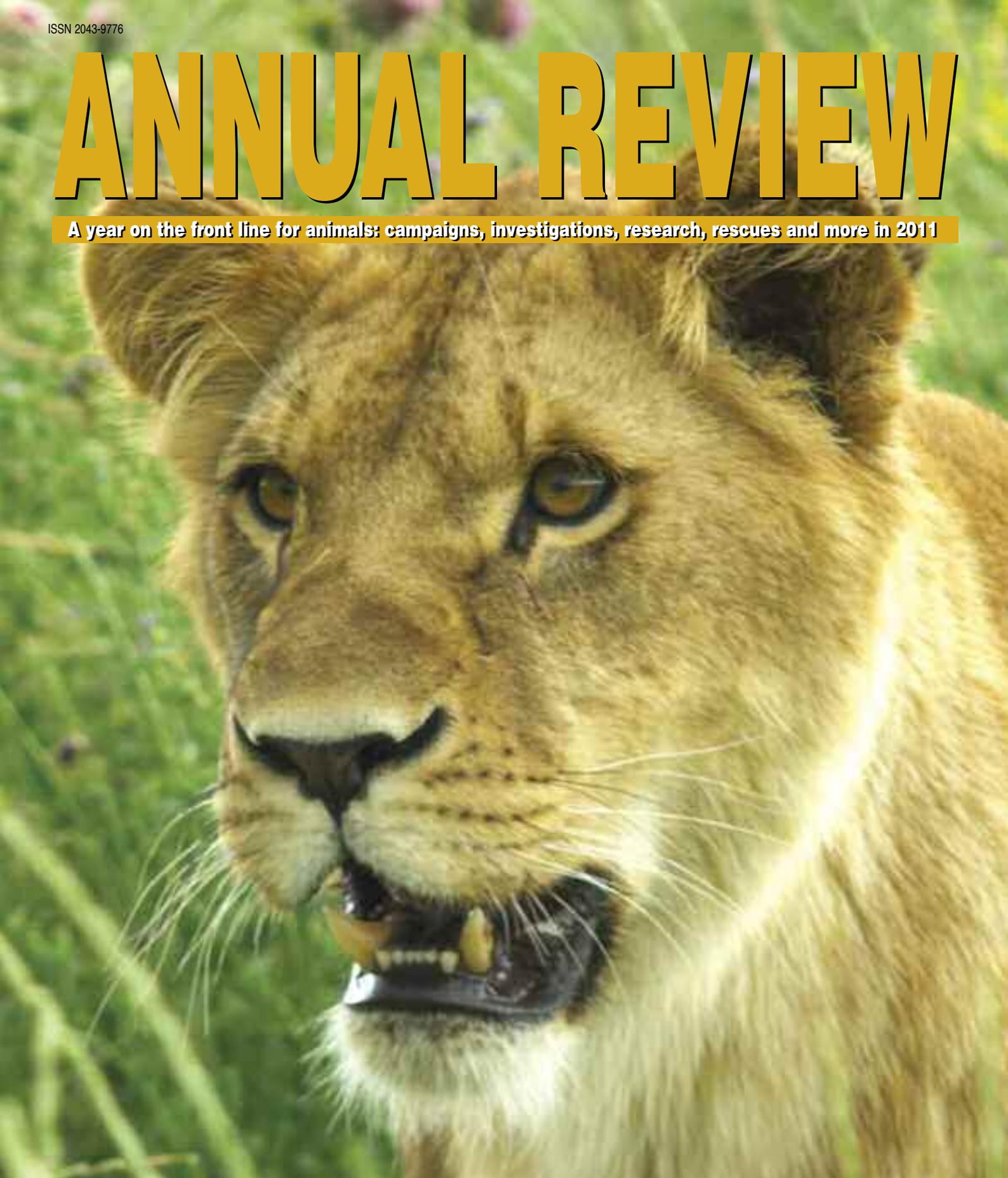


ANNUAL REVIEW

A year on the front line for animals: campaigns, investigations, research, rescues and more in 2011



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Overview

Chief Executive's Overview



2011 saw our small, dynamic team securing animal protection legislation; rescuing and caring for animals; working undercover to secure evidence of suffering; educating the public and creating awareness as well as funding research techniques that don't use animals.

A landmark year saw us enforce the ban in Bolivia with our incredible Operation Lion Ark; every animal circus was closed, all animals saved. We shocked the world with footage of the abuse of elephants used in films. We fought for the animals and shaped new rules on animal experiments in the UK. We introduced the first ever Bill for a ban wild animals in circuses in the USA. Won a circus animal ban in Peru, which was quickly followed by Greece (announced January 2012). And we won the challenge to Austria's ban.

For Anne the elephant, our Special Investigations Department pulled off a seemingly impossible operation, securing video images of her horrific confinement and savage abuse. As public outrage rose around the world at her treatment she was saved and British back bench MPs voting unanimously for a ban on wild animal acts. We had not just saved Anne, there appeared to be hope for all circus animals – but the fight has continued, after the Prime Minister changed his mind about a ban.

So this year, we face an enormous challenge. It was not the seeming impossibility of tasks such as securing the video footage of Anne, or facing angry knife-wielding circus workers in Bolivia that has caused us the greatest concern – no, it is a massive drop in income due to the recession.

Achieving what we have achieved in the past twelve months has come at a cost – but we wouldn't do anything differently.

There are moments when you succeed or fail. When things cannot be put off. Had we not acted, poor Anne would still be in chains being kicked, spat on and beaten and the Coalition Government would have been able to automatically push through a disgraceful licensing system – perpetuating the suffering for years to come. Had we not pressed on, the circus animals would still be in their cages in Bolivia, there would be no ban in Peru, and no voice for laboratory animals as the new UK law is introduced.

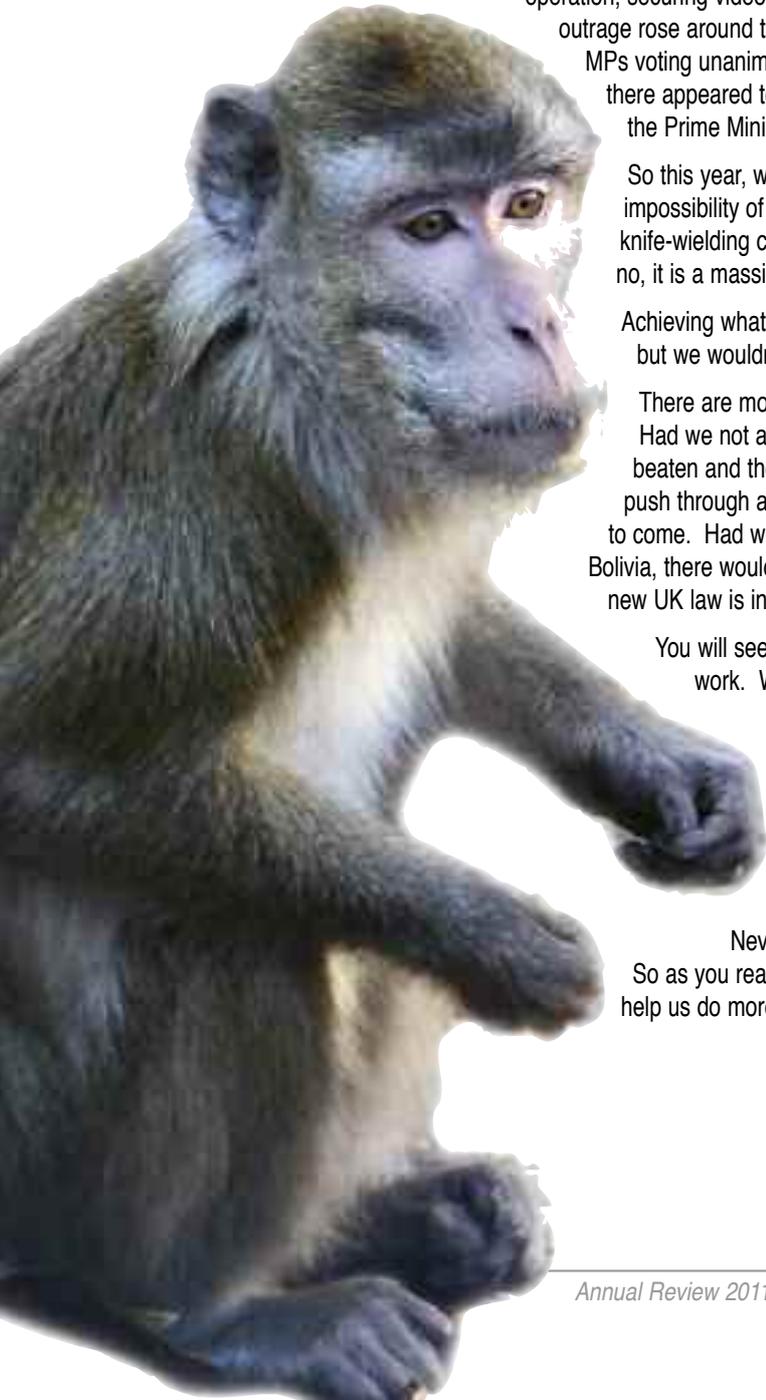
You will see that we have used up some of our reserves to sustain our vital work. We know that is what you, our supporters, would want. A year of stunning achievements, which have changed the world for animals but placed us in a harsh financial position from which we must now recover.

We have never been more committed or effective. I believe this Annual Review shows that. But the brutal reality is without a significant increase in funding we cannot continue at this pace.

Never before has every contribution, great or small counted so much. So as you read about what we have achieved, please consider how you can help us do more. The animals need you.



Jan Creamer
Chief Executive



Who we are

Our group of organisations, Animal Defenders International, the National Anti-Vivisection Society (the world's oldest and most respected group of its kind), and the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research UK, work together globally to end animal abuse, change human perceptions, to protect animals and for their replacement in scientific research with advanced non-animal methods.

In addition to our offices in London, Los Angeles and Bogota (a total of 25 people), we work with our network of ADI representatives and partner organisations in all over the world. We are a compact organisation, making a global impact. We undertake huge projects but minimise overheads and staffing and aim to make every contribution we receive, stretch as far as possible.

We take a unique, holistic and self-sufficient approach to achieving long term protection for animals – from undercover investigations to expose the truth, combined with thorough scientific and economic research and publication of reports, through to public education and awareness, advising legislators and government officials and drafting legislation.

When legislation is passed, we also undertake to assist with rescue and relocation of animals. We now have in our care many animals saved from circuses and laboratories, including over 30 lions – it also means that our overheads are increasing.

Our practical approach is also exemplified by the scientific and medical research that we fund through the Lord Dowding Fund – this informs our campaigns to end animal experimentation.

We seek to draw together a start to finish strategy – using our own photographs, video and research; we produce our publications in-house. This saves money and increases our outreach. Here are some of our landmark achievements in the past year:

- **Secured a ban on the use of wild animals in circuses in Peru (followed by Greece, announced early 2012).**
- **Exposed the abuse of Anne the elephant, securing her rescue and gave political impetus to public and parliamentary demands for a ban on wild animals in circuses.**
- **Having secured several measures in the European Parliament to advance replacement of animal experiments, restrict primate use and end the capture of wild monkeys by lab dealers, we are working to secure these in British law.**
- **Operation Lion Ark closed down every animal circus in Bolivia; we then rescued and relocated every animal, and we will care for these animals for life.**
- **Launched first ever major exposé of the Hollywood film industry showing how the elephant in the movie 'Water for Elephants' had been beaten and electric shocked.**

What we believe these advances show is that we don't give up, ever, and that's thanks to our loyal supporters, who provide us with such strength and encouragement every day.



Anne: Saved after ADI exposed her abuse.



Operation Lion Ark airlifts 25 lions to freedom.



Our investigations of monkey trapping have brought us close to ending the trade to EU labs.



Campaigns

2012: The Road Ahead

Animal experiments: This is a key year, as the UK and other European countries finalise new laws in line with the European Directive on animal experiments. Opportunities are limited but key targets include securing restrictions on primate use, increased public accountability for labs, mechanisms to challenge animal experiments and set timetables for replacements as well as, importantly, keeping the UK measures that are currently more rigorous than Europe – no downgrading of animal protection.

Animal Circuses: We are seeking bans in the UK (we have over 200 local bans), the United States, Brazil, Ecuador, Brazil, and Colombia and many other countries. Greece just passed. In the USA it is early days yet, and in other countries, we cannot lose momentum as delay could hold up progress for years. Easing off is not an option.

Investigations: Our undercover teams are more active than ever. If we can keep them in the field, we promise startling revelations in 2012.

Research without animals: If strict rules to enforce the use of replacements are secured under the new law on animal experiments, then the LDF projects will be more important than ever. The techniques we deliver are life-savers, for animals and people. But we go into 2012 with a reduced budget for developing non-animal research techniques, due to a massive drop in income, and will have to battle to sustain our current projects, including neuroscience and cancer research.

Animal Rescues:

We start 2012 with 31 lions, three monkeys, two baboons, a chimpanzee and a horse in our care – so we must raise funds for them. We are also in discussions with the Peruvian authorities concerning their ban, and what is to happen to their circus animals.



End Animal Experiments

New law on animal experiments for the UK

The European Directive (2010/63/EU) on animal experiments was passed in 2010 and triggers the biggest overhaul of animal experimentation regulations for nearly 25 years. The old Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986 will be replaced to comply with the new Directive, and the Government has until November 2012 to lay its proposals before Parliament.

Throughout 2011, this has been the main focus of our work: meetings with ministers and Home Office officials; presenting evidence to support our case; participating in expert consultations and discussions; briefing MPs and lobbying committees.

This has been a gruelling eight-year campaign. First, through the European Commission, the Parliament and the Council of Ministers, when we prevented a disaster – as vivisection interests attempted to dismantle what little protection there was; we made some gains, secured measures we did not expect to win, but not as much as we had hoped. However, the battle is not over.

2012 will be a critical year of laboratory animals and these are the key targets we are working for:

1. End household product testing
2. No weakening of existing UK animal protection standards
3. Commit to replacing experiments on monkeys in UK laboratories
4. End the wild capture of monkeys by laboratory dealers
5. Set clear limits on the pain laboratory animals are allowed to suffer
6. Increase transparency on animal experiments – more public accountability
7. Increase compulsory data sharing to prevent unnecessary experiments
8. Establish a UK laboratory for the development and validation of non-animal methods
9. Regular thematic reviews to identify and replace animal experiments (our biggest breakthrough – a mechanism to challenge and replace specific animal experiments).
10. Ensure the effective implementation of non-animal methods – if there is an alternative it must be used.

Activities included: a mobile billboard campaign touring the UK; organising public participation in the Government's public consultation (through website and pre-printed postcards); NAVS submitted over 80 pages of expert evidence; lobbying MPs, producing technical briefings; writing to key committees.

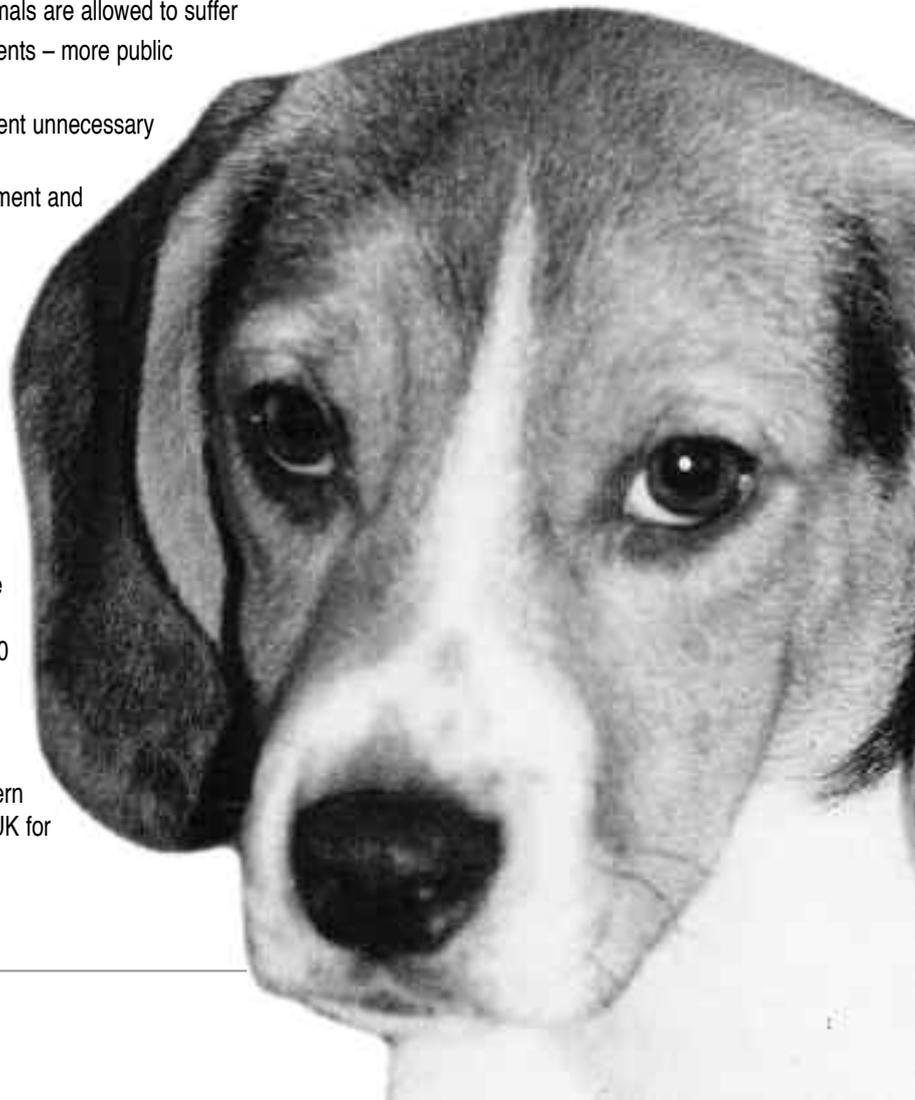
During 2012 we will keep up the pressure as the Parliament decides about the new law that will govern lives, and deaths, of animals in laboratories in the UK for many years to come.



Our billboard outside Parliament.



One of our leaflets: Giving people the facts about animal experiments is vital.





Victory: Beagle factory farm expansion blocked in Hull.

Campaigns

Save the Primates

When the new UK law arrives in 2013, we will see how the measures we secured in Europe to protect primates are used. This campaign, which has utilised so effectively the evidence from our undercover investigations of laboratories like Huntingdon Life Sciences and monkey dealers around the world, is to ensure that the ban capturing monkeys from the wild to re-stock breeding farms supplying European laboratories is introduced as rapidly as possible; to secure restrictions on monkey experiments; and to ensure the ban on great apes is maintained.

World Lab Animal Week

With the biggest overhaul of UK animal experimentation legislation for 25 years well underway, this became the theme for our World Lab Animal Week activity – an event founded by NAVS and now marked worldwide.

Our billboard van featured two starkly contrasting images: Elisa a monkey in a neuroscience experiment, alone, frightened and with metal bolts and electrodes screwed into her skull; next to a human volunteer having her brain scanned at the LDF-funded Aston project. One tells us about the brain of a frightened monkey, the other about the human brain with the participant able to engage with the researchers, outlining precisely what they see, hear or feel.

Kick animal Testing out of the house – household and cosmetic testing

Our kick animal testing out of the house campaign was more important than ever as the European cosmetics testing ban faced challenges. We secured a UK Government commitment to end household product testing on animals, but we must work to ensure that this promise is fulfilled. We continue to work with the European Commission and Members of the European Parliament to keep the timetable for the eradication of cosmetics tests in place.

Although almost all cosmetics tests on animals in Europe have now been stopped, there is no place for complacency. There is almost relentless pressure from certain sectors to allow certain animal experiments to continue and so it is vital that we remain the voice for animals in Europe.

Beagle Breeder Blocked

A victory was secured in June when B&K Universal were refused planning permission for beagle breeding units in Yorkshire after we presented scientific evidence to the inquiry and made presentations to planning authorities. B&K has appealed the decision and we have responded (update – their appeal was finally rejected in early 2012).

Victory in our space experiments campaign

The global campaign to end space experiments received a massive boost with NASA halting proposed experiments on squirrel monkeys. Our intense campaign included a DVD, public education and lobbying Congress, presenting the evidence of whistle-blowers. Activity was coordinated across the USA, Europe, Russia and Brazil.

NASA announced it will “...undertake a comprehensive review of the agency's current research and technology development plans ...”

This leaves Russia isolated in its use of monkeys in space experiments. Like the NASA tests, the Roscosmos experiments are also aimed at a mission to Mars – we had released pictures of the horrific conditions inside the lab. This campaign is set to continue around the world.



Our supporter postcard response to the Government consultation on animal experiments.



Our support for non-animal research is key to end vivisection.



Our South American World Day for Laboratory Animals leaflet.

Stop Circus Suffering

This remains one of the most successful animal protection campaigns ever. Our investigations, including the huge exposé of Chipperfield and others in 1998, followed by many others here and abroad (UK 2006, 2009, 2011) have prompted bans across the world. In the past year we scored another massive victory in Peru, with a ban on wild animal acts; we completely removed circus animals from Bolivia; launched a Bill in the US Congress; and saw developments in Germany, Greece, Ireland, Norway, Brazil, Colombia and Ecuador. Greece announced their ban in early 2012. In the UK, our exposé of the abuse of Anne the elephant, saw Anne and Monty the camel saved, while prompting backbench Members of Parliament to vote overwhelmingly for a ban.



Brian Blessed leads delegation of MPs Adrian Sanders, Jim Dowd, Neil Parish, and Mark Pritchard to 10 Downing Street.

UK: Anne saved but PM ignores will of public and parliament

Our images of poor Anne, the elderly, arthritic elephant, chained up and being repeatedly kicked, punched and beaten, re-ignited the UK public desire for a ban on wild animals in circuses. We followed the exposé with a nationwide tour with our inflatable elephant; held photocalls and working with MPs; ensured postcards from our supporters poured into the House of Commons and worked to achieve over 200 MPs signing up to our Early Day Motion calling for a ban.

Actor Brian Blessed led MPs to Downing Street, presenting a letter also signed by Ricky Gervais and Brian May; Sir Paul McCartney also backed the campaign. We reminded the Government that a year earlier 94.5% of respondents to a Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra) public consultation, called for a ban on wild animal acts. Our opinion polls show 63% of MPs and 72% of the public back a ban.

But the Prime Minister changed his mind, insisting that Defra look at regulations instead. Ministers then claimed that there were legal obstacles to a ban, so we commissioned independent legal opinion on the European Convention on Human Rights, the UK Human Rights Act 1998 and the European Union Services Directive. Our investigations and the legal opinions are now the bedrock of the evidence driving the debate forward.

In defiance of public and parliamentary opinion, Defra announced it would not ban wild animals in circuses but introduce a licensing system, justifying this position with a misleading claim that Austria's ban was being challenged.

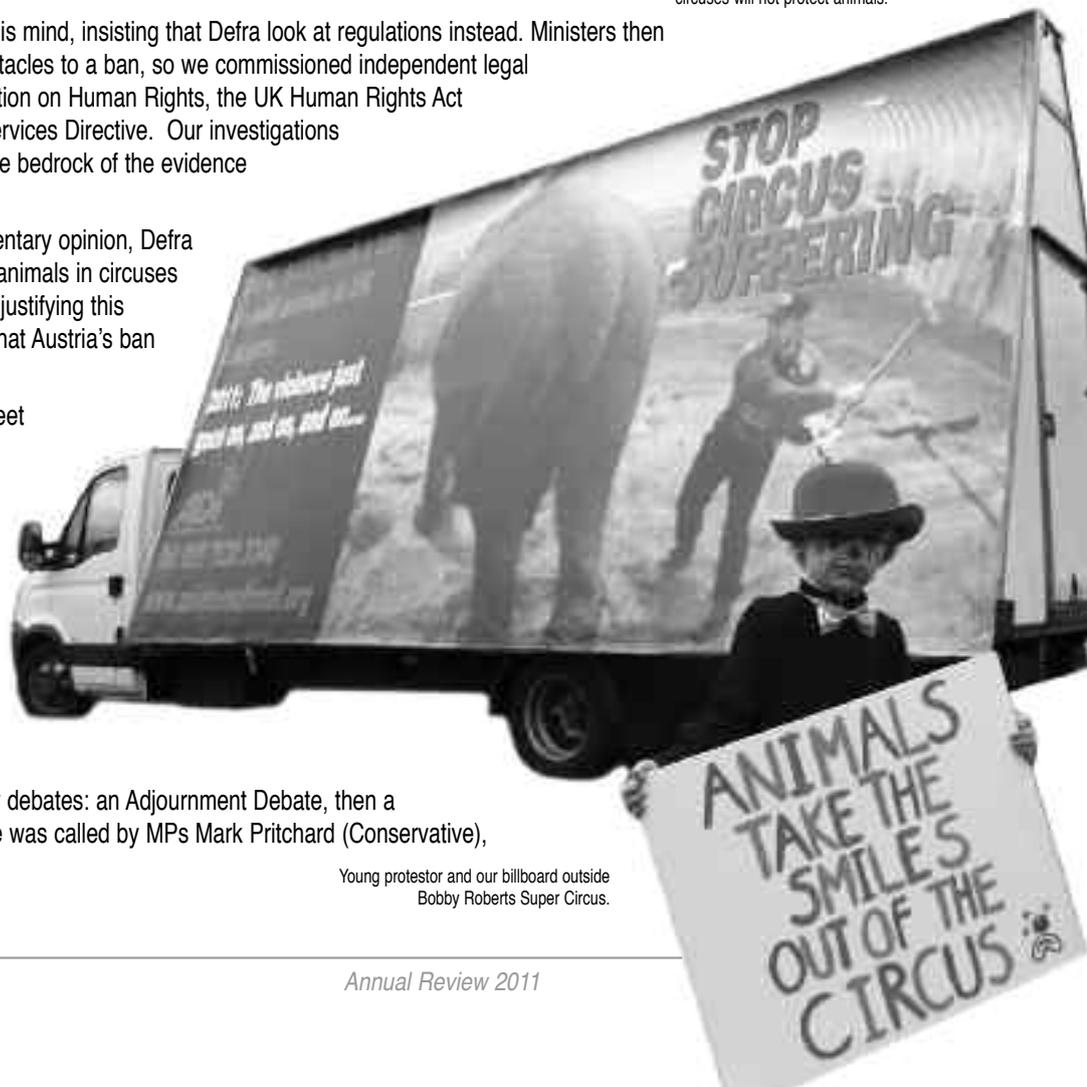
We led a delegation of MPs to meet Minister Lord Henley, bringing statements from the Austrian Constitutional Court and the Court of Justice of the EU, confirming that there was no case.

Cirkus Krone subsequently filed a challenge to Austria's ban, but this was thrown out in December.

There followed two Parliamentary debates: an Adjournment Debate, then a Backbenchers' Committee debate was called by MPs Mark Pritchard (Conservative),



Our report showed that a licensing system for circuses will not protect animals.



Young protestor and our billboard outside Bobby Roberts Super Circus.

Campaigns



Touring the UK raising awareness about circus suffering.



Comedian Ricky Gervais is backing the campaign.



Peru's Congressman Urquiza one of the key campaigners for a ban



Banned: Lionesses in a beastwagon in Peru.

Jim Fitzpatrick (Labour), and Bob Russell (Lib Dem). We organised a mass lobby of supporters urging MPs to vote for a ban, in the face of enormous pressure from the Prime Minister's office. The MPs voted unanimously for a ban. This is an important vote; it is not binding but rather an expression of the will of the House of Commons to the Government, and must therefore be taken seriously.

In Scotland, MSP Elaine Murray secured a debate in the Scottish Parliament where we are encouraged that a significant number of MSPs favour a ban.

Councils in Allerdale and East Ayrshire voted unanimously to ban wild animal acts on council land, adding to the 200 plus local authorities with bans across the country.

Facing Defra's obstinacy, we needed to show evidence that an inspection and licensing regime would fail to protect animals.

We produced a new report, 'Out of Control', which provides case studies where inspections of circuses did not identify husbandry deficits, abuse and even sick animals. We gave examples of footage we had taken at travelling circuses during inspections by Defra officials, local government officials, the RSPCA and even the police. An inspection system for travelling circuses is unworkable.

The year ended with ADI working with a great team of MPs to table over 30 parliamentary questions, laying Early Day Motions (parliamentary petitions) and a Freedom of Information Act request, demanding access to secret Defra inspections of UK circuses. And there is still no credible legal objection to a UK ban. The battle continues in 2012.

European round-up

Victory in Greece: The campaign, launched in 2006, has kept moving steadily forward with our partners, the Greek Animal Welfare Fund. 2011 saw us move closer to a ban and in February 2012 Greece banned all animals from circuses – there will be a full report in our next magazine.

Austria banned wild animal acts in 2005 and this has faced several unsuccessful challenges. ADI has produced evidence each time. In 2011, Germany's Circus Krone filed a complaint before the Austrian Constitutional Court, we again submitted evidence defending the ban; the circus claim was thrown out.

In **Germany**, the Bundesrat passed a resolution calling on the Federal Government to ban the use certain wild animals in circuses. ADI also supplied evidence to the Hessen region where a similar ban is under consideration.

The campaign is active with partner organisations in **Ireland, Norway, Italy, France** and **Spain**.

Victory: Peru bans wild animal circuses

In July, President Alan Garcia of Peru signed into law an end to the use of wild animals in circuses, following an intense four-year campaign involving investigation evidence, scientific reports, videos, petitions, exhibitions and media work. The proposals were tabled several times and were knocked back for a variety of reasons, but persistence paid off, when the bill was attached as an article to the Forestry and Wildlife Bill. We are now working with the Ministry of Agriculture on draft regulations to implement the ban, and arrangements for an animal census.

If we are to even attempt an operation to close Peru's animal circuses for good, as we did in Bolivia, we desperately need you to send us a donation.

This is the second national ban in South America resulting from the undercover investigation concluded in 2007. The harrowing images of animals being beaten, tormented, pelted with rocks, and living in deplorable conditions shocked the continent. Many local bans in towns and cities had been gained using evidence from our previous investigations, but there is no doubt that the



Chitara and Dalila are rescued from the circus by ADI.



Elephant beaten at the Great British Circus.



A huge protest against animal circuses in Colombia.



One of our South American campaign leaflets.

Campaigns



Huge press interest at the Congressional launch of our Bill to ban wild animals in circuses.



Congressman Jim Moran and TV host Bob Barker at the launch of the Federal circus bill.

South America investigation is making national governments take notice. National legislation is moving forward in **Brazil, Ecuador, Chile and Colombia.**

Bolivia: No more animal circuses

Operation Lion Ark closed every Bolivian animal circus and saved every animal – the full story is covered in our rescue section. However, it is worth mentioning it here as a landmark, in terms of animal protection law enforcement. Lion Ark showed that governments can commit to strong animal protections laws and will not be left with unenforceable legislation and animal suffering. The importance of Operation Lion Ark in terms of paving the way for more bans cannot be overstated. *But we cannot do it again without your help.*

South American round-up

We remain very active in **Brazil**, where national legislation to ban animal circuses is advancing. We also continue with the local bans, and public awareness work.

In **Colombia** a new bill, drafted by ADI and sponsored by Congressman Augusto Posada, has been introduced. The scene of some of the worst violence during our undercover investigation, including a chimpanzee being punched in the face and beaten with a chain, makes securing a prohibition in Colombia vital.

In **Ecuador** we launched 'Unnatural Acts' at a press conference; so far, discussions with officials appear to indicated either restrictions, or a ban.

USA: First U.S. Bill for ban on wild animals in circuses

In November, over a year's intense preparation came to fruition as we unveiled the Traveling Exotic Animal Protection Act, H.R. 3359, in Congress.

Launched with Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA), together with award-winning TV host Bob Barker and CSI actress Jorja Fox, and our partner group the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS), the bill will ban wild animals in traveling circuses. The packed news conference was covered nationally and almost 3,000 people watched live online.

A new video entitled 'In the United States today...' features footage from US circuses, secured by our field officers. A series of Congressional briefings provide technical information on key issues such as public health and safety, enforcement, animal welfare, and economics. A major drive to secure this legislation is underway.

We have founded the '**Break the Chain**' network involving local animal advocates in the campaign and have over 200 participating groups across the U.S, to whom ADI provide support and resources. Our posters and leaflets are pouring out across America. We have been involved in major exposés and news stories.

The momentum of the campaign was evident when over 500 animal advocates greeted circus-goers at the Staples Center in Los Angeles for a massive demonstration, which has been called 'The Greatest Circus Protest on Earth'.

CSI actress Jorja Fox addresses Congress at the launch of our bill.



Animals in Entertainment

Movie Stars Electric Shocked

Our campaign to end the cruel exploitation of animals in films, TV and advertising shocked a global audience when we released footage of how the animal star of *Water for Elephants* had been beaten and electric shocked during training.

Tai, a 45-year-old Asian elephant, plays circus elephant Rosie, alongside stars Reese Witherspoon and Robert Pattinson. She was supplied by Have Trunk Will Travel (HTWT), based in California. In the film the elephant is brutally attacked by a circus owner. However the producers, stars, and trainers stressed that Tai had been trained with kindness and marshmallows. Gary Johnson, co-founder of HTWT claimed: *"Tai was never hit in any way at all."* The American Humane Association (AHA) claimed: *"... all these animals have been treated fairly and humanely throughout the entire course of their training."* As the film opened worldwide, ADI's undercover footage from inside HTWT showed the elephants being beaten and electric shocked. Tai cried out as she was shocked into doing the very tricks that appear in the film; the horrifying images shot around the world. Witherspoon, Pattinson, the makers of the film, and AHA were sent the footage, none responded.

ADI launched a lawsuit against HTWT for fraud over claims that Tai was trained with kindness. The Court rejected the case on a technicality, but ruled that, *"... Have Trunk Will Travel's misconduct rose to the level of violating California's Unfair Competition Law and False Advertising Law."* Two months later, the movie *Zookeeper* featured another of the HTWT elephants, whose real name is actually Rosie. By contrast we threw our support behind *Rise of the Planet of the Apes* for their use of computer images instead of animals. The Director spoke out against animal exploitation for such roles.

Have Trunk Will Travel held associate status with the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and we were pleased when, later in the year, the AZA announced a "protected contact" policy, where there is no physical contact between humans and captive elephants; the keeper remains outside of the bars. It effectively ends the use of elephant hooks (bullhooks). We understand that Have Trunk Will Travel's exposure rattled the AZA and helped to bring on the new policy.



Tai, animal 'star' of *Water for Elephants*.

Animals in advertising

We keep up a more general pressure on the industry, too. Each time a performing animal is used in an advertisement for television, or in films, or other advertising, we contact those responsible and endeavour to persuade them not to use animals again.



Kari Johnson, co-owner of Have Trunk Will Travel, using bullhook

Elephant Rides campaign

Have Trunk Will Travel (HTWT) and Progressive Pachyderms (PP), hire elephants out for rides at zoos and fairs in the USA. We began a campaign to end these events, which are presented as harmless fun. Our undercover footage of their elephants being savagely abused shows that for these animals to be compliant in public, they are mercilessly brutalised in private.

As a result, City leaders in Sierra Madre cancelled the HTWT elephant from their Independence Day parade; the San Diego County Fair has expressed concern; the City of Santa Ana announced an end to 25 years of rides at the zoo, saying the decision is based on the AZA decision to ban elephant handlers from sharing the same space as elephants.

Fur

We continued to publicise the suffering of animals for fur throughout the year, using the undercover investigation, reports and leaflets to educate the public and put pressure on the industry.



Our new leaflet in UK and USA. Now in the UK shops of Richer Sounds (hi-fi/home cinema/flat panel TV specialists)

Investigations

Exposing Animal Cruelty



Huntingdon Life Sciences, monkey 88 awaits his fate

ADI's undercover investigations are the frontline in exposing and ending animal suffering around the world. Our operations can last for months or even years, taking meticulous planning, considerable resources, determination and bravery to carry through. Bans on animal circuses and laws on vivisection around the world, including measures currently under consideration, would simply not be possible without this level of commitment.

Two years before the campaigns in Bolivia and Peru were launched, we began the undercover operation that would change everything. Cameras and computers broke down in the intense heat and humidity, it was tough and frightening, but as our footage of screaming, frightened animals was collected we knew we had to press on. Now those countries have banned the abuse.

Our exposé of the abuse of Anne the elephant with Bobby Roberts' Super Circus transformed the lives of Anne and Monty the camel; it galvanised media, public and MPs into action. Previously, our video of elephants with the Great British Circus being abused and chained forced Defra to call a public consultation on wild animals in circuses – and 94.5% called for a ban.

Our investigations, whether inside the Great British Circus, Huntingdon Life Sciences or Have Trunk Will Travel, show that animals are most vulnerable when these establishments believe no one is watching. Our challenge at Bobby Roberts' Super Circus was video evidence inside a barn, inside a circus compound. It appeared impossible at first, but we knew we were Anne's only chance. Eventually we pulled it off and for three and half weeks our camera rolled as elderly Anne, her legs swollen and stiff with arthritis and lack of movement, stood permanently chained to the spot whilst being repeatedly beaten and kicked. Workers also hit, kicked and spat on miniature ponies, horses and a camel called Monty.

The world was sickened as another circus was laid bare and the public outrage compelled the circus to hand over Anne and Monty for retirement. Anne is now on proper medication to help her arthritis, has more space and stimulation, and her condition has improved immensely.

ADI engaged a top legal team to lay criminal charges against Moira and Bobby Roberts under the Animal Welfare Act 2006. The Crown Prosecution Service have thankfully taken over the case. The case, another huge commitment for ADI as we have borne all the cost of legal preparations, will be heard in June 2012.

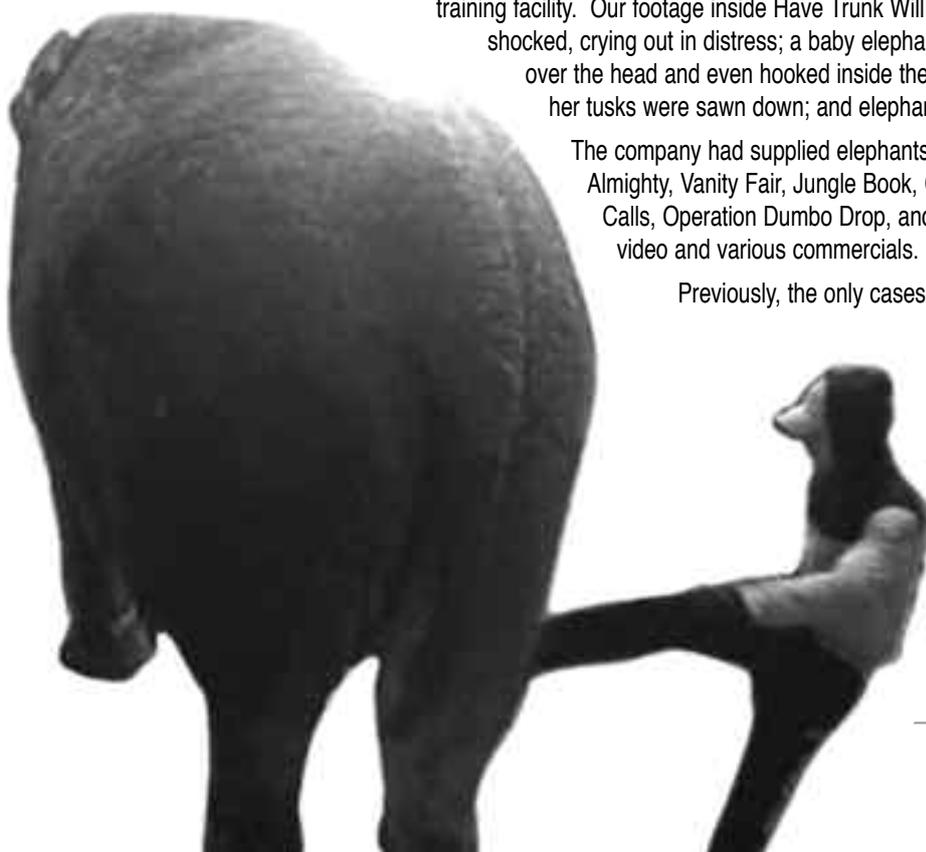
Thanks to our hidden cameras, the world saw for the first time video inside a major Hollywood animal training facility. Our footage inside Have Trunk Will Travel showed elephants being hit and electric shocked, crying out in distress; a baby elephant gasping as he was dragged by the trunk, hit over the head and even hooked inside the mouth; an elephant pinned with bullhooks while her tusks were sawn down; and elephants chained 12 hours a day.

The company had supplied elephants for movies like *Water For Elephants*, *Evan Almighty*, *Vanity Fair*, *Jungle Book*, *George of the Jungle*, *Ace Ventura When Nature Calls*, *Operation Dumbo Drop*, and *Zookeeper*, as well as Britney Spears' Circus video and various commercials. All with claims about humane training.

Previously, the only cases of movie animal abuse had been exposure of Mary Chipperfield Promotions and *Amazing Animals*, both achievements by the ADI investigations teams.

Our investigations change the lives of countless animals but are often undertaken against all odds and at great cost as we try repeatedly to secure evidence that abusers want to ensure remains secret.

We need help to continue this work.



Anne, safe after her rescue from the circus



Our exposé of Anne's abuse shocked the world.



We revealed the secret world of movie training.



Our investigations of the lab monkey trade fueled EU change.



Horrific abuse exposed in Peru and now banned.

Research without animals

Research without animals

Every year, the **Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research** makes a massive financial commitment to developing methods of medical and scientific research that do not use animals or their tissues. Whether it is cancer research, neuroscience, or animals in education, we are at the forefront of developing the techniques that can be used all over the world in pursuit of cures and medical understanding, without animal suffering.

Alternatives to the use of animals in education

2011 marked the 25th anniversary of our collaboration with Professor David Dewhurst developing and promoting the adoption of computer simulations to replace animals in practicals for students studying physiology and pharmacology. Over the years we have created versions in different languages and kept up with advancing technology in project that has spanned the quarter of a century in which personal computers went from novelty to commonplace.

Hundreds of thousands of animals have been saved and animal use completely eradicated at many universities. However, a survey we commissioned from Edinburgh University of animal use in higher education reveals that animal use remains commonplace in European universities, including the UK. There is a long way to go. Once again, the alternatives are available but not used and we must step up our efforts in this area.

Developing blood brain barrier model

We have extended our exciting project to develop a human blood-brain-barrier model for cancer research. 20-30% of cancers spread to the brain.

This human model will enable researchers to determine how cancer spreads to the brain and what factors affect this process. Currently Professor Pilkington is looking at a number of genes to characterise what effect they have in this process, which greatly affects a patient's prognosis.

Breast cancer research

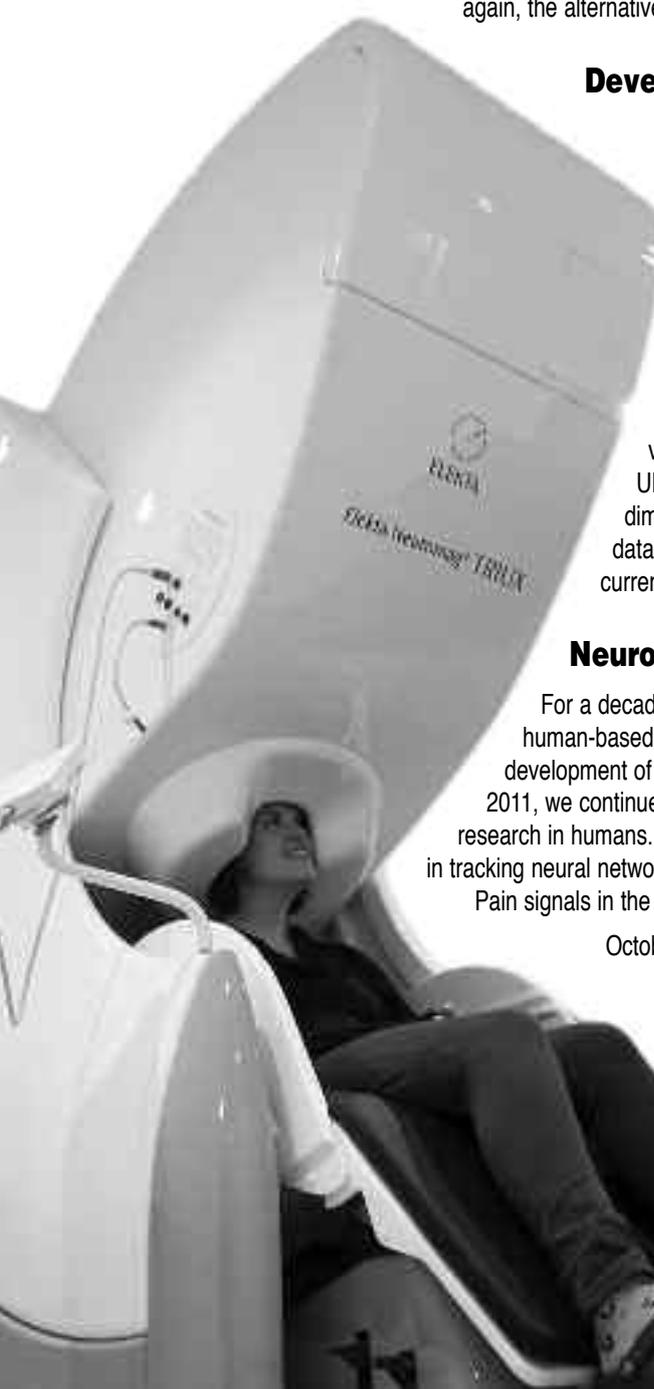
We are currently supporting Dr Debbie Holliday and her team in Leeds to validate and test therapeutics in a new, all human model of breast cancer.

Ultimately, we hope to validate two in vitro models of breast cancer: 3-dimensional cell culture and a tissue slice model, against published animal model data to show that they are viable replacements to the cruel and misleading tests currently performed in mice.

Neurological research

For a decade, we have been at the forefront of supporting the latest developments in human-based neuroscience research, seeing our early pioneering work funding the development of the latest scanning techniques become more and more commonplace. In 2011, we continued to fund support for a wide range of studies concerning neurological research in humans. This has included visual processing and perception in humans, with advances in tracking neural network activity in ways previously only thought possible using invasive methods. Pain signals in the brain was investigated in a study of eight healthy humans.

October 2011 saw the launch of the world-leading Centre of Excellence for brain development and imaging studies at the newly formed Aston Brain Centre (ABC) at Aston University. LDF were guests in recognition of our significant research funding provided to Professor Paul Furlong and his team. This purpose-built centre brings together a unique suite of equipment, facilities and scientists, researching areas as diverse as child development to healthy ageing. Under one roof we can show there are better ways of addressing frightening human conditions like Parkinson's and Alzheimers than using terrified animals.



Animal Rescues

Our animal rescue work has expanded enormously as our campaigns have produced changes that have saved animals. Costs have gone up with the cost of rescues and relocation, and other costs have been added, we take responsibility for the long-term after care of the animals we have rescued and settled in our partner sanctuaries.

ADI does not rescue animals and then drop them off at sanctuaries and move on; we pay for enclosures and animal care costs for life. This means that ADI's worldwide 'rescue sanctuary' is currently caring for 31 lions, 3 monkeys, 2 baboons, a chimpanzee and two horses!

As a result, we are expanding our adoption scheme to help fund these precious charges for life.

Operation Lion Ark: All Bolivia's circus animals saved

Our undertaking to the Bolivian authorities was that if they banned animal circuses, we would assist with enforcement, and any rescue and relocations. This is important, as we need to encourage governments to institute bans, and their first concern is what they will do with the animals. Thus, Operation Lion Ark became the biggest airlift of captive lions that the world has ever seen.

While one circus complied with the new law and quickly handed over their lions (Daktari, Bambek, Simba and Camba) and a baboon (Tilin), some tried to flee the country and others defied the law. This first group of lions were moved to the US at the end of May 2010, leaving the remaining animal circuses to be dealt with.

Working with the Bolivian wildlife authorities, we sent out our field officers across the country, locating the circuses, taking a census of animals and monitoring their movements. A huge task, as Bolivia is 4½ times the size of the UK, but with less than a sixth of the population – very remote.

Over a period of three months we created a temporary holding compound and raided every circus, seized the animals and brought them to our compound in Santa Cruz for veterinary care, feeding, and preparation for transport to their new homes. The native wild animals (monkeys, a coati mundi and deer) were returned to protected wild areas. The domestic animals were relocated in Bolivia. The largest group were 25 African lions from seven circuses and a zoo.

For the first rescue, we negotiated a home for lions Daktari, Bambek, Simba and Camba at the Performing Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) sanctuary in California, funding construction of housing and enclosures with care costs for life.



Greeting Tina at Heathrow – Jan offers some food



Animal Rescues

For Tilin, the baboon, we built a special quarantine unit and enclosure at the Lakeview Primate Sanctuary in the UK, undertaking to fund the relocation and care costs of a companion (a rescue) at a later date.

For the final group of 25 lions, we funded construction of a biosphere and permanent housing with 80 acres set aside for enclosures, at The Wild Animal Sanctuary (TWAS) in Colorado. Again, we will support these animals for life: BamBam and Morena and their noisy family – Rosita, Rosario, Rosa, Campeon, Marta and Maria; Hercules and Kiara and their family – Panchula, Fida and the cubs – Bob, Nancy and Percy; brothers Pancho and Temuco; sisters Chitara and Dalila; Kenya; India; Kimba; the pride of three, ColoColo, Muñeca and Lulu.

The Operation Lion Ark airlift of all the final 25 took place in February 2011, with our well-drilled team loading our precious charges into crates in just 6 hours. The 13-hour journey was smooth, and the families were able to hear each other throughout, minimising anxiety. The prides have all been steadily released into their huge outdoor enclosures, with the largest being 25 acres. It is possible to drive around inside the enclosures and be unable to find them! In summer, the landscape is not unlike African savannah, with long grass and wildflowers. The lions have shelter, lakes, and underground dens. The dens have been especially popular. These are the largest enclosures in the USA and we believe the best we have ever encountered anywhere in the world.

Operation Lion Ark was reported all over the world and is to be the subject of a film and a National Geographic TV special. It has been a huge achievement for ADI, and will bring attention to the cause of animals in entertainment.

The baboons, Tilin and Tina

Gentle and kind Tilin travelled very well, arriving in the UK from Bolivia, via Spain. On arrival, he settled in well into his newly-built quarantine night-house, and enjoyed his outdoor enclosure. He was also fascinated to hear the sounds of the monkeys at the sanctuary, and very quickly made his voice heard!

No more beatings, no more restriction of food and water, no more performing – and yet despite all his suffering at the hands of humans, Tilin loved it when the sanctuary workers would sit and talk to him. However, we were all determined that after a lifetime of loneliness – at least 16 years – he would not remain alone.

And so it was that the call went over the worldwide network – we were looking to rescue another Hamadryas baboon as a companion for Tilin. We were alerted to Tina and a collaboration between the two sanctuaries and ADI brought Tina to the UK. His life was transformed; someone who speaks his language, someone to hold; his loneliness ended.

Tina had been a pet, born in Israel and exported to Cyprus, but her owner abandoned her when she grew too large to handle. She had been at a donkey sanctuary for around five years. After a careful introductory period of living in separated quarters, and Tina treated to prevent pregnancy, the two were properly introduced. Bliss. They are now inseparable, together forever.

Our next challenge is to build a new baboon habitat in the natural woodland at the sanctuary where they will have trees, bushes, insects – the best life we can provide. And we hope, a home for more baboons rescued from desperate circumstances in future. This is still at the planning stage, but we expect to be raising at least £100,000 for a new baboon unit for Tilin, Tina and others, to live as they should for the rest of their lives.

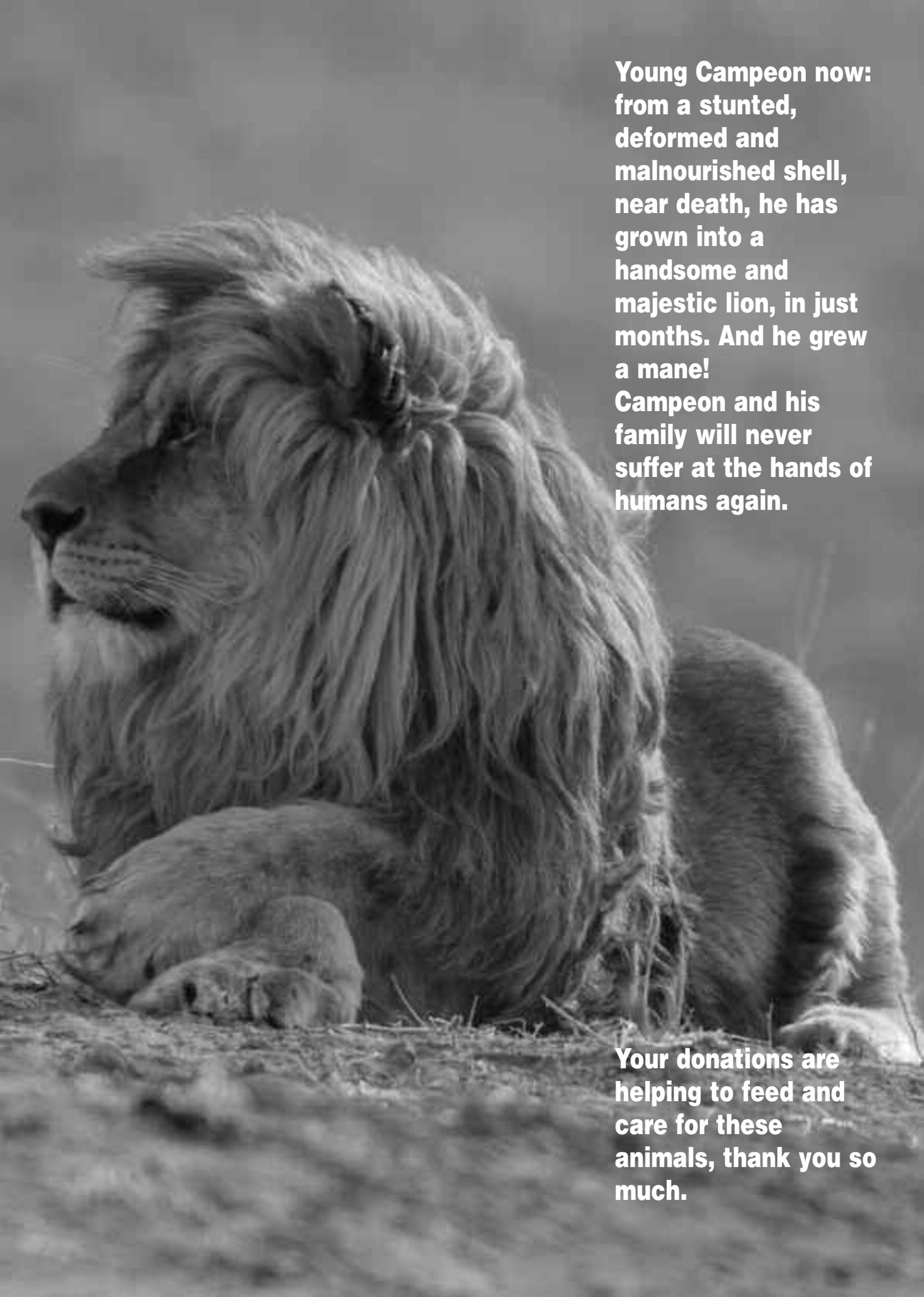
The others: Monkeys, horses, a chimpanzee and more lions

Tim the horse was just days away from being dinner for a group of lions when we found him in Bolivia. Tied to a tree on a short rope he watched disconsolately as we removed all the animals, but he wasn't left behind. Today he roams free in a remote area of northern Bolivia owned by the family of a supporter. He now has the company of a mare called **Rosita** and in November, they **adopted a small wild foal**, who was also alone.

We saved **Toto the chimpanzee** from a circus in Chile in 2003, and took him all the way home to Africa where he is now part of a family of 14 chimps. Since 2003, we have supported Toto's care at Chimfunshi Wildlife Orphanage in Zambia – probably the finest chimpanzee sanctuary in the world.

Caesar & Sarah, two lions we rescued from a circus in Portugal in 2007, also made it home to Africa, thanks to ADI supporters and their donations. They are inseparable, living in a huge enclosure of natural bush in South Africa.

We rescued the monkeys **Betty, Baloo and Boo from a European laboratory** in 2009, and built them a wonderful woodland enclosure at Lakeview, close to where we hope to build our new baboon habitat.



Young Campeon now: from a stunted, deformed and malnourished shell, near death, he has grown into a handsome and majestic lion, in just months. And he grew a mane! Campeon and his family will never suffer at the hands of humans again.

Your donations are helping to feed and care for these animals, thank you so much.

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Our group of organisations – Animal Defenders International, together with the National Anti-Vivisection Society of the UK and the Lord Dowding Fund for Humane Research of the UK – work together to protect animals used in industry and for their replacement in scientific and medical research.

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During 2011 we suffered a massive drop in income as the recession bit deep (amounts from legacies dropped due to poor house sales, and individual donations were lower). Our income was half of that in 2010. A large donation from US TV celebrity Bob Barker covered the costs of Operation Lion Ark, including construction of the new lion habitats, but the huge drop in income threatened all other activity.

With so much work for animals at a critical stage (laws under consideration; major investigations at critical stages) animals lives were in the balance, so we committed a large part of our small reserves to press on. The result: Peru and Greece banned animal circuses; the UK and USA moved closer; Anne saved; Tai's suffering exposed; we mounted an offensive to secure the best possible protection for lab animals in the UK and rescued every circus animal from Bolivia.

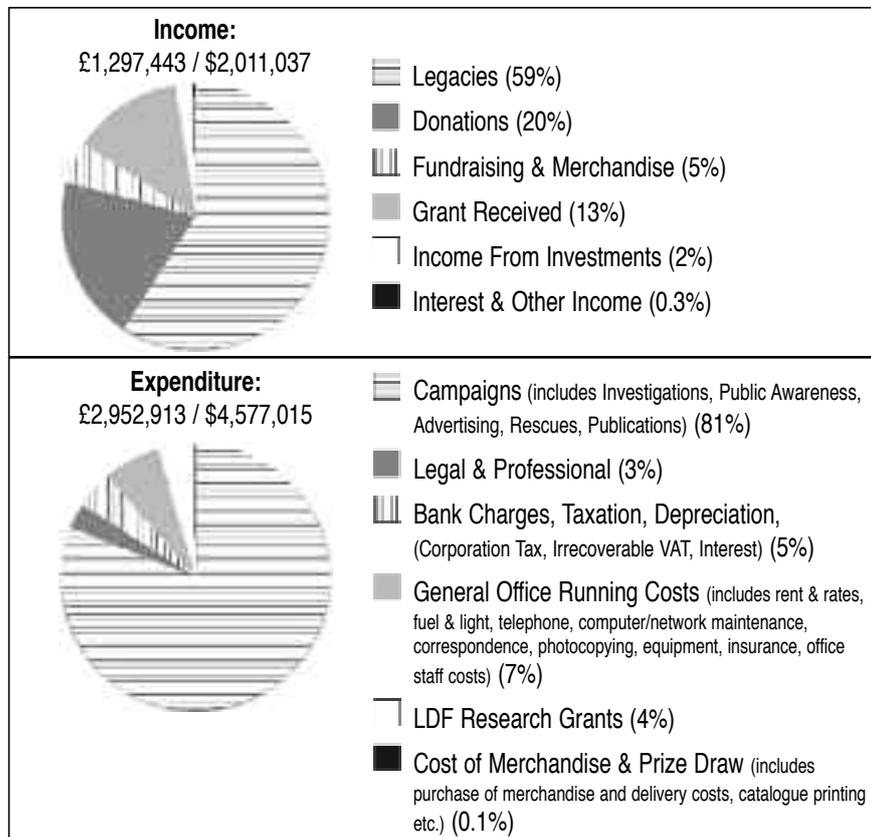
But we cannot maintain this pace without increasing income. In the past months we have reduced staff in the UK and South America and made very significant cuts in activity. *We are urgently calling for funds to continue the work in this Annual Review.*

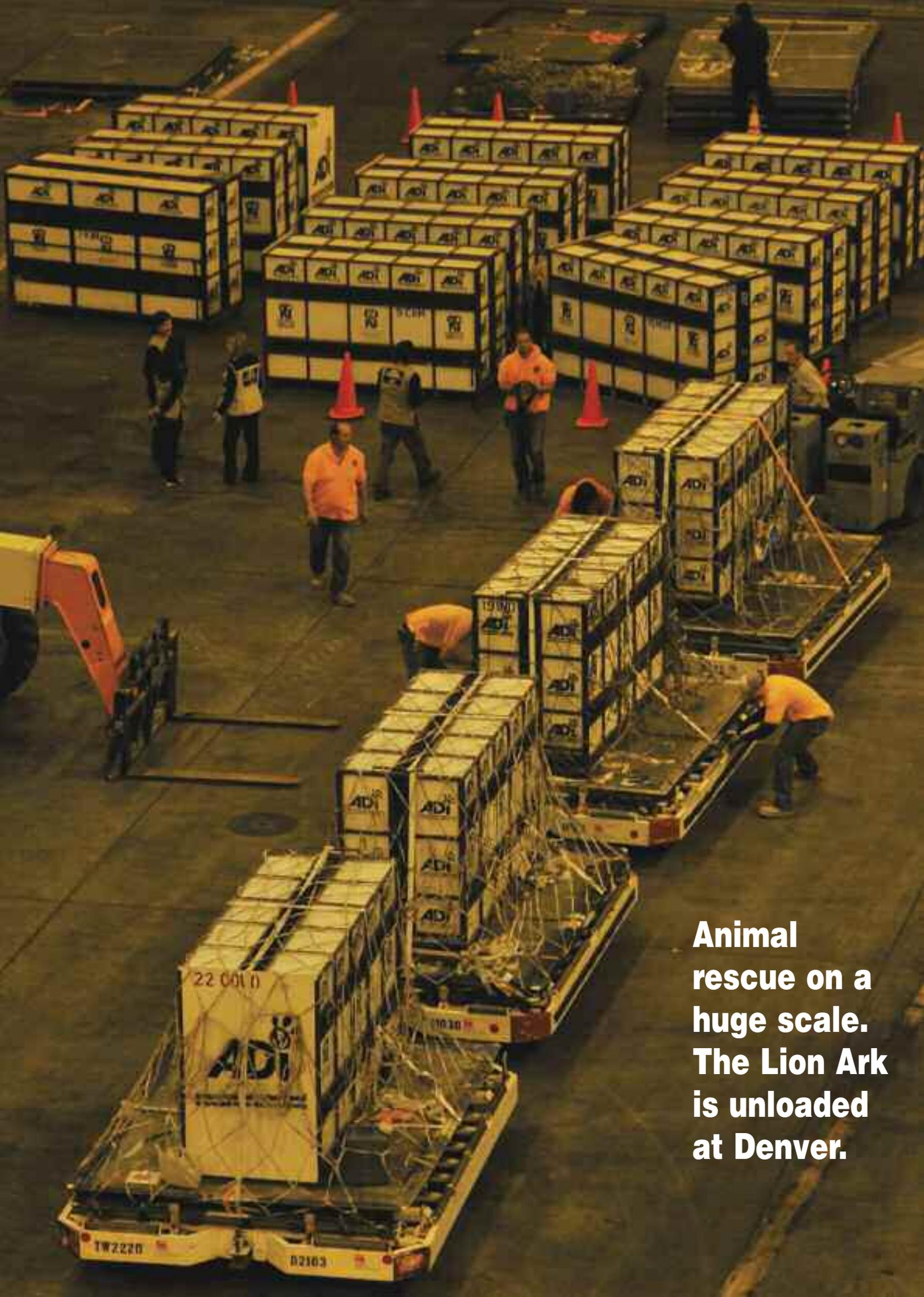
Our supporters have been tremendous over the past year, responding to our pleas when we have needed action, helping raise funds and defending animals every day. You have contributed to government consultations on vivisection and circuses, collected money for us, written letters and emails, handed out leaflets and made a difference for animals.

Your donations help us to fund the care of our rescued animals, run our undercover investigations, educate the public and always, to be there for the animals.

Please accept our profound and heartfelt thanks for all that you do and please help us to keep doing more in 2012.

ADI, LDF, NAVS Group finances worldwide 2011





**Animal
rescue on a
huge scale.
The Lion Ark
is unloaded
at Denver.**

Roll of Honour

Legacies left to us in their Wills by our supporters, remains our greatest source of income. The undercover investigations, the science research, the Lord Dowding Fund projects, the public education campaigns are all entirely dependent upon this vital funding.

The consideration and forethought of these supporters has left a lasting legacy for animals and helps to bring closer, the day when animals are free of suffering caused by humans.

Here we honour and thank the wonderful people who have given so much to our cause:

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NAVS MISSION: To raise the conscience of humanity to the iniquity of painful experiments on animals; to raise awareness that millions of animals suffer and die in cruel, unscientific, and futile experiments, which are unreliable, unethical, and unnecessary.

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We are opposed to violence or intimidation whether directed at humans or other animals.

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