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Dear supporter,

Thank you for all the support you give us. Here are a few examples of our work that you have helped to sustain over the past year.

The Hague.

At the end of June 40 representatives of the leading anti-bullfighting organizations in the world held a conference in The Hague.

We spent two days discussing tactics and plans for the future to bring an end to bullfighting by building on our successes of the past. As the representative of FAACE I met some old allies in the fight for the animals and made useful contacts for our work in the future.

The anti-bullfighting movement is growing rapidly and the tide is turning against this terrible torture and killing of animals.



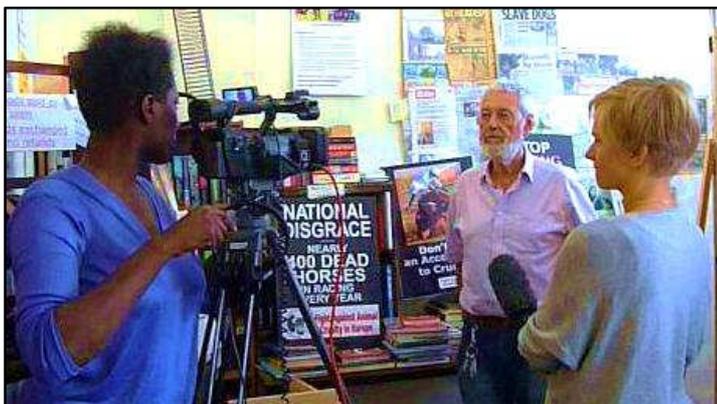
Delegates from around the world in the Hague

Grand National Demonstration 2012

FAACE held their annual demonstration against the Grand National in particular and horseracing in general, outside Aintree racecourse. Over 400 horses die in the racing industry every year.

After the 2 deaths in 2011 the race organisers made a few cosmetic changes to some of the fences. In November a 'trial' race was run over the course. Two horses fell at the fences that were altered.

Unfortunately this year 2012 another 2 horses died in the Grand National race plus one on the Thursday. Now, yet more cosmetic changes have been made to the fences. In addition the start will take place a lot nearer to the first fence. The number of horses will stay the same at 40. This will mean that more horses will get to the first fence at the same time.



Tony Moore being interviewed about the deaths at the Grand National

The race organizers need to be seen to be caring people to get the crowds in. After all it's the money that counts.

The changes made to the race are not the sake of the horses, but for the sake of appearances! As the organizers say any changes made 'will not interfere with the integrity of the race'. In other words it will be just as dangerous.

Ox racing

In August FAACE joined 2 German organisations, Initiative Anti-Corrída and Animal 2000, to investigate an ox race in Bavaria.

Ox racing involves transporting bullocks around the country which causes a great deal of stress as does the riding, racing and beating with sticks or any other means to drive them on.

The German organisations had managed to get the authorities to put a number of restrictions in place to be overseen by a government veterinarian. Our team of five with videos and photographs exposed a flagrant disregard of the rules.

When monitoring the next outing a few weeks later, due to our evidence, a strict observance of the rules was maintained. So much so that in an article in a local newspaper one of the organisers of the event said: he didn't know whether they could repeat the event because of the extra trouble, expense and red tape involved.



The start of the Ox race in Bavaria



Tony talking at the Winstanley college

Winstanley College, Wigan.

Whenever possible we talk to the younger generation. These talks have a two way effect, we get some interesting questions asked that can give us a different perspective.

Tony Moore gave a talk to the students aged 16 to 18 at the Winstanley college. He showed a video and discussed the history background and what is being done to bring about the end of the Blood Fiestas of Spain.

Part of our remit is to inform the general public by means of television and radio interviews, newspaper and magazine articles, YouTube, Facebook or any of the media outlets.

FAACE support for our sister organisation in Spain

This past year FAACE has provided money to our sister group in Spain ANPBA to bring about a prosecution against Tordesillas, Valladolid, Spain.

This is the village where the notorious 'Toro de la Vega' takes place. A bull is chased through the village and into the country by men on foot and horseback carrying long spears. They chase the bull and the one deemed to give the killing thrust is awarded the testicles and tail.



Speared bull in Tordesillas

Vicki Moore of FAACE first went there in 1987 and was appalled by what she saw. In 2002 Tony Moore and Matilda Mench went undercover and took video and photos with which they exposed this terrible Blood Fiesta again.

Rodeo in Europe

FAACE has been investigating Rodeo in Germany and Belgium again. The only way to stop rodeo from taking place is to make it illegal. To that end, over the years, we have, with our German colleagues made presentations to the EU in Strasburg and also met with members of the Commission in Brussels. The animal protection law in Germany is under revision at the moment and our colleagues are working hard to bring about a ban on rodeo. If an outright ban is not possible then they are trying to include in the law,provisions that would make the staging of rodeos impossible.

In the meantime we are making life for the rodeo organisers very difficult by insisting on the presence of vets, making sure that they get cattle movement papers within the specified time and giving them bad advance publicity and getting their sponsors to drop out etc.

For the 2 day duration of a rodeo in Osnabrück that we attended undercover this summer, there was a total audience of 40.



A poor audience at the rodeo in Osnabrück, Germany

I know that in this time of austerity things are difficult, but if you could help us with a donation it will enable us to keep fighting for a better world for the animals.

In unity for the animals,

Tony Moore,
Chairman.