

20 YEARS OF GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS



Our work, numerous public and well-publicized actions, petitions, countless letters to relevant institutions, and communication with citizens, who recognized and supported us as sincere animal advocates, have raised public awareness of many areas of animal protection and rights.

Many of the legal changes regarding animal rights were the result of the exhausting engagement of our activists, who didn't give up at any moment, because of the huge injustice that is constantly being inflicted on animals.

It is hard to sum up and conjure up all the effort and the successes we achieved in the first 20 years, but we believe you'll get the idea of how much effort and dedication it took. With big thanks to everyone who supported us and stood with us, we are proud of every opportunity we had to help animals and make a better world for all.

These are our greatest achievements of the past 20 years:



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2001.

the Association was established in September :-)
organized large protests against breeding of animals for fur
started protests on the occasion of animal circuses arriving to Croatia
handed over to the MPs the petition signatures for the introduction of vegetarian meals into public institutions

2002.

Launch of the campaign *Family to the Seaside, Dog on the Street?*
protests against ostrich breeding
introduced vegetarian meals at the University of Zagreb Student Center
initiated the campaign proposing to change the *Animal Welfare Act*
we translated and published „The Livewire Guide to Going, Being and Staying Veggie” by Juliet Gellatley



2003.

published the first newsletter *AnimalList* (its 222nd edition is coming out soon :-))
held the first simultaneous action of Animal Friends Croatia branches in 10 cities throughout Croatia
participated in an international protest against the killing of kangaroos in Australia
launched a competition for the best essay on the topic of *How do I understand animal protection?*



2004.

sent proposals to the Parliament of Croatia to change the *Animal Welfare Act*
I'd Rather Go Naked Than Wear Fur! protest was held
organized the *Fair of Ethical Cosmetics*
PETA's Holocaust on Your Plate campaign was hosted in Zagreb city center
we published the „Vegetarian manual for beginners” with vegan content



2005.

„The Beagle Affair” at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine Zagreb – experiments were ended and all dogs were adopted
cooperated with the Ministry of Agriculture on drafting the *Animal Welfare Act*
first concert and vegan food tasting on the occasion of the World Vegetarian Day
publishing and promotion of "Eternal Treblinka" by Charles Patterson



2006.

Croatia bans the import of seal fur
Animal Welfare Act banned the following:
breeding animals for fur (with a transition period of 10 years), wild animals in circuses, testing cosmetics on animals etc.
first prison sentence in Croatia for the criminal act of torturing animals
Morrissey's band wears our "Meat is murder" t-shirts at their concert in Zagreb



2007.

prevented the construction of a dolphinarium in Vodnjan
launched the campaign against battery farming of chickens
initiative for obligatory microchipping of all dogs (and cats)
a big concert on World Vegetarian Day was organized to raise global warming awareness
our Luka spent 24 hours in a cage to attest to chickens suffering in industrial farming



2008.

the first ZeGeVege festival was organized
The Animal Protection Network was founded
petition and request for a legal ban on plastic bags
we became the V-label representatives for Croatia
we hosted the meeting of the European Coalition to End Animal Experiments
Croatian translation of "The Livestock Industry and Climate: EU Makes Bad Worse" report



2009.

big protest and more street actions for "Croatia without fur"
the first **VegeFair** was organized
promotion of „Speciesism” by Joan Dunayer
32 Croatian cities ban circuses with animals
petition for the reform of the veterinary inspection



2010.

protests against fur in Novi Sad, Osijek, Sarajevo, and Zagreb
we became partners with the international organization InterNICHE in promoting ethics in education
the obligatory microchipping of dogs was introduced
launch of the **Green Monday** campaign in cooperation with the City of Zagreb



2011.

the program for free or subsidized castration of cats and dogs started
Share the World - an educational movie for children was synchronized in Croatian
World Vegan Day was marked in Croatia for the first time
protest and campaign - „Get results, don't hunt animals!”
"Yummy" cookbook was published



2012.

we started the *Stores without Fur* project in Croatia
protest against the killing of 46 healthy animals and against shelters being closed to the public
protest against the transport of live animals
petition against keeping dogs chained
"Carnism" by Melanie Joy was translated and published



2013.

not only torturing but also killing animals is now sanctioned by law
traveling with pets in public city transportation was permitted
vegan lunch with the President of Croatia Ivo Josipović
published an educational booklet "Critical Review of Experiments on Animals"



2014.

established the *Ljerka Regović Foundation* for helping abandoned animals
petition to ban the use of firecrackers launched
published the *Plant-Based Nutrition* booklet for doctors and nutritionists
participated in animal rescue efforts from the flood together with the Victory Association and other associations
petition for the ban on using horses for extraction of timber launched
The Chow's On! [Spremi klopu!] project for elementary school pupils launched



2015.

ban on keeping dogs chained in Zagreb
counseling on a healthy vegan diet was launched for the whole of Croatia
The Veggie Challenge launched on www.veganopolis.net
first Veggie Picnic to celebrate World Animal Day
„Mom, Dad, I'm Vegan” by Casey Taft translated and published





2016.

petition for a better Animal Rights Act launched
Chinchillas Rule campaign launched with celebrities, billboards and a video
 the first *Earthlings Experience* was held in Croatia
 virtual reality experience used for the first time in Croatia for better treatment of animals
 "No Salmonella Cookbook" and an eco-brochure „Food and Ecology” were published

2017.

breeding of animals for fur completely banned by law
 45 chinchillas were rescued and adopted
 Animal Welfare Act now bans: killing of abandoned animals, keeping of bears in captivity, and microchipping of dogs is now obligatory, etc.
 launched the petition to make vaccination of dogs against rabies mandatory not yearly, but for a period of time specified by the vaccine manufacturer
 the first *March for Animal Rights* in Croatia



2018.

through The Animal Protection Network, a national project "Don't turn a blind eye - castrate!" was launched
 killing dogs and cats in hunting grounds was banned by law
 dog castration project in Međimurje started
 Luka received an award for promoting peacekeeping, non-violence and human rights
 "Green Dishes for Blue Sea" cookbook was published within the "Let's respect our sea" campaign



2019.

initiated the relocation of illegally held bears into a sanctuary
 „My best friend" campaign for responsible care and protection of animals
 held the biggest performance for animal rights in Croatia
 we advocated the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act extensively



2020.

ban on all firecrackers introduced by law
 animated movies about protecting life in the sea, with fish Jadran as the mascot
 „Isolation Cookbook” and „The Most Googled Dishes of 2020” were published
 publication and distribution of a booklet on implementation of the Animal Welfare Act to all cities and districts in Croatia
 VegeEDU by ZeGeVege event with an attractive installation held in Zagreb city center
 the campaign *Cats and dogs don't know how to count, but they know how to multiply!* launched
 22 vegan flags displayed in Zagreb during World Vegan Day





2021.

more than 500 dogs and cats castrated annually in the past 10 years

dogs have to be vaccinated against rabies in accordance with the vaccine manufacturers' directions

national campaign *For Croatia without Dogs on Chains* launched

Minister of agriculture gave an award for the most innovative vegan product

Skip the ZOO campaign launched

ban on lightweight plastic bags implemented

we stopped the shooting of abandoned domestic animals

launched the petition to make abandoning animals sanctioned by law

"Plant Milk is Taking Over the World" booklet

published and sent to cafes and restaurants

carried out a big analysis of the implementation of the Animal Welfare Act

Although we see significant progress regarding animal protection in many ways, we still have a lot of work to do. We will not give up until we live to see a world in which the abuse of all animals is looked at the same way as the abuse of humans, until we empty out every cage and completely stop the exploitation of animals.

Our plans are big and we are ready for the challenges that lie ahead. We invite everyone who dreams of a better world, one where solidarity, compassion, and love for all come first, to join us or give us support.

