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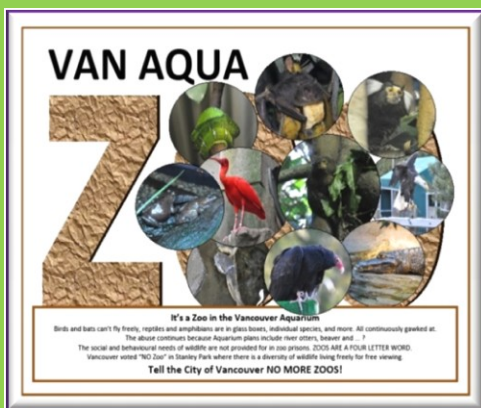
I have some new campaigns to tell you about and an update.

### What's New

**ITEM #1: Children, as young as 6 or 7, are injured at Lil' Britches Rodeos.** It was sad to see these kids hurt and crying. On March 29<sup>th</sup> Lifeforce sent a letter to Councillors in Chilliwack and Langley where some of these children rodeos are held. We are urging them to stop the exploitation of children and animals. We've asked them to raise the participant age limit to teenagers.

**You can read the letter, see some slides and view our video "Bless the Beats and Children".**

**Link:** <http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org/newsitem.php?id=96>



**ITEM #2: Van Aqua Zoo is some more education information in Lifeforce's campaign to Stop the Vancouver Aquarium Expansion.** See the Link: Aqua Zoo and Protect Nature: Let Stanley Park Be! (on the second page of this link) [http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org/files/VAN\\_AQUA\\_ZOO.pdf](http://www.lifeforcefoundation.org/files/VAN_AQUA_ZOO.pdf)

**ITEM #3: "Milk Not So Delicious"** in spite of claims by the Canadian Dairy Industry. In addition to the health hazards from the fats and cholesterol there are high level of somatic cells (white "pus" cells) and bacteria that is not killed by the pasteurization process.

You can learn more about the unhealthy, cruel dairy industry by seeing the new videos "Milk Machines"

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ttDiWrPWK4I> , Tie & Free Stalls

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IzNxuqA5oY> and Inside a Goat Farm (goats being used for dairy and meat) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzIgm-VWNhU>

**Drink the healthy and humanely. Drink Soya Milk.**

Lifeforce is presently writing a book about factory farming in Canada. Philosopher Peter Singer (author of Animal Liberation and co-author of Factory Farms) told us that he supports this work and will write the Forward.

**ITEM #4:** Remember the news stories about the "Pigeon King" who duped many investors to spend big bucks to factory farm pigeons for their meat? Well the squab industry is striving in BC. Check our new "Inside a Pigeon Farm" video <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FpssaEoZ2D4>

**ITEM #5: Firefighters' Broken Promise to Stop Supporting Vivisection?**

In the late 80s and early 90s Lifeforce investigated horrific burn experiments supported by the BC Professional Fire Fighters Association (BCPFFA). Rats were submerged in boiling water to test various combinations of creams already being used for people. We were physically harassed and laid criminal charges against one Fire Fighter who tore up our education campaign at the World Police and Fire Games held in Vancouver (1989).

A current Lifeforce investigation has revealed that the Head of the BC Professional Firefighters' Burn & Wound Healing Research Laboratory at Vancouver General Hospital has participated in horrific experiments. Rats and rabbits were each cut several times to test methods that were already being studied with human patients and in cell cultures studies.



We have sent a letter to the BCPFFA and will provide more information about this and other current vivisection in BC.

**After nearly 30 years I am still shocked and saddened from what I see still continuing in these labs. A lot more news about vivisection to come!**



### Updates

We have new links to our videos that we released in our **Ban Farm Animal Cruelty Campaign**. The "Little Doggies" and "Little Piggies" shows the deplorable ways that calves and pigs are continually chained and confined on Canadian factory farms. It would be illegal to chain a dog for months so why be cruel to these little doggies and piggies?

If you haven't already done so please email Prime Minister Stephen Harper: [pm@pm.gc.ca](mailto:pm@pm.gc.ca)



Links: Little Doggies <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E6o4HuhNkZI>  
Little Piggies <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pw8ITHo9qQo>



I hope you will give your moral and financial support to help us continue this important work. Lifeforce has been hit hard in these tough economic times – donations are scarce.

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### ABOUTLIFEFORCE

Lifeforce is a non-profit Vancouver based ecology organization that was formed in 1981 to raise public awareness of the interrelationship between people, animals, and the environment. We promote animal rights and ecological responsibility. In order to develop a non-violent society we must extend our circle of compassion to include all sentient creatures with whom we share this planet. We are based in Canada but our work has no boundaries.

Lifeforce has been registered as a non-profit organization under the Society Act of BC since 1981. Your [memberships, donations and bequests](#) help us continue our important work.

