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WELCOME

I have long been an admirer of the work done by OneKind, so I was absolutely delighted to be appointed Chief Executive last November.

It's a pleasure for me to be working alongside such a committed group of individuals.

There were some obvious things that stood out for me about OneKind. In particular, the campaign work which tackled issues surrounding field sports like fox hunting or the shooting of birds for fun. I was also very impressed by the effective campaign work which argued for better welfare conditions for animals in the UK and Europe.

However, the thing that stands out for me most about OneKind is its Philosophy – the belief that humans and animals can live alongside one another in a harmonious world. Clearly it is in the interest of animals to receive higher welfare standards and not to be treated cruelly as discussed in page 4 and 5 of this newsletter. But it is also in our interests that we treat animals with dignity and respect. We are a better society when we treat animals with compassion.

OneKind promotes animal-friendly living and, for many, that means avoiding all animal products completely. But that doesn't mean others can't make a contribution. We can all effect great change in the world, if enough of us do it. For example, something as simple as buying animal-friendly washing up liquid reduces the market for

products tested on animals. Reducing the amount of meat and dairy people consume, and rejecting the products of intensive factory farming, are also important. That's why we recommend that – if you do purchase animal products – you should choose higher welfare options, such as free range or organic, where animals have been offered a better quality of life.

OneKind has campaigned throughout its history for more compassion towards all animals. With this in mind we introduce our latest campaign 'Welfare in the Wild', which will focus on the entrenched attitudes towards wild animals in the UK, and the neglect of their welfare. We also discuss the need to protect dairy cows in the EU, the new UK slaughter regulations and the links between people, pets and abuse.

The strap line that summarises our vision is HumanKind. AnimalKind. OneKind. Through your support our action and efforts have made improvements to the lives of many animals over the years. We know though, that there is still much to do. And with your help, in years to come those words will not just be a slogan but a reality.



John Brady

(pictured with Declan)

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Welfare in the Wild



OneKind believes that free-living wild animals have the same capacity for suffering, pain and distress as domesticated animals of similar types. So why don't they receive the same protection under UK law?

At present, people can do many things to a wild animal that would be illegal if inflicted on a domestic pet or a farmed animal. For example, it is illegal to snare a dog but not a fox, to poison a cat but not a rat. There may be historic and pragmatic reasons for this, but OneKind sees it as inconsistent, scientifically unjustified and ethically untenable.

That's why OneKind is launching a new Welfare in the Wild campaign. We have a long track record of improving protection for animals in the wild – taking a lead in bringing about the fox hunting ban in Scotland, securing greater regulation of snares and improved protection for seals, and standing out against the culling of hedgehogs, grey squirrels and other supposed 'pests'. The new campaign will continue to speak up for this neglected sector, with a number of practical aims.

- First, we want to see more regulation of so-called "wildlife management" in new legislation scheduled next year for England and Wales.
- We will continue to press for a full ban on snares across the UK and far stricter scrutiny of other traps.
- New developments and management programmes directed at wild animals should be subject to Animal Welfare Impact Assessments.
- There should be a Wild Animal Welfare Council with the same remit and standing as the Farm Animal Welfare Committee and Companion Animal Welfare Council which give independent advice on welfare to the UK administrations.

Above all, we will work to create a greater understanding that wild animals are sentient like us, and like domesticated animals. For too long, people have dismissed certain species as pests or vermin, and believed they had a right to persecute them. That view has had its day, and we aim to change it.

Better lives for cows



A dairy cow can have a hard life, producing her first calf at around two years of age, and one calf each year after that. The young calf is taken from its mother, so that her milk can be used for human consumption.

Separation of mother and calf causes acute anxiety and suffering to both animals. In much modern dairy production, a cow will last only about three lactations before being culled because of ill-health or poor fertility.

Milk production per cow has more than doubled in the last 40 years – the highest yielding cows produce 50 litres a day - and this increase in yield has been accompanied by health and welfare problems such as lameness and mastitis.

While most cows graze on pasture during spring and summer, and are housed in cowsheds during the winter, the practice of keeping cows indoors for most of the year is growing. In “zero-grazing” systems, cows live indoors all year.

OneKind is a partner in the Better Dairy Campaign, co-ordinated by WSPA, CIWF, Ben and Jerry’s and Conoco. While many people choose not to eat dairy products on ethical grounds, the campaign recognises that there is still a huge global market for dairy and sets out to improve the lives of cows in the EU that supply that market.



The campaign seeks an EU Directive for Dairy Cow Welfare, to cover:

- Good Housing (including access to grazing, the prohibiting of tethering and standards for housing – Where pasture access is not possible, outdoor access must be provided in all systems)
- Good Feeding (a daily diet which meets the cow’s needs)
- Good Health (ensuring cows are healthy and do not undergo pain and suffering)
- Appropriate behaviour (Cows have the ability to express their natural behaviour)

Supporting Better Dairy aims to gather at least 320,000 signatures from across the EU to lobby the European Commission for the introduction of a Dairy Cow Welfare Directive.

Visit www.happycows.eu to take part.

New UK slaughter regulations

With the EU slaughter regulation 1099/2009 due for implementation on 1 January 2013, UK administrations consulted at the end of last year about how the new rules should be put into effect. A key concern for OneKind is the

suffering of animals slaughtered without pre-stunning to supply the requirements of members of the Muslim and Jewish faiths. See our consultation response at <http://www.onekind.org/uploads/publications/121025-consultation-slaughter-regulations.pdf>

Over 800 people supported our call to respond to the Scottish consultation and seek an outright ban on the slaughter of animals in Scotland without pre-stunning. As yet it seems unlikely that the government will agree to a ban, but we continue to press this important issue.



Circus progress

Following OneKind lobbying, two Scottish local authorities voted to ban circuses with any animals – wild or domestic – from their land. Our petition to the Scottish Parliament kept the issue live and drew useful responses from the Scottish Government. Although we criticised the UK government for introducing a complex licensing scheme in England, it has now committed to a full ban, and has offered to extend the legislation to the devolved administrations of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

People, pets and abuse

Awareness of the link between domestic violence and cruelty to animals within the same household is steadily growing. However there is little guidance or strategy to support professionals dealing with these cross-cutting issues in practice.

Sometimes, a vet may suspect that an animal patient may have suffered a non-accidental injury. Sometimes, there is concern about the presentation of the person who brings the animal to the surgery, and that there may be others at risk in the household.

But these are difficult issues for a veterinary surgeon, particularly as some cases ultimately lead to the courts.

The Domestic Abuse Veterinary Initiative (DAVI), founded by OneKind, the Links Group, Medics Against Violence, the Violence Reduction Unit and

Crimestoppers Scotland is a ground-breaking partnership that aims to address these dilemmas.

Working initially in Scotland, but spreading the word much further afield, DAVI has produced detailed guidance for vets and

a practice note explaining how to help patients and their owners. Waiting room posters explain how to report animal cruelty or domestic violence safely and anonymously via Crimestoppers Scotland. Specialist training for vets is also underway, with the first session taking place in April 2013.



Give a OneKind gift



Give someone you love a gift to change animals' lives.

Make a donation to OneKind for someone special, and we'll send a beautiful animal card and your choice of wildlife beanie toy to let them know about your wonderful gift to help protect animals – you can choose from a mallard duck, hedgehog, seal, fox, badger, owl or red squirrel.

Simply make a donation to OneKind – you can do this by post, telephone or via our website. Remember to let us know whose birthday or special occasion it is that you're giving this gift to and we'll do the rest!

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Give as you Live is a great way to support OneKind. Thousands of brands including Amazon, John Lewis and Expedia have signed up to donate a percentage of every purchase you make. Please try Give as you Live today at www.giveasyoulive.com/join/onekind



Forth Road Bridge Abseil

All 10 places for our May Abseil have now been taken and we wish all our courageous abseilers the very best for their brave challenge.

For those of you that have missed out on the May abseil, there are still places available for the Forth Road Bridge Abseil on October 27. This is a fantastic challenge and the perfect way for our more adventurous supporters to support OneKind – abseil 165ft SAS style free-fall from the Forth Rail Bridge onto the beach below – yikes!

Get in touch

If you would like information about any of our fundraising events, or other ways you can get involved, please visit our website, www.onekind.org.uk or alternatively you can email info@onekind.org or call us on 0131 225 6039. We look forward to hearing from you!



Thank you - Circus Appeal

Thanks to our generous supporters, 2012 was an excellent year for our campaign to end the use of wild animals in travelling circuses. See the campaigns update on page 5 for details of the progress we made – and we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you!

Celebration Giving

Supporting OneKind at your special occasion is a rewarding and thoughtful way to help us protect the lives of vulnerable animals. Whether it's a birthday, wedding, anniversary or other occasion, make your day extra special by asking your family and friends to make a donation to OneKind instead of giving a gift.



Legacy

If and when the time is right, please consider leaving OneKind a gift in your will.

Gifts from wills are an important source of income for OneKind and will help us with our vital work to end animal suffering through campaigns, research and education.

As a charity funded entirely by voluntary donations, we rely on

the generosity of supporters to help us campaign to end animal cruelty. Voluntary donations such as legacies help us to plan for the future and ensure a better world for animals.

If you would like a confidential chat about leaving a legacy to OneKind or require further information, please call Emma on 0131 225 6039 or email emma.vickerstaff@onekind.org We're here to help.



It's a great way to celebrate your special event, while at the same time, supporting a cause close to your heart.

For further information about Celebration Giving or to order a Celebration Giving pack please contact info@onekind.org or call 0131 225 6039



Cosmetics ban comes in at last

OneKind is delighted to welcome the recent ban on the import and sale of new animal tested cosmetics in the EU. This means that anyone who wishes to sell new cosmetics, toiletries or beauty products and ingredients in the EU must not test them on animals anywhere in the world.

Companies can still carry on animal testing cosmetics outside the EU where these cosmetics are sold outside the EU. There are also issues with the global market where many companies sell their products. Before new products can go on sale in China, for example, they must be submitted for testing to the Chinese authorities, which normally involves a range of animal tests.

Here are the answers to some of the key questions:

With the full ban in place, can we be sure that cosmetics and ingredients purchased in Europe were not subject to animal testing?

There can be no new animal testing for cosmetics or ingredients in Europe and it is no longer possible to carry out testing outside Europe for sale in the EU. However, the majority of ingredients that go into cosmetics are ingredients that are also in use in many other consumer and industrial or household products, therefore they may still be subject to animal testing.

Are natural or organic products tested on animals?

Suppliers are required to assess safety for natural and organic ingredients just as for synthetic materials, and evidence may be gathered using animal tests.

How can I be sure about what I buy?

We advise that when choosing cosmetics and toiletries, if in doubt, look for the 'Leaping Bunny' logo. The Leaping Bunny represents the global Humane Cosmetics Standard administered by Cruelty Free International, which applies to all of the operations and sales of companies, not just those for the EU. Nearly 500 companies are certified including some high street retailers.



Competition



To celebrate the recent ban on the import and sale of new animal tested cosmetics in the EU, we have a gift set of 'Amie' skincare products up for grabs.

Just contact us via Facebook, Twitter (@onekindtweet), email (info@onekind.org) or snail-mail telling us why you use 'cruelty free' products. The first answer drawn on April 30th will win our fabulous prize!

Please remember to include your name and postal address with your entry.

30 years and no two days are the same

Meet **Pauline**, OneKind's office manager and longest serving member of staff. Here she gives a bit of a background about herself and the campaigns she's been involved with over those 30 years.

I first started working for OneKind in 1982. It was my first fulltime job and luckily for me, as an animal lover, it was a perfect fit.

Back then OneKind was still known as the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Vivisection. A lot of the work we did focused on vivisection and our aim was to highlight alternatives in animal experimentation. In 1990, to reflect our growing concern for all animals, we became Advocates for Animals. This was a period of radical reform for animal protection when we successfully lobbied to change many of the laws surrounding animal welfare. In 2010 we became OneKind. This change came as a reflection of the evolving nature of animal welfare with the main focus on animals as conscious beings.

There have been lots of highpoints and proud moments in the years that I've worked for OneKind. Many of the campaigns we've worked on have helped to bring about changes to our laws and created a greater respect and understanding of animals. Some



of my personal highlights include: a ban on fox hunting in Scotland, a ban on the docking of dogs' tails in Scotland, a reduction in the use of wild animals in circuses, greater protection for seals, and improved protection and awareness for animals used in experiments. This has been highlighted recently with the EU ban on animal tested cosmetics.

The thing I like most about my job is the people I work with. Over the years I've had the

privilege to work with a group of people dedicated to protecting animals. No two days are ever the same. As Office Manager my work involves a lot of variety and I enjoy the challenges that working for a small organisation can bring. We've come a long way - but there's still so much more to do. It feels good though, to know that we have made a difference to the lives of so many vulnerable animals.

Preparation and challenge

OneKind’s evidence-based approach to campaigning is supported by the work of our field officer, **Steve**, who highlights the importance of good preparation for any information-gathering exercise.

The key to any successful investigation and research project is preparation and an understanding of the subject. I like to know what to expect along the way, and if I am working out in the field must always make sure that I work within OneKind protocols. This assures that we are prepared for anything that may come our way.

This issue arose during an extremely sad and disturbing incident when I discovered a snared badger in remote woodland among the hills of South Lanarkshire. As soon as I saw the badger I could see that it had been caught in the wire snare for a considerable time. The area around it had been devastated by the badger desperately and violently digging into the earth and pulling up the vegetation around it. Even a wooden fence post close to the animal had been almost chewed through in as it attempted to escape.

I had seen this devastation at other snaring sites. There is no doubt, based on all the evidence I have collected over time, that animals will violently struggle to

free themselves from a trap, even if they cause themselves great harm in the process. This is the same for legal snares as well as illegal or illegally set snares. This is a fact that supporters of snares will deny, but our disturbing evidence speaks for itself.

Following the OneKind protocol, I sought help for this animal. Support from the Scottish SPCA was not long in coming, but unfortunately the injuries to the badger were severe, and the animal was euthanized by injection at the scene.

I recorded the incident and, working with the team here at OneKind, put this material together with other reports and evidence of the suffering caused by snares to lobby for an amendment to the Wildlife and Natural Environment (Scotland) Bill, calling for a ban on snaring. Unfortunately, even with the overwhelming evidence proving beyond doubt that snares are indiscriminate and cause suffering, even death, to captured animals including cats and dogs, the Scottish Parliament decided to keep them.



There have been changes in the law recently regarding snaring in Scotland and one of those changes is that from 1st April 2013, every single snare set must have an ID tag on it. This may help to identify those people who are setting these snares, but until we get a complete ban then I am afraid that we will keep coming across similar incidents to the one I described earlier. My role as always is to keep gathering information to prove that snares are crude, harmful and potentially lethal devices.

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OneKind is not a law enforcement agency and does not go out looking for crimes in the countryside – although regrettably we do often find indications that a crime has been committed. Our field work is aimed at showing the harm that even legal practices can cause, so that we can make a good case when the law needs to be changed. From scientific procedures to livestock rearing, our field work has helped to make a difference in the past, and we will continue to do our very best to make the case for welfare.

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STOP PRESS



Libby meets the Liberal Youth fox.

Party votes to ban snares

Supported by OneKind, Liberal Youth Scotland secured an overwhelming vote at the Scottish Liberal Democrat party conference in March for a ban on the manufacture, sale and use of snares.

With Scottish legislation on snares due for review in 2016, and a current review of wildlife law in England and Wales, OneKind looks forward to seeing Scottish Liberal Democrat representatives voting against the continued legal use of snares.

More details on www.onekind.org or, if you have any information or concerns about snares, please let us know on www.snarewatch.org