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Auf wiedersehen pet fairs

The government has announced it will use the Animal Welfare Bill to stop the sale of animals at pet fairs. These events, where mostly birds and reptiles are sold directly to the public, were first banned in 1983. Investigations by the Captive Animals Protection Society reveal stressed, wild caught birds in overcrowded cages, snakes kept in small plastic tubs and children handling animals and at risk of catching salmonella. Sadly, fish, racing pigeons and poultry are to be exempt from the ban.

Rescue me!

This new database of rescue animals reveals birds, fish, cats, dogs, horses and small furry friends in need of a good home. Go to www.rescuedb.com for more info.



Have a bellyful

Harem Nights offer unique theme events in London and the South East with Middle Eastern belly dance performance, live drumming, workshops, drumming circle, dressing up, 100 per cent vegetarian Middle Eastern meal (vegan available too) and more. Perfect for birthdays, hen nights, weddings and corporate events. For more info go to www.haremnights.co.uk or tel 01825 841350.

The Viva 10

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RSPCA listens

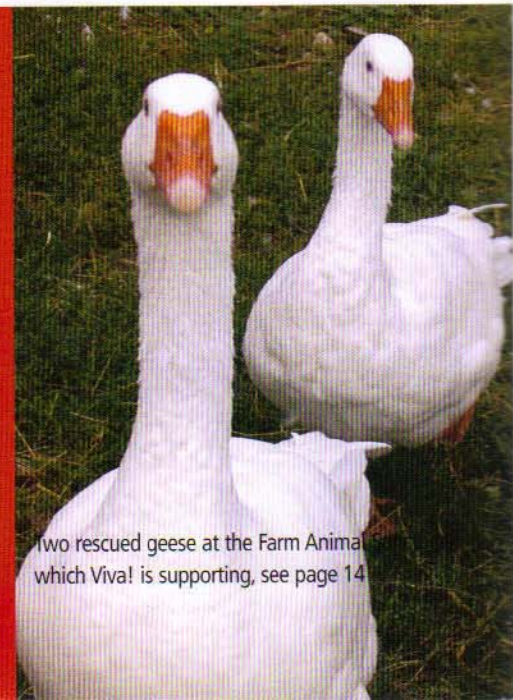
Viva! director Juliet Gellatley was recently invited to give a talk to 80 staff and members of the South East region of the RSPCA. Other speakers included the charity's director general Jackie Ballard and a representative of Freedom Food. The subject of Juliet's talk was *Why you don't need dairy*, in which she spelt out the inherent cruelty of dairy farming. She revealed that dairy cows are probably the most abused of all farmed animals and many people in the audience vowed to ditch dairy. Our sincere thanks to Samantha Holden and Angela Walder who organised it. If you would like to organise a local talk at which Juliet will speak, we can offer help in organising it. Contact us on 0117 944 1000.

End of sale

The Gritti Palace restaurant in Hastings closed after we wrote complaining that they sold kangaroo meat. And the Verzon hotel in Trumpet, Ledbury, has taken foie gras off its menu – the third restaurant in as many weeks that has wiped this repugnant 'delicacy' from their menu due to campaign pressure.

Following Viva!'s successful campaign to ban foie gras in California, Chicago city council has followed suit, banning livers from force-fed ducks and geese – and Philadelphia is thinking of following suit. "It's a slippery slope", said mortgage banker Ben Goldhirsh. "Will veal be next and lobster and that fur coat in the closet?" Yes, Ben and your point is?

If there is an eatery near you which sells foie gras or exotic meat, please let us know and we'll get on the case. Email campaigns@viva.org.uk or tel 0117 944 1000



Two rescued geese at the Farm Animal which Viva! is supporting, see page 14