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Summer 2015 SHARK FIGHTS FOR ANIMALS!

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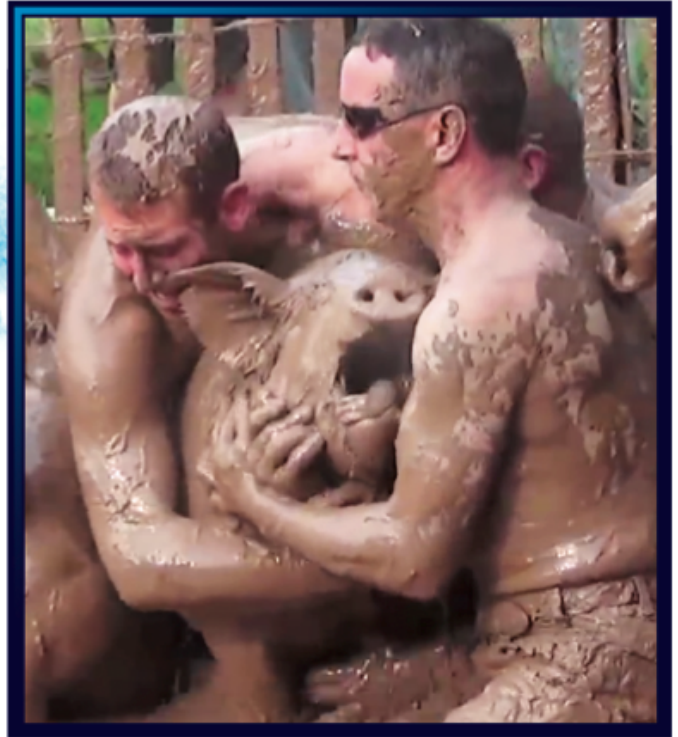
We are now half-way through 2015, and we have amazing news to report of our work to save animals!

VICTORY!

Cruel Pig "Rassle" Shut Down!

In early August 2014, SHARK learned that a Catholic parish in Wisconsin held an annual event for the past 44 years in which individual pigs were abused by groups of people in a mud pit as a fundraiser. It was called the St. Patrick Parish Pig Rassle.

At the request of Wisconsin-based Global Conservation Group, SHARK went into action. **On August 10, 2014, SHARK surrounded the mud pit with five cameras, catching every angle of the abuse. It was a hot day, but we spent hours in that disgusting environment, filled with disgusting people, and filmed the outrageous abuse of every single pig - three dozen of them.**



Due to SHARK's efforts, this cruelty won't happen again!

SHARK's videos made news around the US and well beyond, and our videos on YouTube gathered almost a quarter of a million views! I personally went to the Green Bay Diocese and offered Bishop David Ricken \$10,000 for the church if the pigs were replaced by church officials - including Bishop Ricken.

Our efforts have been successful! St. Patrick Parish has discontinued the cruel "rassle!"

From their website: *"It is with great regret that we have discontinued the Original Pig Rassle..."*

Thank you all for your help in shutting down this cruel event!

SHARK's YouTube Videos Break 65,000,000 Views!

Today, many people get their information from the internet. That's why SHARK has a major internet presence. SHARK has more than 700 videos uploaded to YouTube which cover both animal abuse, child abuse as well as the corrupt government and law enforcement that often protects animal abusers. People worldwide watch our videos and take action to help the victims whose plight we expose.

Please visit our channel and see for yourself how your support of our work, has and will continue to change non-human lives for the better.

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Major Campaign:

SHARK's Undercover Cameras Expose Cruel Illinois Deer Kill

In March of 2015, SHARK released undercover video from a multi-month undercover operation exposing a deer slaughter in the Will County Forest Preserves.

This was a major undercover operation for SHARK. We hid video cameras near bait sites from December 11, 2014 through February 5th of this year. We made such a strong effort because these heinous government deer slaughters are spreading across the United States. They must be exposed, and replaced with nonlethal alternatives.

Forest Preserve District of Will County President Suzanne Hart, angered that we had exposed their cruelty, reacted by threatening to investigate us. Then she said that the killing had to happen because the deer were "starving to death." We countered her fallacious argument by examining the District's own reports from previous kills that showed, in fact, the deer were not starving at all

and were at healthy weights. Then District officials claimed the video wasn't taken on their land, so we invited the officials and the media into the woods with us to show where we had our cameras set up. The media showed, but the officials did not. Again, they challenged us and we beat them at their own game.



Not all of the commissioners were against us and one even joined us at a press conference. The Forest Preserve District has promised to make changes to their lethal program, but we will fight for nonlethal methods. That shows how important our documentation and efforts are.

Saving Grace: New Jersey Deer Shot in the Face with an Arrow



This is Grace, an innocent deer shot in the face with an arrow. In May, SHARK learned of a deer with an arrow impaled in her face. The information came from a NJ animal rights organization. To our horror, we learned that she has suffered with this terrible wound since DECEMBER!!! The problem was, they had no video of the deer, and so the media did not pick up the story.

This is where SHARK came in, and did what we do best. We found the deer, which we named Grace, and filmed her extensively. We then gave our video to NBC news, which did a terrific pro-deer story that was shown in

both New York and Philadelphia. Now SHARK has launched a campaign to have Grace tranquilized and the arrow removed.

You can help us by contacting New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, and urge him to have the New Jersey Fish and Wildlife Agency take all necessary action to help Grace: **Governor Christie: 609 292 6000**

VICTORY!

NJ Religious School Won't Hold Another Rodeo Fundraiser!

On May 16, 2015, SHARK filmed a rodeo that was held as a fundraiser by the Sussex Christian School, a private religious school in Sussex, NJ. Our video exposed how rodeo contestants threw steers to the ground and twisted their necks violently, as well as the brutal treatment of calves just a few months old.

We called on the Sussex Christian School to not hold any future rodeos as fundraisers. **We are very pleased to announce that on June 29th, 2015, we received an email from the school that said they will not host the rodeo next year. This was great news and we applaud the Sussex Christian School for choosing not to hold another cruel fundraiser!**



One of the innocent calves that was abused.

VICTORY!

NJ Mexican Rodeo Banned from County Owned Facility, Loses Alcohol Permits

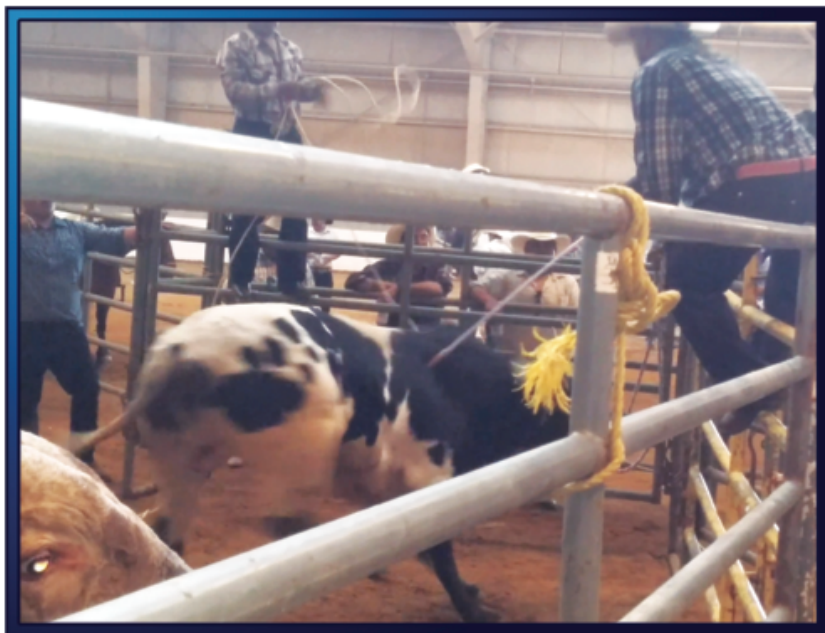
SHARK received a tip that a cruel Mexican style rodeo was going to be held on May 17, 2015, at the DreamPark equestrian center in Gloucester County, NJ. Our investigator went in undercover, and what he filmed was horrifying. The bulls were kept in miserable conditions in the hot arena. They were denied water, and were foaming from the mouth. One bull was so exhausted that he collapsed on the arena floor after being ridden. **Worst of all, an electric prod was used with abandon. One poor bull was repeatedly whipped and electro-shocked. There was a lot of alcohol consumed at the event, including one rodeo worker who was drinking from a beer while operating the dangerous electric prod.**

Our video documentation received major media attention. To its credit, the Gloucester County Freeholders, who own the DreamPark, admitted that cruelty had occurred.

The Freeholders shut down the next two planned rodeos and initiated an investigation at our request. Due to the rampant misuse of alcohol, SHARK filed a complaint with the NJ Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC). On July 6th, we received a response from the ABC that stated:

"I have been in contact with Ms. Ale from the Gloucester County Dream Park, and she advised that the rodeo company will no longer be allowed at that venue. In addition, this Division has denied all other permits that the rodeo company has applied for."

Having rodeo performances cancelled and denying their ability to sell alcohol (a significant source of income for the cruel rodeo) are major victories!



This poor bull was mercilessly whipped and electro-shocked.

Major Campaign: **Horrific Ray Slaughter Exposed**

On June 13, 2015, Maryland-based Fish Feel alerted us to a cruel cownose ray killing contest in Maryland where pregnant rays were shot at point blank range with arrows then beaten mercilessly with metal bats.

SHARK had two teams at the event. The first team video documented the shooting and beating of the rays from a boat. The second team went undercover at the tournament's weigh-in station where the dead rays were brought.

At the weigh station we were told that, as the mothers were dying, they were giving birth, which made this already horrifying event even more tragic. In another conversation it was explained that the mother rays' birth canals were tied with plastic zip ties in order to keep their babies inside of them, so that the rays would weigh more. **We also filmed one dead baby that was attached to its mother by a string. We recorded a bowhunter as he tried to push the dead baby back inside the mother.**



The rays were shot then beaten with bats.



A dead baby at the weigh station.

That's how depraved and disgusting this slaughter was. After the tournament was over, these beautiful rays were dumped into the river like so much garbage.

SHARK and Fish Feel held a press conference in Maryland. Our video documentation received wide coverage in the media and there was an outpouring of sympathy for the rays, and outrage over their slaughter. One person who was deeply affected was a teenage girl from Maryland who saw our and video set-up a petition for these animals that has already received more than 100,000 signatures!

We are now working with Fish Feel on legislation banning such vile tournaments in Maryland. We will keep you informed as this campaign moves forward.



One of the many victims at the weigh-in station.

Please contact Maryland Governor Larry Hogan and Lt. Governor Boyd Rutherford and ask them to stop all future ray killing tournaments: Phone: 410-974-3901

This was one of the ugliest and most brutal events SHARK has ever filmed. Like so many of SHARK missions, our team traveled hundreds of miles from both Illinois and New Jersey to converge where the slaughter took place. It was an expensive effort but a necessary one for this horror had to be exposed. There were other groups with far more money located much closer, but only SHARK had the team who could do what needed to be done.

SHARK Buys TV Ads Exposing Cruel Rodeos

SHARK has created a number of TV advertisements exposing the cruelty of the rodeos. The first aired in Reno, Nevada to coincide with the Reno Rodeo. Reno television station KRNK rejected the ads, initially calling them "...too graphic..." Further discussions, however, demonstrated that the KRNK would not air the anti-rodeo ads in any form, no matter how benign, because KRNK is a rodeo sponsor. So much for objective media. Undeterred, we found stations that would air the ads. Now we will be running ads for the Cheyenne and Salinas Rodeos. **Hopefully this will become a national campaign to educate people about rodeo animal abuse, but it can only happen with your support.**

SHARK's Future is in Your Hands

Do you see the pattern in all of our campaigns and victories? Terrible acts of animal cruelty were being committed, yet no one but SHARK was able to dig into these issues and get the evidence.

The Sussex Christian School rodeo had gone on for four years, but thanks to SHARK there won't be a fifth. The Wisconsin Pig Raffle continued on for 44 years, supported by the Catholic Church. SHARK brought a full team in, followed up with a relentless campaign, and eight months later it was shut down. In NJ, the underground circuit of extremely cruel Mexican style rodeos was exposed to public scrutiny. Not only have a number of these rodeo performances been shut down, but now they won't be able to sell alcohol which will effect them to an even greater extent. Nothing like that has ever happened before.

When a New Jersey animal group was not able to get video of a deer shot in the face by a bowhunter, SHARK came in, got the video and her plight into the media. When a Maryland animal group alerted us to a ray killing contest, we used our resources and skills to get the job done right. That video we took may be what saves those pregnant rays from future slaughters. And when we found out about a months long deer kill in Illinois, we went to work, working outside, in the frozen winter to make sure that that cruelty would not go unseen.

How many people do you think it took to do all this work and save all these lives? Hundreds? Dozens? No - It was five people.

Five dedicated people have done more in the first six months of 2015 than most large groups that rake in millions of dollars will do in years, yet SHARK's dire fiscal situation means that we may only have months more to keep this team together, fighting to save lives.

Bob Barker's generous donation of one million dollars from 2008 is gone, and we won't survive as an organization if we don't get immediate help. Do you like that we've done? Do you want even more victories for animals? If so, then SHARK needs your help now.

We don't send out plea after plea for funds because we focus in on our mission to save animals. That's why when we do ask for help, as we are now, we hope you will give it the serious consideration it deserves.

Please make a generous donation to SHARK, and please also talk about our work to your friends and family and any celebrities or philanthropists that you may know. We are hungry for more victories for our nonhuman friends, but we absolutely cannot do it without you.

Friends, this truly is it for us. Help us, and the lives we save will be the lives you save.

Sincerely,



Steve Hindi

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