



FAACE

FIGHT AGAINST ANIMAL CRUELTY IN EUROPE

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Dear supporter,

This last year we have had another very busy time. Much of our work is done behind the scenes, but here is a very small sample of our work for the animals.

The Grand National horse race



**Demo against
Grand National
on the Day 10th April 2010**

Once again FAACE and Animal Aid held a demonstration against the "Grand National".

We had a good turn out and managed to get our point across, "in discussion" with many of the race goers.

The race goers were shocked to learn that four horses had already died in the previous two days.

Unfortunately this is going to be a long running campaign because most people manage to turn a blind eye to what happens to the horses, on the day and throughout the year.

The fact that 400 horses die annually in racing is not a pleasant thing to contemplate, but when money is involved a lot of principles go out of the window.

Horse racing is a ruthless industry motivated by financial gain and prestige. **Cruelty? You can bet on it!**

International Anti-Bullfighting conference Barcelona May 2010

Tony Moore spoke at an international conference on bullfighting He outlined the work of FAACE over the years in exposing and fighting against the cruelty of the blood fiestas of Spain.

There were representatives of anti-bullfighting groups from all over the world and plans were discussed on how to bring an end to bullfighting.

The meeting was held a month before the historic vote in the Barcelona parliament to ban bullfighting. There was optimism that the outcome would be for a ban and there were discussions about what to do next.



Tony Moore in Barcelona

Bullfighting ban in Cataluna

July 28th 2010 was a momentous date for those of us working against bullfighting. This is the date the Catalan parliament voted by a good majority to ban bullfighting in the Catalan region of Spain, as of 1st January 2011. It was a good vote of 68 for the ban and 55 against it, with 9 abstentions.

This is just one region, albeit a large one, in Spain to ban bullfighting, but it is the beginning of the end for this public torturing and killing of the bulls.

FAACE has been fighting against bullfighting, especially in the Catalan region, since 1987.

In 1988 Vicki and Tony Moore persuaded mayor Telm Zaragosa to declare Tossa de Mar, in Cataluna, to become the first anti-bullfighting town in Spain. A few towns joined in and then more and more until pressure for a change was overwhelming. It is wonderful to know that from such a small beginning this great advance has been made.

Rodeo in Germany

We have been gathering evidence for the authorities to use against the cruelty to animals in rodeo in Germany.

Although, the flank strap has been banned, due to the work of FAACE in cooperation with *INITIATIVE ANTI-CORRIDA*, Germany, there are still ongoing problems, such as the loose head rope that is dangerous for the horses.



Dangerous loose head rope

Cruelty also takes place behind the scenes. We saw a bull being beaten and his tail twisted for 7 minutes to get him into a chute.

Continuous monitoring is required and we have made several trips to do this.

We also work with groups in France, as the rodeos travel from Germany to France where the cruelty is even more out of control due to lack of supervision.



Horse rearing in chute

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OX race in Bavaria



Ox rider

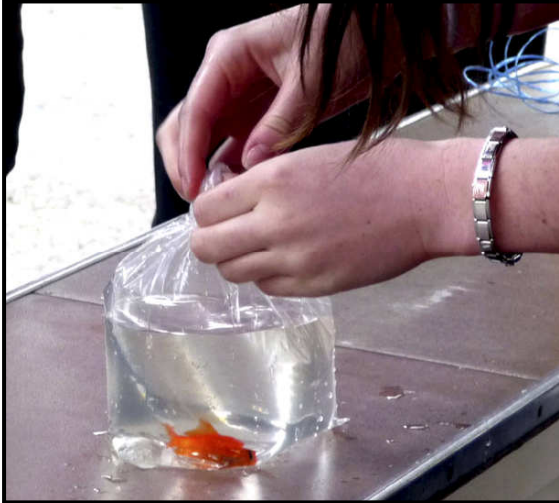
As part of an ongoing campaign we have been tracking and monitoring Ox racing in Bavaria, Germany. It involves transporting bullocks around the country, which causes a great deal of stress, as does the riding, racing and beating of them. We have made a number of complaints.



Beating ox to make it run

This year we attended an ox race and were pleased to hear that this particular team, which is the major one in Germany, were giving up because of the restraints put upon them by the authorities. This was as a direct result of our complaints.

Success as fairground stops giving goldfish as prizes



Goldfish in plastic bag on fairground stall

During a joint investigation with the Vicki Moore Foundation, into Southport's Pleasureland fairground this summer we found there were three stalls giving goldfish as prizes. We saw three different people win a goldfish. No literature or advice was given and the goldfish were carried away in water filled plastic bags.

When our investigator asked at all three stalls what was given with the fish, she was told that one could buy a plastic gold fish bowl. It turned out that the price for the fish was three tokens (the equivalent of £3) and that the container would be 6 tokens (£6) on top of that. Asking whether any information or leaflet was given on how to keep it, she was told; there was only the gravel and food that came with the container. In the case of each of the three people we saw, they only took the fish in a bag.

We put out a press release and the local newspapers took up the cause. As a result of the pressure, the owner of New Pleasureland Southport, decided to stop giving goldfishes as prizes.

Winning a goldfish at a sideshow goes against all common sense. It is very bad both for the fish and the prizewinner. A child ends up with a living creature in a plastic bag full of water and no knowledge of how to keep it and the fish is carried around until it is time for the child to go home. This is a recipe for disaster, as most goldfish don't even make it home alive.

Although it is not illegal to give goldfish as prizes, a number of councils around the country have banned it.

We asked Sefton MBC to ban the giving of goldfish as prizes on council owned land and to encourage other private properties or landholders to follow their lead.

We await the decision of the Council and are hopeful of a positive response, as there is already a ban in place on live animals in circuses on Sefton council land.

Book Tip

Biography of Vicki Moore co-founder of FAACE

Life on the Line - The heroic story of Vicki Moore

By Matilda Mench - published by The Bluecoat Press - www.bluecoatpress.co.uk

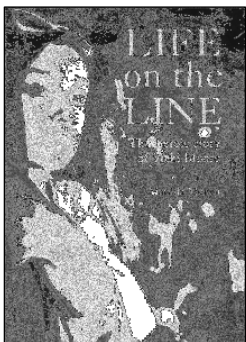
Reviews:-

The Ark – Summer 2008 "It should encourage, inspire and strengthen the resolve of all involved in the animal rights movement, and is a fitting tribute to a remarkable woman."

Liverpool Daily Post - 17/10/07 To admirers in the animal rights movement, she was almost a saint... But don't think for a moment that this is a grim or single-tracked book. Matilda is celebrating Vicki's life...

At the heart of the biography are the campaigns which Tony and Vicki waged against bull-fighting, fox-hunting, rodeos, blood fiestas and hare-coursing.

This would make a perfect Christmas gift and can be ordered online or from any bookshop quoting ISBN: 1 904438 57 1 Price £7.99



In unity for the animals,

Tony Moore,
Chairman.