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THE ARLAN END OF YEAR REVIEW

Welcome to the second annual ARLAN end of year review. To our members and readers, this is our chance to take stock and let you know how ARLAN is doing. It's a chance to review our successes, analyze our failures, and look to the future. There is a great deal to celebrate, and also a great deal of work to be done. On the whole, the Executive Committee is pleased with the progress we've made and is hoping for even more exciting advances in 2004. Here are some of the highlights from 2003.

In each section, we have set out the goals we set for ourselves in 2003, assessed how they were met, and set out new goals for 2004.

ORGANIZATION – COMING TOGETHER

2003 GOALS: To strengthen our organization by spreading the workload to our members across the country. To broaden the Executive Committee and redistribute tasks in a more effective manner.

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: On the whole, this area was positive for ARLAN in 2003, though there were some unfortunate developments. On the plus side was the insertion of new energy into our Executive Committee with the addition of three new members: Kerry Pollock, Louise Brown and Anna Cowperthwaite. These additional members have helped us a great deal in allowing ARLAN to move forward with new tasks. We also have had some progress in setting down more defined rules for the operation of the Executive Committee.

This year was also notable in the strong participation of members from across the country. While ARLAN remains based in Auckland, lawyers from across the country have been extremely helpful in providing legal advice on our many projects. Later on in the newsletter, we recognize our most helpful members!

On the downside, we were very disappointed to lose our "separate" Chapter in Wellington. While members of our Wellington group had no shortage of enthusiasm and energy, our original chairperson left New Zealand in **[Continued on page 2]**

This is the final edition of the ARLAN Newsletter for 2003. The first edition of 2003 will be a joint January/February edition, which should be distributed in early February. The newsletter staff wish everyone a happy holiday season.

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ORGANIZATION – COMING TOGETHER

mid-2003, and without a replacement willing to lead the charge, the group officially disbanded. On the positive side, our Wellington members have remained a part of ARLAN, and many have provided legal advice on important projects.

Another positive was the continued development of ARLAN's "social side". Recognizing that members would feel more connected with our organization if we met for social purposes in addition to work purposes, ARLAN hosted several social functions this year. In February, we held an afternoon wine and cheese for Auckland members. September saw a very successful Video Night, and the Executive Committee has held several dinners, which will culminate in our year-end Christmas party.

2004 GOALS: For 2004, we are hoping to continue building on what we have accomplished in 2003. After two years, it is time to begin setting down a more coherent organizational framework, and this is something we hope to accomplish for 2004. In addition, we plan to continue setting out a more formal structure for the Executive Committee and more clearly define the manner in which work is delegated throughout the organization.

Additionally, we hope to continue planning social events to allow members to get to know each other better.

NEWSLETTER

2003 GOALS: Three specific goals were set out in our 2002 end of year newsletter: 1) Triple our readership from 200 to 600 readers; 2) Enhance the quality and quantity of our product, with nine issues (up from 7), and 3) Increase the number of persons contributing to the newsletter. In 2002, ten people assisted with the newsletter, and we hoped to raise it to 20.

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: Technically, only one of these three goals was achieved, but given the ambitious nature of the objectives, we believe the newsletter was a stunning success in 2003, as even our "misses" were narrow ones.

Tripling our readership was always going to be an ambitious goal. Nonetheless, we came close, as we now have over 400 readers each month. Moreover, our newsletter is widely circulated in the places that count. It is read by the SPCA, by many members of MAF, by academics and law students across the country, by close to a hundred lawyers, and by members of the media. We didn't get 600, but on the whole, we have done well in increasing circulation.

As for enhancing the quality and quantity of the product, this goal was met and surpassed. While it was tough going at times, we met our objective of producing nine newsletters, on exactly the schedule we set for ourselves. **[Continued on page 3]**

NEWSLETTER

More importantly, the quality and quantity of the newsletter have both improved dramatically. The newsletter has virtually doubled in size and we were very pleased by the overall quality of the articles. The newsletter now deals with a wide variety of matters, and several articles investigated matters never before addressed in New Zealand. We believe the newsletter is well on its way to achieving its goal of being the primary source of information on animal law in New Zealand. In this issue, readers can see the breadth of material covered, as we have included our very first Annual Index of newsletter articles for ease of research. All articles are available on our web site: www.arlan.org.nz.

Finally, while we did not achieve our goal of having 20 contributors, we were not far off. Nineteen writers produced articles for the newsletter in 2003.

2004 GOALS: We have a number of ambitious goals in mind for 2004. First, we are thrilled to announce a change to the name of the ARLAN Newsletter. In recognition of the fact that the newsletter does more than simply relate the “news”, we hope to take the next step in producing a work of legal significance to the profession. As of February 2004, the ARLAN Newsletter will become the ARLAN Report. It’s not quite an Animal Law Journal yet, but we hope to get there eventually.

More importantly, in 2004 we hope to focus on quality more than anything else. We have begun a process of planning for the research and writing of articles over the long-term, something we hope will ultimately produce work that carefully examines issues of interest to the New Zealand legal community.

2004 ARLAN REPORT
SCHEDULE
FEBRUARY
MARCH
APRIL
MAY
JULY
AUGUST
SEPTEMBER
OCTOBER
DECEMBER

THE ARLAN REPORT IS DISTRIBUTED NINE TIMES ANNUALLY. THERE IS NO REPORT PRODUCED IN JANUARY, JUNE AND NOVEMBER.

And of course, we hope to increase circulation once more. This time we will set a more realistic goal of 500 subscribers. This is something everyone can help us out with! If you know of someone who might be interested in subscribing, send them to our website. New subscribers simply have to send a message to newsletter@arlan.org.nz with the subject message SUBSCRIBE to get on our mailing list. **[Continued on page 4]**

OUTREACH/PUBLICITY

2003 GOALS: To continue spreading ARLAN's message by publicizing our efforts and using the media to recruit new members. To expand ARLAN's website. To create a rapid response team to address pressing issues in the media.

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: This was one of the areas of greatest difficulty for ARLAN in 2003. Our problem is simple. We lack a member of our Executive Committee who has a specific interest in publicity. Publicity and outreach were raised as major issues requiring our attention at virtually every Executive Committee meeting. Nonetheless, most of our members were too busy with other projects to devote time to this issue. Still, it is a major challenge for ARLAN, as while we are thrilled with the members we have, 2003 did not see a growth in membership, and we believe the major reason was a failure to get our message out – especially in the South Island.

The Web Site has proved to be a greater success. 2003 saw major changes to the design and complexity of the site. It can now justly be called a major resource tool on Animal Law, with helpful indices allowing the reader to navigate to the information they need. If you haven't done so recently, check it out!



ARLAN's logo, courtesy of Richard Cranenburgh and NDC (new Media Northern Design Consultancy), a highly creative design and advertising company based in Whangarei
<http://www.ndcdesign.co.nz>

Other successes involved the development of our new logo, and the expansion of our media contacts. Several of our Executive Committee members were heard from in New Zealand and Australian media commenting on Animal Law issues throughout the year.

2004 GOALS: Outreach, outreach outreach! It is essential that we stimulate our membership numbers in 2004. We hope to have at least two articles focusing on ARLAN placed in appropriate legal and animal related media this year. We also intend to use the Animal Welfare Conference as a major outreach tool.

LEGAL WORK

2003 GOALS: Establish a presence in the courtroom by taking animal welfare cases forward in appropriate instances. Provide legal opinions to animal advocacy groups. Provide legal analysis on legislative initiatives involving animals. **[Continued on page 5]**

LEGAL WORK

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: This was an area of mixed success for ARLAN in 2003. Without a doubt, we were much more active in pursuing legal research than in 2002. In terms of legislative initiatives, ARLAN worked on four major projects with great success: 1) our Dog Control Act Submission, detailed earlier this year in the Newsletter; 2) our submissions on the Code of Welfare for Circuses, 3) legal assistance to the New Zealand Companion Animal Council on the Draft Code of Welfare for Cats and 4) drafting advice to the Green Party regarding a proposed legislative amendment to the Animal Welfare Act 1999.

In addition, a great deal of legal research was prepared for different organizations. In 2003, we provided pro-bono legal opinions to the NZCAC, the SPCA and several other animal welfare organizations. And that wasn't all! We have also prepared legal research on a number of topics that will form the basis of a number of campaigns in 2004. This includes research on live sheep export, and an analysis of the Animal Welfare Act and its relationship to wildlife. Finally, work has been conducted on how to obtain offender's criminal records for animal welfare prosecutions.

Less successful was our work in the courtroom and we have come to realize that it may be some time before ARLAN is able to pursue cases in front of judicial tribunals. While our spirit is willing, we are currently lacking advocates with this sort of knowledge, and the nature of our organization – which is still virtually unfunded – makes it difficult to organize cases of value. We are not currently making court action a leading plank in our campaign.

ARLAN'S EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WISHES TO THANK
THE MEMBERS WHO PROVIDED ASSISTANCE WITH
OUR MAJOR LEGAL INITIATIVES THIS YEAR:

CIRCUS CODE: Sharon Lont, Janice Norman, Danielle Williamson

COURTROOM ASSISTANCE: Gretel Fairbrother, Brent O'Callaghan,
Joanne Wickliffe, Danielle Williamson

DOG CONTROL ACT: Jill Jones

DRAFT CAT CODE: Sharon Lont, Tiffany MacNeill, Mark Rene-Ruakane,
Victoria Whitfield

LEGAL OPINION WORK: Asa Lind-Chong, Karla Horstmans, Annabel
Markham, Donna McKnight, Victoria Whitfield

LEGAL WORK

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: Still, while we did not establish a permanent presence in litigating on animal rights issues, we have set up a “referral” service on litigation matters, and several of our members did pro bono work on behalf of clients involving animal law issues.

2004 GOALS: Keep up the pace! There are a number of important Codes of Welfare that will be up for review in 2004 and it is critical that ARLAN review and comment on each of them. We also intend to continue providing free legal advice to the organizations that work on the front line of the animal welfare battle.

EDUCATION – AUCKLAND FACULTY OF LAW

2003 GOALS: 1) Reinvigorate our student numbers after a number of students graduated; 2) Expand our seminar series to six seminars; 3) Continue promoting student research on animal law, and 4) Begin a discussion group on animal law.

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: Another area of mixed success, and one in which we hope to do better in 2004. Our student group numbered around fifteen students throughout the year, although many participated less than we would have liked. On the other hand, we had several students who were wonderful ARLAN supporters and were an integral part of our newsletter writing and seminar series. As is our habit, we have targeted a number of the more active students for future roles in our Executive Committee.

The seminar series continued in 2003, but only three seminars were held. Each of these was successful, and we have begun videotaping seminars so that they can be utilized in future years. The problem with holding six seminars lay with the timing of the Auckland law school calendar. Because of the way in which the semester is structured, it is very difficult to hold more than four seminars in a given year. Still, we recognize that this is an area that requires greater planning for 2004. A special thanks is owed to Aaron Koolen for his spectacular efforts in videotaping our seminars!

Formal student research lagged a bit in 2003, but this had more to do with the number of available students in later years than any lagging enthusiasm. Nonetheless, animal law is now a recognized area for supervision at Honours and Masters level at Auckland, and at least one dissertation at each level is currently being researched.

2004 GOALS: Three major objectives have been set out for 2004. First, we intend to hold a more manageable number of seminars, four, and advertise them properly, with a set schedule organized at the beginning of the law school year. Second, we hope to have at least fifteen committed students participating in events throughout the year. Finally, our major education objective is the Animal Welfare Law Conference that we are co-hosting with Unitec in March 2004. This major initiative will be fully profiled in the February 2004 edition of the ARLAN Report.

FUNDRAISING

2003 GOALS: Our fundraising goals from 2002 were extremely vague, though we recognized the increased importance of this task. We did however, have plans to begin an active fundraising programme.

2003 ACHIEVEMENTS: In August, ARLAN launched its first Annual Fundraising Appeal. Advertising through our newsletter, and with a limited amount of direct targeted letters to certain members, we appealed primarily to existing members and readers of our newsletters.

The response was quite good, with contributions continuing to come in. At the moment, we have received close to \$1200, money that will be extremely useful in allowing us to co-host the Animal Welfare conference in 2004. We received donations from nearly twenty members, in amounts ranging from \$20 to \$120. While we were excited to receive this much in donations, we were somewhat disappointed by the lack of response from many of our lawyers. On balance, we received considerably more in funding from our non-lawyer newsletter readers.

From an organizational standpoint, a great deal has been done to make fundraising an ongoing issue. We have now standardized our membership forms and information packets to ensure that all new members are aware of the importance of funding to our operation.

While our fundraising appeal is officially completed for 2003, we are always in need of more funds, and we are still accepting donations! If you would like to help, please send a cheque made out to ARLAN, to PO Box 6065, Wellesley St., Auckland.

2004 GOALS: More fundraising! In August, we will launch our second annual appeal, setting a goal of \$2000 as our objective. More targeted efforts to contact prospective donors will be a key part of our new strategy.

HOW TO HELP IN 2004!

As always, it is critical to reinforce that ARLAN has no “independent” existence. It is only as strong as the support of its members. We are constantly looking for individuals who wish to help on any of our projects, including:

- help in writing our newsletter (including a regular column or feature – we can suggest article ideas for you)
- assisting with outreach and publicity initiatives
- fundraising help
- legal research on legislative initiatives
- volunteering to coordinate and litigate on animal related matters

And much more! What we need more than anything else is your initiative, energy and enthusiasm to help out on a particular project! See you in 2004!

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This is the first index to articles produced in the ARLAN Newsletter. Articles are indexed by subject, and then by author. In accordance with the upcoming change to the ARLAN Newsletter (to the ARLAN Report), we have changed our citation style. Articles from the newsletter should now be cited as follows:

AUTHOR, ARTICLE NAME, YEAR OF NEWSLETTER, NEWSLETTER NUMBER, ARLAN R., AND PAGE NUMBER.

While the volume number, which denotes the number of years in which the newsletter has been published, will continue to appear on the newsletter itself, it shall not be included in the citation, as the year should suffice.

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ARLAN ALSO WISHES TO THANK THE WRITERS OF OUR REGULAR FEATURES:

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WEB SITE REVIEW: **Steven Gallaugh**, Feb.-May; **Amie Wolken**, August-Oct.

REPORT FROM WELLINGTON: **Tiffany MacNeill**, Feb.; **Shannon Austin**, March

ANIMAL WELFARE LAW CONFERENCE

Saturday, March 13, 2004 in Auckland

ARLAN and the Unitec School of Animal Health and Welfare are pleased to announce that they will be co-hosting New Zealand's first ever legal conference that will examine the operation of the Animal Welfare Act 1999. Topics and speakers are still being confirmed, but the general theme of the Conference is to take "a practical and visionary assessment of animal welfare law after the Animal Welfare Act 1999 ("the Act)". In particular, emphasis will be placed on the examining the successes and failures of prosecutions and sentencing under the Act.

The Conference aims to provide practical advice to those involved in administering animal welfare law, while at the same time providing a forum in which the need for legislative reform can be examined. This will be achieved through a mix of structured presentations from people experienced in relevant fields, and more practical workshop sessions focussed on specific areas. Topics that are currently being considered are:

- The successes and shortcomings of sentencing under the Act in deterring animal cruelty;
- Solutions via new reforms to the Act: Legislative deficiencies and the biggest areas for reform;
- How to make a sentencing submission under the Animal Welfare Act 1999;
- Utilizing the forfeiture provisions under the Act.

All those with an interest in animal welfare are invited to attend. More details will be made available as speakers and topics are confirmed, so watch this space! In the meantime, queries or suggestions can be directed to Anna Cowperthwaite at: acowperthwaite@yahoo.com.au

ARLAN IS OFFERING TRAVEL SUBSIDIES FOR TWO ANIMAL WELFARE INVESTIGATORS!

Part of ARLAN's mandate is to enhance the quality of animal welfare law in New Zealand and we believe education is a key to making this happen. We are aware that many investigators volunteer their time and may not have the financial means to attend this important conference.

We plan to help! ARLAN has decided to financially sponsor two investigators who would like to attend the conference. We will cover the travel and registration costs for our two sponsored investigators.

Interested persons need to complete a short form that is available on our website. You can also obtain the form by e-mailing newsletter@arlan.org.nz or by calling Peter Sankoff, at (09) 373 7599 x88802. The deadline for applications is January 15, 2004.

Animal Rights Legal Advocacy Network

Improving the law to improve the conditions of animals

ARLAN is an organization of New Zealand lawyers and law students established in 2001, working to improve the law as it affects animals. We need your help to make this a reality.

How you can help?

- **Information** – By joining our e-mail chat group you can learn more about animal law issues in New Zealand. In turn, you can keep us posted about issues arising near you. E-mail: contact@arlan.org.nz to join in. Also, check out our web page: www.arlan.org.nz
- **Become an Active Member of ARLAN** – ARLAN urgently needs dedicated lawyers and law students who care about the plight of animals to join our cause. We succeed only to the extent that we have supporting volunteers who are willing to help. There are a number of ways you can assist, and what we need most is your time and enthusiasm! Several projects are underway and require assistance:
 - the **ARLAN Newsletter** needs volunteers to assist in writing and production. We also require volunteers outside of Auckland to assist in distributing our newsletter. To help out contact: newsletter@arlan.org.nz
 - the **ARLAN Animal Cruelty Committee** needs volunteers to help us ensure that better animal cruelty prosecutions are undertaken where animals are deliberately hurt. This committee is still in the process of being established, but for more information, contact: cruelty@arlan.org.nz
 - the **ARLAN Legislative Review Committee** needs volunteers to assist in reviewing and making submissions on legislative initiatives at different levels of government. To help contact: betterlaws@arlan.org.nz
 - people with any artistic ability or fundraising skills are required to help out with our presentation and **Fundraising** opportunities.
 - there are other ways to help! If you're not sure what you wish to do, just send us an e-mail at any of the addresses listed above. We'll find a way for you to help!
- **Support ARLAN Financially** – ARLAN is a non-profit organization that exists through the generosity of its members and supporters. While we endeavour to keep costs low, several of our activities require some degree of financial support including the maintenance of our website, and distribution of this newsletter. Any amount you can give would be hugely appreciated. To make a financial contribution, contact: contributions@arlan.org.nz, or simply send a cheque made out to ARLAN to: ARLAN, PO Box 6065, Wellesley St., Auckland, New Zealand.