USDA are the following:

- Covance withheld or delayed veterinary care and euthanasia to research animals.
- Animals were subjected to painful procedures but were denied pain relief.
- Two primates were subjected to physically abusive handling.
- Two dogs were not provided with adequate housing.
- Some dogs were not exercised.

To read the complete settlement agreement between Covance and the USDA, visit www.adlaz.org/covancesettlement.pdf.

Covance Minimizes Violations

Sensing the impending announcement of the significant fine issued by the USDA, Covance, in a preemptive move, attempted to play down the news by issuing a "pro-active" press release that minimized the severity and impact of the fine.

Covance Sr. Vice President Wendell Barr

claimed the violations were "administrative" in nature and minor technicalities. He claimed the \$8,720 fine was insignificant and "an indication of the view of severity". Perhaps \$8,720 is nothing to a multi-billion-dollar company. However, the truth remains that it is highly unusual that the USDA resorts to issuing a monetary fine to a licensee. This typically occurs only after many warnings or if the violations are blatant.

After the warnings, the offending facility is given every opportunity to remedy the violations and come into compliance with federal law. The USDA works with its licensees (e.g. Covance). For a fine to occur, the violations must be serious.

For More Information

- Covance updates and petition
www.adlaz.org/covancenews.html
- PCRM website on Covance
www.ProtectChandler.org
- PETA's investigative video
www.CovanceCruelty.com
- Primate trafficking website
www.aesop-project.org/index.html

What You Can Do

In 2000, Covance attempted to build a facility in Alameda, Calif., but withdrew its plans after massive public outcry. We now must let public officials know that Covance is not welcome in Chandler either. ADLA has joined efforts to stop this abusive lab from moving to Arizona. Here is what you can do:

- Visit www.adlaz.org/covancenews.html for updates and to sign the petition
- Let your friends and family know about this issue and ask them to sign the petition
- Concerned citizens are needed to distribute flyers, attend protests, council meetings, planning and zoning, etc. Contact us at adla@adlaz.org for more information.



Photo courtesy BUAV



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Animal Cruelty Investigations

Long before the recent USDA fine was imposed, investigations of Covance activities during the past decade have documented physical and psychological abuse of the animals in the company's labs in the United States and Europe.

- In 1992, the British Union for the Abolition of Vivisection (BUAV) went public with its investigation inside Covance (then called Hazleton) in Harrogate, UK.
- In December 2003, the BUAV went public with the findings of its 5-month investigation inside Covance in Munster, Germany.
- In May 2005, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) went public with the findings of its 11-month investigation inside Covance's labs in Vienna, Virginia.

The animals were caged alone in violation of provisions for socialization primates. The cages were barren, with little enrichment (toys, foraging trays, etc.). Many monkeys exhibited signs of insanity: pacing, circling, rocking, hair-pulling, and self-mutilation. Sick and dying animals were left in cages with no veterinary care.

Dr. Jane Goodall said of the BUAV documentation: "To see a monkey alone in a cage like that, with nothing to do so that they go completely crazed with boredom and sadness ... it's deeply, deeply disturbing. The video I saw showing how these animals were treated, the brutality, the callousness, the joking and laughing, the total lack of dignity ... it deeply shocked me."

Grassroots vs. Goliath

Arizona legislature defeats industry attempt to thwart humane farms initiative and citizens' ability to push for agricultural regulations

The 2006 Legislative Session in Arizona began with the annual attack on voting rights and wildlife habitat, but the bill that provided the greatest challenge was SCR 1035, which targeted the humane farms initiative.

Innocuously titled the 'food and agricultural security' act, this bill was specifically designed to undercut the current citizen initiative to provide more humane treatment for animals in large industrial farms. As a resolution, the measure would bypass a possible gubernatorial veto and land on the 2006 ballot.

SCR 1035 would amend the Arizona Constitution to delegate all legislative power on agricultural issues to an un-named agency, thus preventing citizens or legislators from passing any agricultural laws. Furthermore, it would nullify any laws passed after Jan. 1, 2006 (which would include the humane farm initiative).



FarmSanctuary.org

The bill was the brainchild of industry lobbyist Bas Aja and was sponsored by Sen. Jake Flake, whose district includes the state's only large industrial hog operation.

The sponsoring groups of the humane farm initiative, including the Animal Defense League of Arizona, strongly opposed SCR

1035 and launched a grassroots effort to kill the measure. Legislators reported receiving extraordinary numbers of calls and emails from outraged citizens. Numerous articles on the bill appeared in newspapers statewide, including guest editorials in *AZ Capitol Times*, by representatives of ADLA and the Arizona Humane Society. The *Arizona Republic* published "Sunless Hell," a moving and powerful commentary on factory farming by renowned author Matthew Scully. The state's two largest newspapers ran editorials denouncing the bill.

Quotes About SCR 1035

Constitutional expert Paul Bender, a professor of law at Arizona State University, called the proposal unwise and downright "nutty." He warned that if it is passed it would not only strip citizens of a fundamental right to pass initiatives in this area, it also could affect the lives of Arizonans far into the future" ... "Lots of laws that you and I would not think of as agriculture laws limit and restrict the production of agricultural products" ... "This is an industry trying to exempt itself from regulation. Any industry that can get legislators to exempt them from all future regulation, with some limits, must have lots of power."

"Flake believes farming and ranching are highly complex activities - so much so that, he says, the industry should essentially be exempted from regulation by the Legislature ... As Flake undoubtedly knows, biomedical engineering and nuclear fission are at least as complex as agriculture, yet these industries are not exempt from state regulations."

-- Arizona Daily Star Newspaper Editorial

"There are many reasons for lawmakers to oppose SCR 1035, and no good reason to pass it. The bill is a backroom power play inspired by a distrust of the people and a fear of democracy, and should be summarily voted down."

-- AZ Capitol Times Guest Editorial by Humane Farms Chair Cheryl Naumann

Despite public outcry, the bill advanced to a floor vote. Senators Aboud, Allen, Leff, and Mitchell spoke out against the bill in Caucus. The debate heated up in the Senate Committee of the Whole, where Sen. Aboud expressed strong opposition to the bill, refuting Sen. Flake's claim that his proposed amendment addressed opponents' concerns. She raised numerous points concerning the bill's vague language and unintended consequences.

Sen. Brotherton expressed concerns about how the bill would impact local control and enforcement of criminal statutes.

Sen. Allen also spoke out against SCR 1035 and held up an enormous stack of emails she received from constituents opposed to the bill. When the floor vote was counted, SCR 1035 had been defeated 15-12-2.

The Animal Defense League of Arizona is extremely grateful to all of the senators who voted no on this measure, and to the many individuals and nonprofit groups for their efforts to stop this dangerous back-door attempt to overthrow the humane farms initiative and our voting rights.

Special thanks go to the humane initiative campaign sponsors, staff, and Chair Cheryl Naumann; Arizona Humane Society lobbyist Yvonne Anderson; commentator Matthew Scully; former legislators Kathleen Dunbar and Carmine Cardamone; Sierra Club lobbyist Sandy Bahr; and especially to all the volunteers that took the time to contact their lawmakers, showing that we really can make a difference. ■

Other Bills Related to Animals

- SB 1160 Now: animal welfare; rescue; bestiality (Nelson) After several recent incidents, the Arizona Humane Society launched an effort to outlaw bestiality. The bill would make bestiality a class 6 felony and includes Rep. Downey's amendment requiring the offender to undergo psychological counseling and not to reside in any household where animals are present. ADLA supports this bill. Status: Passed Legislature; transmitted to Governor.
- SB 1438 unlawful feeding of wildlife (Hellon: Cannell, L. Lopez) classifies unlawful feeding of wildlife as a petty offense, and exempts feeding of birds and tree squirrels. The bill was promoted by the Arizona Game & Fish Dept. as the result of increasing human-wildlife conflicts. Status: Dead. Killed by Rep. Eddie Farnsworth, Chair of House Judiciary committee. The language was later revived in a strike-everything bill and passed (see below).
- HB 2129 Now: illegal hunting; penalties (J.P. Weiers, Mason, et al) increases penalties for wildlife poaching, for the illegal killing or wounding of specified wildlife, and unlawful killing of trophy animals or endangered species. The bill was amended to include the wildlife feeding measure. Status: Passed Legislature; signed by Governor Napolitano.
- HB 2120 animal cruelty; law enforcement animals (Lopez, et al) This bill provides a felony penalty for harming or killing a law enforcement animal. ADLA supports this measure. Status: Dead. Rep. Farnsworth refused to hear in Judiciary Committee.
- HB 2447 vicious animals; attack (Lujan, Aguirre A, Gallardo, et al) Increases penalties for multiple attacks by domestic animals; requires that they be spayed or neutered and micro chipped. ADLA supports this bill. Status: Dead. Rep. Farnsworth did not hear the bill in his Judiciary Committee.
- SCR 1013 S/E campaign finance revisions (Huppenthal, Leff, Barnes, et al). This bill would repeal the voter-approved Clean Elections law, raise the limit on financial contributions from lobbyists, and relax penalties for candidates who violate campaign-finance laws. If passed this measure would appear on the 2006 ballot. ADLA opposes this bill. Status: Passed House Appropriations Committee.

Status of all bills updated as of May 18, 2006.



Legal Eagles

Arizona is only one of six states that have animal law sections as part of their state bar associations

The Animal Law Section of the State Bar of Arizona is sponsoring training covering a variety of topics in animal law.

The first seminar, "Topics in Animal Law 2006," was held May 17. There were presentations concerning federal statutes affecting animals and legal issues involved in the greyhound racing industry.

Speakers included ADLA members Stephanie Nichols-Young (Section Chair), attorney Chris Wencker, and Joan Eidinger, publisher of *Greyhound Network News*.

Future training sessions in other communities also are planned. Registration for the seminar is open to non-lawyers. In addition, participants who cannot attend in person are able to join by a live webcast from their home, office or another location with Internet access.

For more information, visit www.myazbar.org/CLE or call (602) 340-7322 in Phoenix or (520) 623-9944 in Tucson.

Animal Law Section Featured in *Arizona Attorney Magazine*

The December 2005 issue of *Arizona Attorney* magazine features a 14-page cover story on the Animal Law Section of the State Bar, a specialty section co-founded and chaired by ADLA's board president Stephanie Nichols-Young.

This evolving area of law is important to those of us who care about animals. Arizona is only one of six states that have animal law sections as part of their state bar associations. Associate membership is open non-attorneys.



The mission of the Animal Law Section is to promote the study and understanding of laws, regulations, and court decisions involving animals. Some of the types of cases related to animal law include prosecution of animal cruelty, estate planning for the care of companion animals after a person's death, and civil disputes involving pets.

In an excerpt of the article, writer Tim Eigo says: "Lawyers looking to animal law for a centuries-old jurisprudence — as is found in contracts, property and even criminal law, for example — are barking up the wrong tree."

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How to Get Involved

The Animal Law Section accepts membership from both attorneys and laypeople. Associate members are non-voting, and dues are \$20 per year.

Section membership offers you the opportunity to receive information regarding specific areas of law as well as participation in meetings and continuing legal education.

To request a membership application form, contact the State Bar of Arizona

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Maricopa Animal Cruelty Task Force Website Launched

The LEAP Task Force consists of law enforcement/governmental animal protection agencies whose mission it is to foster high-quality animal cruelty investigations and prosecutions, and to prevent cruelty through community outreach and education.



The “Maricopa County Animal Cruelty and Neglect Protocol” is posted on the website at www.protectanimals.com/PDF/animal_cruelty.pdf. The website also includes information about current animal abuse cases in Maricopa County, a summary of Arizona laws related to animal abuse, community resources to protect Arizona animals, recent news concerning animal abuse, and information about the psychology behind animal cruelty and the link between animal and human violence.

Due to the confidential nature of some matters discussed at meetings, membership in LEAP is restricted to employees of Maricopa County law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, government animal protection or control agencies, or such agencies that contract with the government. ■

Tucson Man Arrested on Felony Animal Cruelty Charges

According to the LEAP website, a Tucson man wanted for two months after his dog was found with his ear bitten off and covered with burns has been arrested.

Wayne Allen Dean, 38, was booked on three counts of felony animal cruelty, two counts of animal neglect and one count of excessive animal waste.

Pima County sheriff’s deputies and workers from the Pima Animal Care Center found two dogs in Dean’s home covered with burns and parasites and had been looking for him since. One dog, Otis, was so severely injured he had to be euthanized.

Authorities said the burns likely came from a cigarette.

Phoenix Authorities Investigate Bestiality Case, Reward Offered

According to the Arizona Humane Society, authorities are investigating a case of bestiality against a toy poodle in Phoenix.

In response to this and other recent incidents, the Arizona legislature recently passed a bill to make bestiality a crime in our state. The new law classifies the act of bestiality as felony animal abuse.

Mary Robertson, owner of the 5-year-old, toy poodle named Sassy who was brutally sodomized, testified in front of a legislative committee about the impact this atrocious crime has had, not only on Sassy, but on her family as well. Robertson said that this case exemplifies the need to protect animals in the future.

“Perhaps people will understand that this crime could happen to another dog, a child or a person, and the criminals must be held accountable for their actions,” she said.

On March 24, the Arizona Humane Society and Phoenix police investigated a case involving the sodomization of Sassy, who was stolen out of her backyard in Phoenix. She sustained extensive, traumatic rectal and perineal lacerations, as well as abdominal and posterior bruising.

The AHS and Silent Witness are offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and indictment of the individual or individuals responsible for this horrific, atrocious act of animal cruelty. ■



Humane Farms Initiative Update

A new Northern Arizona University poll shows 78% support for the humane farms initiative (13% opposed, 9% no opinion) Complete poll results are available on the AHF website.

The Animal Defense League of Arizona is a co-sponsor of the initiative. For more information, contact Arizonans for Humane Farms at www.yesforhumanefarms.org or (480) 449-7644. ■

Days of Spay & Neuter

Community assistance program offers gratifying experience for volunteers and much-needed services for residents

Earlier this spring, the Spay/Neuter Hotline of Maricopa County, a program of the Animal Defense League of Arizona, was in the Oakland District for its monthly spay/neuter clinic. The monthly mobile clinics, sponsored by the Spay/Neuter Hotline, are working to fulfill the need for low-cost spay/neuter in downtown Phoenix.

Surgery costs are supported by donations from the public and from Maddie's Fund, a foundation that helps sterilize companion animals for AHCCCS clients. Each month, there is a waiting list for those wanting to sterilize their dogs, cats and free-roaming cats.



Before each clinic, volunteers go door-to-door in the neighborhood talking to people about the importance of cat and dog sterilization and signing up caregivers for the clinic. Information stressing the importance of spay/neuter

also is distributed. Volunteers also may transport cats and dogs to and from the clinic, because caregivers often have no means of transport.

Vaccinations are available at a discount, but some owners cannot afford any veterinary care. "The need for inner city pet care is compelling," says Dennis Waugaman, a regular clinic volunteer.

Volunteers seldom hesitate to donate money when owners cannot afford to pay.



"Every dollar spent on this program is used for spay/neuter and animal care," says Pam Kalish, program volunteer. "The hope is that donations will keep up with the community response for this service."

Donations currently are needed to sustain this program. Visit our website at www.adlaz.org to make a donation with your PayPal

account or your credit card via Network for Good. Donations also may be mailed to Spay/Neuter Hotline of Maricopa County, Animal Defense League of Arizona, P.O. Box 33093, Phoenix, AZ 85067. ■

Rummage Sale Funds Hotline Magnets

Clothing, furniture, toys and other used items were sold by volunteers at a Phoenix rummage sale in January to raise funds for companion animal spay/neuter. The Spay/Neuter Hotline of Maricopa County provides accessible and low-cost spay/neuter services and referrals for dogs and cats.

The board expresses its sincere appreciation to volunteer Rochelle Rojas for taking the initiative to organize the rummage sale fundraiser and spearhead the effort to get these magnets into production. ■



AZGF Commission Rejects Lion Hunting Policy Improvements

The Arizona Game & Fish Commission rejected a proposed change to Arizona's annual mountain lion hunt order that would have benefited lions.

In a 3 to 2 vote at its meeting on April 22, the Commission voted against the Department's recommendation to create a lion hunting season from September to June in most of Arizona, instead of the current year-round season. Commissioners W. Hays Gilstrap and Bob Hernbrode supported the Department, but Commission Chair Joe Melton and Commissioners William H. McLean and Michael M. Golightly voted against the Department. Arizona is one of only three western states that allow year-round lion hunting.

The Department had gone through a complex rulemaking process to pave the way for this proposal, so it was a shock that the Commission did not follow the Department's recommendation. This recommendation is consistent with the Department's Predator Team Management Report. ADLA obtained a copy of this report last August, after the Department cited the report as justification for rule changes that the Department sought.

The Department's Predator Management Coordination Team recommended that Arizona adopt the season, and also recommended many other changes that ADLA supports. Some of those changes have been implemented. This year, the Commission did adopt the Department's recommendations to require that all sport hunters that kill a lion report their kill to the Department within 48 hours, rather than ten days, and allow the Department to physically inspect the lions within ten days of their death. ■

AZGF Department Plans to Kill Mountain Lions Near Hoover Dam

On April 14, Arizona Game and Fish Department Director Duane Shroufe approved plans to kill 70 percent of mountain lions in four game management units near Hoover Dam in northwestern Arizona. The Department has hired Wildlife Services, a subdivision of the United States Department of Agriculture to kill the lions.

ADLA opposes the plan and has asked Shroufe to delay the hunt until it and others could comment on the proposal to provide support for its opposition.

Hunters were out for one week but will not hunt again until late fall. No lions were killed during the initial week. ADLA plans to continue working on this issue.

You can address letters opposing this hunt to Mr. Duane Shroufe, Director, Arizona Game & Fish Department, 2221 W. Greenway, Phoenix, AZ 85023-4399. ■

Howl for Grand Canyon Wolves

The Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project, a coalition of wolf protection advocates including the Animal Defense League of Arizona, invites you to for camping and educational outreach near one of the most awe-inspiring natural features of the American landscape.

The last wolf in the Grand Canyon Ecoregion, one of our nation's most wild places, was killed in 1942. This region has extraordinary wolf habitat and suffers without this key species.

Volunteers are needed May 21 through August 26, 2006, to staff information tables at the North and South rims of the Grand Canyon. Volunteers who can commit to five or more days will receive a stipend. Donated or loaned camping equipment also is needed, including camp stoves, camp trailers (pop-ups, airstreams, etc.), sleeping pads, coolers, rain-fly's (big ones), etc.

The Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project is Animal Defense League of Arizona, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Denver Zoo, Flagstaff Activist Network, Grand Canyon Wildlands Council, Northern Arizona Audubon, Prescott College, Sierra Club/Grand Canyon Chapter, Phoenix Zoo, The Rewilding Institute, and The Cramptons.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Nicole Corbo, Coordinator, Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project, at (928) 202-1325 or info@gcwo-lfrecovery.org. ■





Magazine Features Interview with ADLA Board Members

The March 2006 issue of *Arizona Foothills Magazine* featured a 3-page article on the Animal Defense League of Arizona's work and an interview with board members Karen Michael and Stephanie Nichols-Young.

The magazine, published in Scottsdale, is a monthly lifestyle publication. Through this article, ADLA was able to inform readers about human-wildlife coexistence in urban areas that are increasingly encroaching on desert habitat. The article also covered ADLA's work on companion animal spay/neuter and with the humane farms initiative.

ADLA thanks author Melissa Wujick and the magazine for permission to post article on our website. For more information, visit our website at www.adlaz.org/azfoothills.html. ■

ADLA Board Member Receives "Pet Person of the Year" Honor

Stephanie Nichols-Young, board president for the Animal Defense League of Arizona, has been named the Arizona Animal Welfare League's "Pet Person of the Year" for her invaluable contributions to animal law in the state of Arizona. She helped found and is the chair of the animal law section of the state bar, one of only six in the country.

Stephanie was presented the award at AAWL's annual black tie fundraising event, "An Evening to Paws," on April 1.

In her acceptance speech, Stephanie thanked the Spay/Neuter Hotline volunteers for providing mobile clinics in impoverished neighborhoods. She also stressed the need to reach out

to the many Arizonans that care about animals, showing them a compelling, common vision as a unified animal protection community.

"The animal protection community is not recognized as the force that it is nor is it realizing its full potential," she said. "We need to claim our place as stakeholders in the mainstream community, form a common vision and work together to set better policies for all of Arizona's animals."

ADLA partners with AAWL to promote spay-neuter and raise awareness concerning pet overpopulation. ■

Leadership Volunteers Sought for Statewide Steering Committee

We are pleased to announce an exciting new opportunity to help animals! We are seeking dedicated volunteers to join the Animal Defense League of Arizona in a leadership capacity through our newly formed Statewide Steering Committee.

This group of volunteers will provide oversight of our programs and campaigns from a cohesive and comprehensive statewide perspective. These core volunteers will assume a leadership role in researching, planning and implementing new programs and activities at both the state and local levels. We envision this committee as a place for our most active and visionary volunteers to lead grassroots efforts in exploring new and effective strategies for helping animals in Arizona. This is an excellent opportunity to make a difference for the animals, to develop your personal skills and expertise, and to network and socialize with like-minded individuals.

To find out if this volunteer opportunity might be for you, please review the position description posted on our website at www.adlaz.org. If you have questions, please email Cynthia Taylor, Director of Administration, at ctaylor@adlaz.org or (520) 623-3101. ■

Estate Planning for Your Companion Animal

Ensure your companion animal's care if you can no longer be there for them...

www.estateplanningforpets.org

ADLA's Board of Directors Begins New 2006 Term

At its January meeting, the ADLA board of directors elected new members and officers. Serving this year are Stephanie Nichols-Young, President; DJ Schubert, Vice President; Karen Michael, Secretary; and Alethea White, Treasurer.

This is Alethea's first term on the board. She joined ADLA in 2000 when she became a vegetarian and started making daily choices to live



cruelty-free. Alethea, 31, has lived in Glendale and Phoenix most of her life. She shares her life with her very supportive husband, Greg, and their three cats: Omar, 10, rescued as a kitten; Angel, 6, rescued at 10 months old; and Baby, 12, adopted in October 2005.

Alethea, a financial analyst, has an accounting degree and is pursuing a CPA designation. She has worked on animals in entertainment issues and the Spay/Neuter Hotline. Recently, she also traveled to New Orleans in October 2005 to help with the animal rescue efforts there. Welcome, Alethea!

The board also expresses sincere appreciation and gratitude to departing board members Rae Frederickson of Prescott and Janene Mensch of Tempe for their dedicated service on behalf of Arizona's animals. ■

"Forever Wild" Benefit Concert Supports Endangered Species Act

The Animal Defense League of Arizona co-sponsored the "Forever Wild" benefit concert in April in support of the Endangered Species Act.

The event, held at Pima Community College in Tucson, encouraged attendees to write personal notes to their federal senators about the current attack on the 1973 Endangered Species Act. The protections the ESA provides for our nation's endangered fish, plants, and wildlife, has come under constant assault from both Congress and the Bush administration during the past few years.

For more information about the ESA, visit the Endangered Species Coalition's website at www.stopextinction.org. ■

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Humane Farms Campaign Pushes for Signatures

With about a month left in the signature-gathering phase of the initiative campaign, Arizonans for Humane Farms is calling for all available volunteers to come forward for the final days of petitioning.

The goal of this first phase of the campaign is to collect 200,000 signatures by the end of June to put this measure on the November ballot for Arizona voters to decide.

The humane farms measure would ensure that animals such as veal calves and pregnant pigs are provided the most basic humane treatment -- the ability to turn around, lie down and extend their limbs. The intensive confinement cages and crates used in some farming operations, especially industrialized factory farms, cause extremely overcrowded conditions that cause suffering for the animals while polluting the air, contaminating groundwater and threatening human health.

The Animal Defense League of Arizona is one of four sponsoring organizations of the

campaign, along with the Arizona Humane Society, Farm Sanctuary and the Humane Society of the United States.

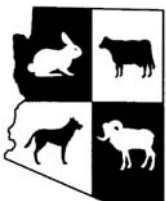
For more information, contact Arizonans for Humane Farms at (480) 449-7644 or visit www.yesforhumenefarms.org. ■

2005 Legislative Scorecard Available to ADLA Members

The Animal Defense League of Arizona is pleased to announce the release of the 2005 Legislative Scorecard, which represents how lawmakers voted on key bills affecting Arizona's animals. Bill voting records are one public aspect of the legislative process, and we are proud to be able to provide this information to our members.

To view or download the Scorecard, visit the new ADLA members webpage at www.adlaz.org/memberssrea. If you would like a copy sent to you by mail please contact us.

The 2006 Legislative Scorecard is scheduled to be released to members after the current session ends. ■



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