



MUGSHOT: Joseph Buddenberg's 2015 arrest

In the summer of 2013, ten U.S. fur farms were raided, with thousands of imprisoned animals liberated into the wild.

The property of furriers and fur industry executives were attacked - threatening those who profited from the desecration of animal life.

This zine highlights the power of ideas when weaponized in the shadows, in anonymity.

It is a reminder of the power of the individual – either as a lone wolf or participant within a phantom cell structure of equally determined individuals.

It presents these questions: what could happen if just a few individuals continued this fight against captivity and domestication?

This zine is a useless living relic unless it sparks an urgency to fight.

Are these just words on a page? Or a howling for attack?...

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***The Animal Liberation Front's
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Four years ago today, I walked out of federal prison.

In 2015, the government indicted a friend and I and accused us of liberating nearly 6,000 mink from U.S. fur farms and sabotaging the property of those involved in the fur industry.

Though I made several mistakes, personal and strategic, and have many regrets from that time in my life, one thing I do not regret is committing myself to and doing everything I could in an attempt to destroy the fur industry.

When it became clear that others were not answering our call to action to directly attack the fur industry, I continued operating despite clear signs of surveillance.

Because I made promises.

I remember the moment I knew I was going to prison. It wasn't when the FBI kicked in my door and held guns to my head. It wasn't when I got word that my friend's house was raided by 15 FBI agents.

It was 2am on a fur farm. A mink stood at my feet. A wild animal who had spent her entire life in a tiny wire cage with four others.

She had been attacked and I could tell she was permanently injured. I knew there was no way she was going to make it. Not in the cage she was born to die in. And not outside the cage.

I was flooded with emotions. Sadness. Rage. Powerlessness. I promised her I would do everything I could to free as many of her species and do as much damage to the industry that destroyed her life.

Until I went to prison or was shot by a fur farmer.

"No matter what happens, we have already won."

From a communique of one raid:

The truth is that mink are not domesticated. They are captive bred, and only for the quality of their pelts. Mink are aquatic animals who are solitary in the wild and travel several miles per day. The surrounding area of Moffat County is pristine wildlife habitat. The ones who escaped this wildlife prison will now live out their lives along the Little Snake and Yampa Rivers.



This zine was created with love and support for Joseph Buddenberg, a vegan anarchist who, along with an accomplice, was arrested and imprisoned for property destruction against the fur industry, and for liberating around 6000 mink from torturous captivity across the country. Joseph Buddenberg was charged with Conspiracy to Violate The Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act and faced a maximum of 10 years - taking a non-cooperating plea deal for 2 years.

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Just after this raid, the FBI used a theft of guns in a small town nearby, a crime they knew I didn't commit, persuading a judge for a sneak and peak warrant. They entered the car in the middle of the night to find incriminating items. My days utilizing illegal direct action were over.

-Joseph

The Liberation of a Bobcat, July 2013

In July 2013, a bobcat living in a filthy rusted cage was liberated from the clutches of an aspiring fur farmer. The animal was never recaptured — a victory in the war against wildlife.

For this and other actions on behalf of fur-bearing animals, I would later be arrested by a team of FBI agents and sent to federal prison.

This is what the U.S. Government calls terrorism.

The communique read:

"In the early morning hours of July 27, the Animal Liberation Front visited the property of Shelli Frazier in the town of Plains, Montana, completely surrounded by the beautiful Lolo National Forest.

Frazier applied in 2006 for a permit to imprison bobcats on her property in a fur farm that she hoped would eventually grow to sixty cats.

Despite already making a living breeding horses, she perhaps felt that this could be a lucrative side business. We arrived at her unpublished address determined to correct her mistake, and watch her investments run free into the wilderness.

Exploration of the site revealed that the force of economics had already precluded any need for the force of boltcutters - strewn about this disgusting and decrepit property were large empty cages, the rusted remains of Shelli Frazier's dreams.

It was not until we checked every single run in an empty cat hutch tucked at the back of the northern lot that we found the tragic consequences of her business ineptitude. In one of the runs,



huddling against the back wall, surrounded by rotting food, mildewed wood, and his own feces, was a lone bobcat.

The sight of a creature so majestic in a state so pathetic cannot be done justice with words. We have yet been unable to determine why Frazier kept him and him alone, but if it was a sense of sentimentality, it certainly was not evident from his treatment.

Emaciated and filthy, his beauty was evident even through the matted fur and traumatized stare, with his bushy jowls and black ear tufts. To be in such proximity to this creature, staring into his haunting yellow eyes, changed every member of our cell. We could only speculate as to how he had suffered and what he had seen, but we could know with certainty that he deserved a shot at freedom. We opened his cage and left.

Shelli Frazier is not the only cruel human ever to keep such noble cats in tiny cages in Lolo National Forest

More than two decades ago, Rodney Coronado visited Cole MacPherson's bobcat prison in the town of Lolo just an hour's drive south of Plains.

MacPherson's farm was Frazier's fantasy - a shed of sixty pacing, neurotic, traumatized large cats. Though he was forced to close shop around 2005, the ALF still keeps tabs on MacPherson - today, he continues his dental practice in Missoula. This should be a lesson to Frazier. If you ever again hold wild creatures captive on your land, we will breach it to free them.

- Animal Liberation Front"

July 16, 2013,

"In the early morning hours anarchists in San Diego took action on behalf of the millions of fur-bearing animals who are trapped, enslaved, and killed to sustain the global fur industry

We first visited Furs By Graf, Claremont Mesa Boulevard in the Claremont neighborhood. Every single piece of plate glass on this hideous enterprise was soaked in glass etching solution.

The exterior of the store was covered in red spray painted slogans.



Furs by Graf, San Diego

To cause the deranged Mr. Ages more financial trouble, breeding cards were removed and strewn about, and thrown in the piles of mink waste.

Michael Whelan will offer the same tired lies in response to this action. He advises farmers to 'sympathize with the poor, lost animals.' The lost wild animals who are now able to move freely, who will no longer be subject to Michael and his friends preferred methods of execution in the pelting season just two weeks away.

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The surrounding area of Moffat County is pristine wildlife habitat. The ones who escaped this wildlife prison will now live out their lives along the Little Snake and Yampa Rivers.

Mr. Ages has plans to move and expand his operation to 35591 North Hwy 13 in the town of Craig. This will not be tolerated. Your dreams of despoiling Northwest Colorado, contaminating our drinking water, and exploiting native american wildlife will turn into a nightmare. There will be consequences when darkness falls.

We send a salute to those courageous few who continue to fight alongside the earth and animals, even as your work is overshadowed by the bloggers, video editors, and all manner of self-aggrandizing activists.



Bottles of foul smelling butyric acid were sprayed into the interior, leaving this place of commerce smelling like death; identical to the odor present on every fur farm. We hope this is a costly clean up, and serves to drive away all patronage.

We then hiked to owner Ludi Graf's home in Spring Valley. His home was given the same treatment. We paint stripped his luxury winnebago parked in the driveway. Slogans were painted in blood red on his garage and the winnebago. The windows of the winnebago were etched. The remainder of the etching solution was applied to the windows of his home. Concrete destroying muriatic acid was poured on his driveway.

It was another short hike to manager Kimberley Graf's home in La Mesa. Her luxury pickup truck was painted red and soaked in paint stripper. All windshields and windows on the truck were smeared with etching solution. We covered her house and driveway in spray paint. Muriatic acid was dumped on the porch.

These actions were taken to vocalize the cries of the millions of wild beings yearning for freedom. This is in vain unless it inspires others to liberate and sabotage. Every fur farm prisoner deserves a jail break.

In solidarity with our comrades fighting in Vancouver,

- Animal Liberation Front

July 28, 2013

On the evening of July 28, 2013, friends of wildlife entered the Burley, Idaho, mink farm of Fur Commission USA Board Member Cindy Moyle, compromised the perimeter fencing, and set up roving surveillance of the on-site night watchman. We then liberated the entirety of her breeding stock into the wild, emptying over twenty-five percent of this wildlife prison.

Illuminated in the moonlight, 2400 of these wild creatures climbed out of the cages where they had passed their entire lives in isolated darkness, to feel the grass under their feet for the first time. Their initial timidity quickly became a cacophony of gleeful squealing, playing, cavorting, and swimming in the creek that runs directly behind the Moyle property. They will live out their new lives along the Snake River watershed.

Cindy Moyle is a current Board Member, and former Treasurer, of the Fur Commission USA. After the recent leadership shuffling in FCUSA, we felt that the Moyle Mink Ranch would be perfect to test out the efficacy of FCUSA's new emphasis on farm security. The Moyles are a mink dynasty in Idaho, operating up to eight farms, their own in-house feed operation, and a tannery. Those doubtful of our resourcefulness and guile have in the past called the Moyle farms impenetrable. Indeed, this is the first time that anyone has attempted action against one of them.

Having now had the pleasure of testing them ourselves, we wholeheartedly approve of the new FCUSA security guidelines. We are happy to see FCUSA members increasing their overhead on security - it means they are only that much closer to bankruptcy when we raid their farms. In the case of the Moyles, the breeding records we destroyed represent over thirty years of painstaking genetic selection. There will be no recovering these genetic lines.

Aside from their operations harming helpless animals, the Moyles have also been federally investigated for exploiting undocumented workers and trafficking endangered species. Mike Moyle, ex-mink farmer and the current Idaho House Majority Leader, has used his political position to block Idaho neighborhoods from being able to declare his family's foul and fly-infested prisons to be public nuisances.

The fur industry will no doubt propagate falsehoods regarding this act of kindness.

They will claim that we are terrorists. We say that if peacefully opening cages is an act of terrorism, then the word has no meaning. It is appropriately applied to the mass imprisonment and killing of wild animals.

They will claim that these mink are domesticated animals and will starve. Documentation on the success of farm-bred mink in the wild is extensive, so we will add only our experience watching these naturally aquatic animals, who had spent their entire lives in cages, head instinctively for water and begin to swim and hunt.

They will claim that conditions on mink farms are humane. We ask why, then, they try only to hide those farms from the public, pushing for legislation to criminalize the taking of photographs. The mink that we freed from the Moyles lived in intensive

How A Fur Farm Was Closed In One Night November 2013

A fur farm was discovered, raided by activists, and forced into closure - all in the span of 24 hours.

It was just weeks before pelting season, when every single animal on U.S. fur farms is murdered.

That night, the Earth Liberation Front visited the previously unknown Colorado mink farm of Monte Ages. Every cage on the property was opened and all of the captive mink were liberated into pristine wildlife habitat. The raid cost the owners \$240,000.

The next morning, the owner announced his fur farm would be closing forever. He told the press, "I won't be doing the mink anymore. I can't afford to go buy stock to get back into it."

It was the tenth fur farm raided in the U.S. that year - an unprecedented level of action against the fur industry. If activists had continued raiding farms, the U.S. fur industry would have disappeared forever.

When I returned to Oakland, the FBI's domestic terrorism unit was waiting with a "sneak and peak" warrant they obtained by lying to a federal judge, arguing there were firearms stolen in Colorado. They broke into my car in the middle of the night, finding DNA from mink, notes on the fur industry, and unused bolt cutters.

My days committing crimes for the animals were over.

This action exemplifies the effectiveness of underground action. The farm was found, targeted, and closed in literally one day. A result that years of protest could have never accomplished.

The communique read:

On the night of November 14th, the Earth Liberation Front visited the previously unknown Colorado mink farm of Monte Ages, located at 622 Valley View Drive in Moffat County.

This is one of the smallest mink farms in operation, so opening nearly every cage took very little time. The mink understood our mission and quite literally flew to the ground to make a dash for freedom.

Bonlander Farms in New Holstein — Next to their white clapboard house on a rural road here, in long rows of cages set beneath the roofs of seven open-air sheds, Virginia and Gary Bonlander are raising 5,000 minks. Or were, anyway, until two Saturdays ago, when the police roused them from bed at 5 a.m. with a rap on their door.

Outside, 2,000 minks were scampering away.

“The backyard was full of mink. The driveway was full of mink,” Mrs. Bonlander recalled a few days ago. “Then, pshaw” — she made a whooshing sound — “they were gone.”

And not only in Wisconsin, the mink-raising capital of the United States. After something of a hiatus, the animal rights movement has resumed a decades-old guerrilla war against the fur industry with a vengeance — and hints of more to come.

October 7, 2013

An individual working alone emptied a mink shed at the Myhre Mink Farm on Highway 16 in Grand Meadow, Minnesota.

At least 250 fur-bearers ran to the lake directly behind the property. These animals needed very little help to freedom. As the cages were being unlatched, many of the individuals pawed it open themselves to make a dash. They are not domesticated and their spirits are not broken.

Many of these mink screeched loudly at the sight of human hands, having only known the murderous hands of Einar Myhre.

The only thing keeping these animals imprisoned is our own fear and a simple latch on a cage. A wild existence for them is only feet away. Make animal liberation a reality.

This is the ninth U.S. fur farm raid of the year. This level of activity has not been seen for nearly twenty years.

To the fur farmers of the world, we have nothing to say to you. We offer only this prayer: The rest is secrets. Silence now. If night has fallen, sleep well.

confinement in their own waste. Their suffering was plain to the eye, and their yearning for freedom plain to the soul.

They will say that our raid may inspire copycat actions. We say that it undoubtedly will. It is a glorious thing that we live in a world where individuals regularly demonstrate the ultimate act of compassion - risking their freedom for the freedom of others.

They will say that we will not stop short of the complete and total end of the killing of animals for their fur. On this point we are in total agreement.

We act with love in our hearts.

August 26, 2013

Around 7:00am on August 26, 2013, a cell of the Animal Liberation Front entered the backyard of Brian L. MacMillan in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin.

Brian is the Vice President of Wild Fur Operations at North American Fur Auctions, the largest fur auction house in North America.

Brian is a terrorist who deals in the skins of wild animals tortured and killed in steel-jaw leghold traps. The counter-terrorists of the Animal Liberation Front broke his double paned window, and inserted his own garden hose; completely flooding his home.

Most people would be amazed at the sight of a bobcat, a creature so majestic and free. Brian's empty heart sees only profit.

There is no doubt Brian and NAFA will attempt to portray themselves as victims. They have the audacity to call us terrorists, when every penny they have made is at the torture and subjugation of what is wild and free.

All who contribute to industries of earth and animal destruction shall take note. There is a higher law.

-Animal Liberation Front

Nearly 500 mink were released from a fur farm in Keota, IA on the night of August 30, 2013.

The Fur Commission pointlessly advised mink farmers, who would see thousands more animals released that summer:

"In the case of a release on your property, God forbid, its important to remember to 1) Call 911 or your local sheriff immediately. 2) Seal the fencing and check the cages 3) call the people on your phone tree and Fur Commission USA. We will make sure the Federal authorities respond to the attack, will warn other ranchers, and will prepare statements for the press/public in case of inquiry (the farmer is often way too busy to speak).

We will also provide law enforcement with info on farmer-reported suspicious vehicles/persons, related incidents, and background on mink farm attacks.

All farmers should take appropriate security precautions over the next several weeks, as extremists are actively and aggressively looking for soft targets at this time. Please report any suspicious activity around your property to law enforcement and FCUSA.

September 25, 2013



Last night, the Animal Liberation Front opened hundreds of cages at the Rykola mink farm located at 557 Colver Road in Ebensburg, Pennsylvania.

We lost count of the number of wild animals freed into their natural environment, due to the animals being housed in atrocious conditions, four to tiny cob-webbed cages.

Words can not describe the filth and blinding stench of this farm. As expected, the animals wasted no time escaping from their barren prisons into the natural world.

In addition to opening cages, we destroyed hundreds of breeding cards, many with notations of price, which ran from \$1,000 up to \$10,000 per animal.

We want to reiterate, as several recent ALF communiques have, the ease of animal liberation. We possess no specialized skill set or

expensive tools. A sense of determination and a desire for justice go a long way.

Pelting season is just weeks away. Look up The Final Nail and find a farm near you. Let the final stage of Operation Bite Back commence. We can destroy this industry that has destroyed so many.

September 29, 2013

150-300 mink released from cages and dozens of breeding cards destroyed at the massive mink farm owned by Lion Farms, 2707 Hoaglin Road in Van Wert, Ohio. This facility confines tens of thousands of animals, making it one of the largest mink farms in the United States. Time constraints prevented us from doing more.

Mink are wild animals native to North America. The fur industry's lies are transparent. Mink are fiercely territorial carnivores and will have no problem hunting and surviving in the wild. Any wildlife biologist knows this.

The souls of the tortured dead cry out for justice. The cry of the living is for freedom. We can create that justice. We can deliver that freedom. The animals have no one but us. We will not fail them'

-A.L.F.

October 5, 2013

