



YUMA HOG OPERATION ON HOLD



Pigs raised on factory farms are confined in metal and concrete pens. They live here until they reach slaughter weight of 250 pounds at six months old. *Photo courtesy of Farm Sanctuary*

Cullison Farms LLC and Pigs for Farmer John (PFFJ LLC) are back to square one in their quest to build an industrial hog operation in Yuma County, Arizona.

The proposed facility would be built near Dateland - just off Interstate 8 southwest of Phoenix. If built, it would house 52,000 hogs at a time. Piglets would be trucked in from Wyoming, grown to market weight and trucked to California for slaughter. Cullison submitted applications to build the facility that was to be operated by or under a contract with PFFJ, in the summer of 2006. In December 2006, the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) gave its approval to operate. It appeared that ADEQ and other state agencies were going to allow Cullison and PFFJ to build the facility without much scrutiny, allowing them to operate under general air quality and water pollution per-

It's back to the drawing board for the proposed factory farm near Yuma, Arizona

mits that are issued for operators in Arizona, under the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts. However, adjacent farmers and land owners began reviewing the application, realized it did not add up and they began talking to state officials. ADEQ had approved the hog farm's proposed operation under the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZDPES) General Permit for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations. With its application, Cullison was required to submit a nutrient management plan. Local farmers reviewed the plan, and asked experts to review the plan for them. They realized that Cullison's figures didn't add up and they let ADEQ know. ADEQ did not require an air quality permit.

Farmers expressed concern that the hog facility would remove almost 8 billion gallons of water a year from the Gila Bend Aquifer, and that the operation was planned in a wash that empties into the Gila River. Moreover each year 28 million gallons of pig manure would be sprayed onto pristine desert, much of which is state trust land.

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COVER STORY

After a lot of back and forth and meetings among various state officials, in March, ADEQ notified Cullison that it would have to submit individual permit applications for both an air quality permit and AZDPES permit. Cullison appealed the AZDPES decision that related to potential water pollution. The administrative appeal was pending until August when Cullison entered into an agreement with the state to dismiss its appeal. As we go to press, Cullison has not filed either application.

As you may recall, PFFJ, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, is a Hormel subsidiary, and is the owner of the only industrial hog factory now operating in Arizona. That Navajo County facility, located north of Snowflake, started as a family owned farm. It sold out to Clougherty Packing in the 1990's. Instead of sending hogs for slaughter in

Arizona as the Arizona-based operation had done, Clougherty began shipping the hogs to its slaughter house and packing facility in southern California. The facility grew exponentially over the years, and in 2005 was sold to Hormel, along with the California slaughter and packing facilities. The Navajo County facility recently submitted a request to the state to expand its facilities. ADLA has been reviewing ADEQ files for this facility. We will continue to monitor this issue, and keep you updated on any new developments.

Please visit the ADLA website at www.adlaz.org for more information and updates on this proposal and PFFJ's operation in Navajo County, Arizona.

Covance Update

Chandler Sued Over Covance Facility

A group of Chandler residents and the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine (PCRM) filed a lawsuit against the City of Chandler on July 2nd.

The lawsuit alleges that Chandler violated Arizona's open meetings law and state and city zoning laws. It asks the court to void actions taken by Chandler that have allowed Covance to start construction on its animal research facility.

The local plaintiffs who live near the construction site, are concerned about Covance's poor record on public health and animal welfare issues. The legal complaint notes that Covance has repeatedly imported primates infected with tuberculosis, Ebola, and other dangerous diseases. Covance has also refused to describe how it will safely dispose of the nearly 100,000 drug and chemical-laden animal carcasses it will generate each year.

The complaint is worth reading. We recommend it to anyone who is interested in this important issue.

To view the five-count complaint go to www.ProtectChandler.org/updates.php.



Photo courtesy of PETA

Covance Granted Air Quality Permit

The Maricopa County Air Quality Department (MCAQD) issued a permit for Covance, despite concerns expressed by local citizens, ADLA and other groups. ADLA representatives testified at a hearing held by MCAQD and submitted written comments to the agency. ADLA requested that Covance's air quality permit be denied due to its refusal to disclose how it plans to dispose of thousands of animal carcasses that have been contaminated with chemicals, including pesticides and experimental drugs.

Covance applied for a permit for lab operations, cooling towers, and generators. Although the application did not include an incinerator, there is reason to fear that once the facility is built, Covance will apply for a permit revision to add an incinerator to dispose of thousands of animal carcasses.

What You Can Do

ADLA has partnered with PCRM and concerned citizens in an effort to prevent Covance from building an animal testing facility here. We will continue to update members on any new developments. For more information on Covance and possible volunteer opportunities visit www.ProtectChandler.com or email ADLA at adla@adlaz.org.

AZ Game & Fish Takes Another Small Step for Lions



For the first time the Arizona Game and Fish Commission has rejected "open season" on mountain lions. At its April meeting the Arizona Game & Fish Commission approved a three month break in the year-round hunting season for mountain lions, in portions of Arizona. This was the second year in a row that Arizona Game & Fish Department biologists recommended this change, but last year the Commission rejected the Department's recommendation. This year when the same recommendation came along, the Commission voted yes. ADLA has requested an end to year-round hunting of Arizona's lions for the past several years. In written comments submitted by ADLA prior to this year's April meeting, ADLA

asked that the Commission limit hunting to no more than five months of the year. ADLA's comments were joined by the Grand Canyon Chapter of the Sierra Club, the Grand Canyon Wildlands Council, the Cougar Fund, The Mountain Lion Foundation and Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility.

For more information on mountain lions in Arizona, and current policies on lions, please visit ADLA's website at www.adlaz.org

ADLA volunteers attend and monitor Arizona Game & Fish Commission meetings. If you would like to volunteer to attend upcoming meetings please email ADLA at adla@adlaz.org

Coalitions Provide Tools to Help Wildlife

Coalitions play a crucial role in protecting wildlife. ADLA is a member group in several state and regional coalitions that help animals. Below is an update on some of these groups.

Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project

ADLA is a member organization of the Grand Canyon Wolf Recovery Project (GCWRP), a coalition to support wolf recovery in the Grand Canyon Ecoregion. 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. Member organizations are collaborating to restore hospitable wildlife habitat with the goal of reintroducing wolves to the plateaus and forests of the Grand Canyon Ecoregion. For information visit www.GCWolfRecovery.org

Prairie Dog Coalition

In late August, the United States Fish & Wildlife Service announced that it was initiating a status review of the Gunnison's prairie dog, under the Endangered Species Act. The announcement came as a condition of a lawsuit settlement, after it was revealed that a former Department of Interior official had sent an e-mail asking for a negative finding on the petition to list the prairie dog as a threatened species. Gunnison's prairie dogs live in northern

Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. ADLA is also a member of a Gunnison's prairie dog working group that is developing a plan to protect Arizona's population. For information visit www.PrairieDogCoalition.org



Aerial Gunning of Coyotes

In 2006, the US Government used airplanes to shoot 25,349 coyotes, 449 bobcats, 81 red foxes, and 57 wolves. Welcome to the world of Wildlife Services.

ADLA is a member of AGRO, a coalition to end aerial gunning of wildlife. In response to recent USDA plane crashes, AGRO filed a petition with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services program demanding an end to the practice of shooting coyotes from airplanes. Aerial gunning takes a toll on both humans and animals. Each year, large numbers of native wild animals are killed to protect livestock. This practice is not only cruel and ineffective, it negatively impacts the environment by removing predators, which are necessary for healthy ecosystems. ADLA monitors aerial gunning in Arizona, which takes place at various locations. For more information visit www.GoAGRO.org

2007 Arizona Legislative Report

Lawmakers again take aim at Citizens' Initiatives

Each year Arizona legislators launch a new round of attacks on citizens' initiatives. The 2007 session was no exception to the rule. Although none of the dangerous bills became law, we expect that they will be reintroduced in the 2008 session.

How do these measures impact animals? Arizona's public initiative process is the best tool we have for protecting animals and their habitat. Arizona's animal protection community has a long history of successful grassroots citizen's initiatives, including the ban on trapping and poisons on public lands, cock-

fighting, and most recently, Prop 204, which outlawed the cruel confinement of pigs and veal calves in industrialized livestock operations.

In 1998, not only did voters ban cockfighting but they passed Prop 105, a Constitutional amendment which forbids the Legislature from repealing initiatives passed by voters. Unfortunately that doesn't stop the annual attack on voting rights. In fact several bills introduced would circumvent Prop 105 to allow lawmakers to revoke or amend the very initiatives it protects.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

Pro-Animal Protection Lawmakers

ADLA wishes to thank those special legislators for their efforts to protect animals and the public initiative process: **Senators Meg Burton-Cahill, Chevront, J. Garcia, Landrum Taylor, Pesquiera, and Rios. Representatives Alvarez, Bradley, Brown, Cajero Bedford, Chad Campbell, Farley, Gallardo, M. Garcia, Kirkpatrick, Lopes, Lopez, Lujan, McGuire, Meza, Miranda, Prezelski, Saradnik, Schapira, Thrasher, Tom, and Ulmer.**

Special thanks go to the following lawmakers for their extraordinary efforts: **Senator Aboud** who was a primary sponsor of a bill to increase penalties for leaving the scene of accidents that injure an animal; and a measure to ban all animal fighting. Also thanks to **Senator Waring** who sponsored another animal fighting bill, and **Senator O'Halleran**, who introduced a bill which would have added provisions to the animal cruelty statute. Thanks to **Representative Hershberger**, who was the only Republican who voted against a measure which targeted citizens' initiatives.

And finally, **Representatives Ableser and Sinema** who were primary sponsors of a bill which would have banned battery cages for hens; and a measure which would have restricted animal testing when alternatives are available. Both of these lawmakers

expanded additional efforts on behalf of animals and voting rights. Although the animal protection measures failed to pass, we appreciate the efforts of those who introduced and supported humane legislation.



"Milo" Photo by Jeff Barchi

Anti-Animal Protection Lawmakers

The following legislators supported measures that would negatively impact animals and/or voting rights: **Senators Arzberger, Bee, Blendu, Burns, Flake, C. Gray, L. Gray, Harper, Huppenthal, and Verschoor. Representatives Barnes, Biggs, Boone, Burges, Clark, Crump, Groe, Kavanagh, Mason, McComish, McClain, Murphy, Nelson, Nichols, Paton, Pearce, Robson, Stump, Tobin, J. Weiers, J. P. Weiers, and Yarbrough.**

Both **Representatives Crandall and Driggs** cosponsored several anti-initiative bills. However, **Rep. Kirk Adams** stands out as the primary sponsor of every bill targeting voting rights, including one that could have overturned the Humane Treatment of Farm Animals Act.

ADLA appreciates the efforts of individuals and nonprofit groups including former Arizona Humane Society CEO Cheryl Naumann and Lobbyist Yvonne Anderson; the League of Conservation Voters, the Arizona Advocacy Network, and especially to Sierra Club Lobbyist Sandy Bahr for her tireless efforts on behalf of Arizona's animals and their habitat.

Legislative Scorecard Available Online

The 2007 Legislative Scorecard is available online including the complete list of bills that ADLA tracked throughout the session. To access the scorecard go to: www.adlaz.org/2007legislation.html. To request a copy mailed to you, call ADLA at 602.273.7842.

TUCSON DOG TRACK KILLS GREYHOUND WITH MINOR INJURY

In the latest of many scandals at Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP), a young dog was unnecessarily euthanized despite a kennel owner's attempt to save her life.

On September 4, approximately 70 animal advocates lined the street in front of the track to protest the unwarranted killing of a greyhound by track officials.

On August 31, a female greyhound named PA's Mismakamess (Missy) sustained a minor, treatable injury in a race at the Tucson track. Missy's trainer, Kevin Mathieu, ordered that the dog be euthanized. Trainer and kennel owner David Blair attempted to prevent Missy's death by contacting a rescue group for immediate intervention. While the rescue group volunteer was en route to the track she was told by track general manager Tom Taylor that her help was not needed since the dog was "going to be put down." (Ironically, Tom Taylor was recently appointed as President of the Tucson chapter of Greyhound Pets of America.) Blair, who by his own admission had been drinking, insisted that he was not going to let them kill the dog. Taylor called the police, who escorted Blair outside, and the track vet was then ordered by Taylor to euthanize the dog. State officials then suspended Blair's license and shut down his kennels in both Tucson and Phoenix.

Joan Eidinger, editor and publisher of Greyhound Network News, filed a complaint with the Arizona Department of Racing in the controversial death of Missy. The complaint alleges that TGP management and state racing officials were in violation of racing rules and regulations when they euthanized Missy, who had sustained a minor injury. According to state statutes, "Every effort must be made to adopt the greyhounds not used for racing or breeding purposes."

Named in the complaint are: state Chief TGP Steward Eddie Rosano, state Chief Greyhound Veterinarian Andrew Carlton, track veterinarian Betty Menke, Tom Taylor, TGP's CEO and general manager, trainer Kevin Mathieu and kennel owner Patricia Mathieu (who trained and owned Missy).



Photo courtesy of Greyhound Network News

"It's time that those in charge of what goes on at TGP are held accountable for the wanton disregard of the lives of greyhounds," said Eidinger, who is also a member of the Arizona Department of Racing Greyhound Racing Task Force. Both Eidinger and Taylor serve on the welfare subcommittee of the task force.

Update: The Arizona Department of Racing suspended Kevin Mathieu's racing license for failure to disclose prior criminal history.

Tucson Greyhound Park has a long history of alleged abuse and violations. From November 2005 through June 2006, TGP hired hauler Richard Favreau to transport more than 170 dogs to his facility in Colorado and then distribute them to adoption groups. Favreau could not provide Arizona authorities with any documentation of the dogs' whereabouts. Subsequently, Arizona Department of Racing Director Geoffrey Gonsler suspended Favreau's license for life and ordered him to pay \$140,000 to a greyhound adoption program. The fine has not been paid, and the dogs are presumed dead.

Gonsler wrote in the ruling that "the worst fear is that the animals were heartlessly put to death ... and are now in an undisclosed graveyard in the desert."

For more information on the greyhound racing issue including Arizona dog track deaths visit www.GreyhoundNetworkNews.org

Animal Defense League of Arizona

The Animal Defense League of Arizona is a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization. Our mission is to protect and defend animals in Arizona. Visit www.adlaz.org. Thanks to Competition Printing, Carol Smalley Mail Service, and Amy Hartman for their help.

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Steering Committee Welcomes New Members

ADLA is happy to announce that two new members have joined its steering committee - Jeff Barchi and April Norgaard. Jeff and April were key players in the success of Proposition 204 - the Humane Farming Initiative.

Jeff Barchi

Jeff Barchi has been married to his wife, Katie (also an animal advocate and volunteer) for over 2 years. Members of the Barchi family include Callie, a lab mix, and Milo, a shepherd lab mix.



Jeff Barchi

Jeff is practically an Arizona native, living in the Phoenix metro area since the age of two. He graduated from Brophy Prep in 1997 and became a Realtor about two years into college.

Jeff has been a Realtor for eight years and with RE/MAX for the last seven years.

Jeff told ADLA, "I started to become aware of the abuses of animals going on around us when I was young, and have actively been involved in animal welfare for over ten years. I became more deeply involved during the Prop 204 campaign, where I volunteered and gathered over 1000 signatures. I joined the ADLA steering committee after seeing their immense contribution to the 204 campaign."

April Norgaard

With duties as diverse as litter box cleaning, volunteer coordination, fundraising, and public education, April Norgaard has experienced every aspect of various animal advocacy organizations.

April's professional experience includes helping to coordinate the Prop 204 campaign. She has volunteered with numerous animal rescue groups including Foothills Animal Rescue, Arizona Animal Welfare League and Arizona SPCA, where she res-

cued injured animals on the "midnight shift." April holds a bachelor of science degree in accounting, and is currently pursuing a master's degree in humane education through the International Institute for Humane Education in affiliation with Cambridge College.



April Norgaard

April says that "ADLA is a group whose philosophies and actions are in close alignment with my values based on their past effectiveness in promoting social change in favor of animals."

Other Steering Committee Members

Other steering committee members are Karen Michael of Peoria, Jean Myers of Flagstaff and Stephanie Nichols-Young of Phoenix. We also want to thank former committee members Kelly Cooney of Queen Creek and Mark Mason of Tucson.

If you would like to apply for a position on the Steering Committee, email us at adla@adlaz.org.

ADLA Office Moves

ADLA's administrative office has moved from Tucson to Phoenix. We will continue to receive mail in Flagstaff and Tucson, but please send donations and general correspondence to our Phoenix address.



Buster the Blogger

We are working to streamline our administration procedures and better use the Internet and technology so we can efficiently communicate with our members.

COMING SOON - ADLA Blogs and Forums

Please Send ADLA Your Email Address!

ADLA communicates with volunteers primarily through email alerts. Electronic communication enables us to update members quickly and efficiently while protecting the environment. If you are not receiving ADLA Action Alerts and would like to subscribe, please email us at newswire@adlaz.org.

ADLA Activities Update



ADLA Quarterly Meeting - September 2007

ADLA Reinstates Quarterly Meetings

ADLA held its quarterly meeting on Sept. 9th in Phoenix. The topic was 'Helping Animals with Traditional and Non-Traditional Partnerships'. Speakers included Sandy Bahr, Conservation Outreach Coordinator and Lobbyist for the Sierra Club and ADLA President Stephanie Nichols-Young. Special guests included Joan Eidinger, editor and publisher of Greyhound Network News, and Sylvia Arena, who has served on the Arizona State Racing Commission and Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

The next ADLA quarterly meeting will be held on Sunday, December 9, 2007, from 4 to 6 pm at The Center, 21 E. 6th St., in Tempe. The speaker will be Representative Kyrsten Sinema. There will be a guest panel of animal friendly legislators including Representative Ed Ableser. RSVP at adla@adlaz.org

ADLA Tables at Community Events

ADLA volunteers tabled at Global Awareness Day at the Arizona Science Center in Phoenix. The ADLA Spay Neuter Hotline tabled at communi-

ty health fairs throughout the Phoenix area. Volunteers provided information on low cost and free spay neuter for companion animals.

ADLA greatly appreciates the volunteers that helped at these events. If you are interested in tabling at upcoming events please email adla@adlaz.org (Spanish-speaking volunteers especially needed). Volunteer opportunities are listed on ADLA's online calendar. More photos are posted on the ADLA Photo Gallery at www.adlaz/gallery.html.



ADLA Spay Neuter Hotline Table at Community Health Fair, September 2007

ADLA Celebrates 20th Anniversary

This year ADLA celebrates twenty years of protecting Arizona's animals. We are planning House Parties to celebrate ADLA's 20th Anniversary, and the One Year Anniversary of the Humane Treatment of Farm Animals Act (ADLA was a sponsoring organization of Prop 204 which passed last November). Details will be included in upcoming Newswire alerts. If you have not yet subscribed to the ADLA Newswire, send us an email at newswire@adlaz.org.

ADLA Heroes

ADLA wishes to acknowledge a very special memorial gift from animal advocate, Merle Packer.

Dr. Packer, professor emeritus at ASU, died April 30, 2007. She was born August 28, 1921 in Miami, Arizona. After working as a nursing attendant and for Goodyear Aircraft, she served in the U.S. Marine Corp From 1943-1945. She earned her bachelor and masters's degrees in education at ASU, and earned her doctorate in education from the University of Northern Colorado. She retired in 1983 and was inducted into the ASU Hall of Fame in 1988.



Other Memorial Contributions

We also wish to thank Helen F. Kennedy and Alice Stoller Scott for their generous bequests to ADLA.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING ADLA EVENTS

November 3

ADLA 20th Anniversary Party
Flagstaff

November 10

True Love Adoption Day
(ADLA Tabling Event)
Scottsdale

November 17

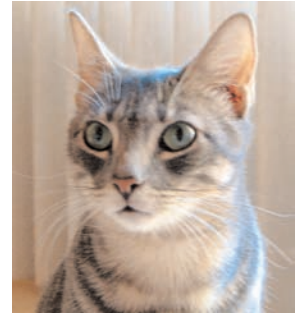
Greater Phoenix ADLA 20th Anniversary Party

December 9

ADLA Quarterly Meeting
4 pm - 6 pm
Tempe

December

Tucson ADLA 20th
Anniversary Party
Date to be decided



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