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January 15, 2025

Dear <<First Name>> ,



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our 2024 highlights:

- We composed an entry on fishing for the [Elgar Concise Encyclopedia of Animal Law](#), which is to be published this year.
- We [submitted testimony](#) to Hawaii's Board of Land and Natural Resources, urging it to begin the rule process on ending the catching of fishes for the aquarium trade, and alerted others to also submit testimony.
- We [submitted testimony](#) to Allentown City Council members in support of amending the law to include betta fishes (and guinea pigs) among the species prohibited for sale in pet shops.
- Fish Feel was [quoted](#) in the Easton Courier after being interviewed about our support for a bill that successfully added goldfishes to the animals banned for use as carnival prizes in Connecticut.
- Fish Feel's Mary Finelli participated in an [online panel presentation](#) for Respect for Fish Day. She was interviewed on WCPT's [If Cage Walls Could Talk](#) and on [In Behalf of Animals](#). Mary is looking forward to a livestream with [All-Creatures](#) next month!
- We published an [ad in Pathways Magazine](#) promoting vegan seafood and noting our upcoming events, and a [subsequent ad](#) that also promoted vegan seafood cookbooks.



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Events

We spoke with hundreds of people, handed out literature, and sold books and t-shirts at events where our colorful Fish Feel booth ~ including our popular Kids' Table!~ appeared in:

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- [Maryland Vegan Fest](#)
- [Allentown Veg Fest](#)
- [Lancaster Vegfest](#)
- [Philadelphia Vegfest](#)
- [PAN Phoenixville Vegfest](#)
- [Pittsburgh Vegfest](#)
- [Lehigh Valley Vegstock](#)
- [Planet Virginia](#)
- [C'ville Vegfest](#)
- [Richmond Vegfest](#)

We also tabled at the [Animal & Vegan Advocacy Summit](#), and the [Taking Action for Animals Conference](#), and we participated in the [National Animal Rights March](#) (in Washington, D.C.).

In observation of [World Day for the End of Fishing and Fish Farming](#), we handed out fact sheets and coloring books at the National Aquarium, in Baltimore. The annual event will take place on March 29th, we hope you'll [participate](#), too!

Collaboration

One of the objectives of Fish Feel is to encourage other organizations to initiate or increase their advocacy for fishes. We are very glad to work with other organizations in helping them do so:

- We conferred with local activists about a puddle in a broken sidewalk in Brooklyn, N.Y. in which fishes were being kept. People who attempted to rescue them were being threatened with violence. We contacted city officials, urging them to save the fishes, and encouraged others to do the same. ([The city finally did act.](#))
- With Animal Freedom Project, we [co-hosted an on-line showing of Blue](#) and fielded questions afterwards.
- Joined a coalition of organizations working to urge religious entities to opt for vegan fundraising alternatives. Helped compose and signed onto a letter to the Episcopalian Bishop of Alabama urging alternatives to a huge, annual Lobsterfest, and promoted a petition against the event. [Please sign and share!](#)
- Provided input on [Animal Think Tank's open letter](#) against the RSPCA's Assured farmed animal certification program and signed on to it. [Please sign and share the petition](#) and also [this related petition](#).
- Provided input on Our Honor's statement about animal neglect at the Miami Seaquarium and signed on to [their letter](#) against it.

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to the National Institutes of Health funding any experiments on animals outside the U.S.

- Joined a coalition of 200 organizations with [a letter to the U.S. Secretary of the Interior](#) opposing the planned government slaughter of 500,000 barred owls.
- Joined Animal Wellness Action and other organizations in [endorsing the Snowmobiles Aren't Weapons \(SAW\) Act](#) against the use of snowmobiles to run wildlife down.
- We [supplied leafletting materials](#) to Solutionary Species and promoted its Florida Tour for Animals.
- We also supplied [Casa Vegana](#) with materials to be distributed in schools in Puerto Rico, and we supplied High Sierra Vegans with literature for tabling at a popular festival.

Additionally, we were very active on social media, especially [our Facebook page](#), every day posting news, action alerts, and intriguing videos and photos promoting respect and protection for fishes and other aquatic animals. We also responded to many posts and comments on other pages, sharing information and countering misinformation.

Thank you very much for your interest and concern for fishes, and for all animals, and thanks especially to all our supporters! Here's to the new year being a happy, healthy, humane one for you and all.



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