



## **Declaration of Czech organisations for protection of animals to the situation in Austria – imprison of 10 defenders of animals:**

The below mentioned organisations and individuals which are engaged with animal protection in the Czech Republic are seriously concerned about current situation in Austria where 10 Animal Right Activists have been arrested after number of raids on 21. May 2008. These people have been remanded in custody without reasons for their arrest and of any charges brought against them. They are falsely accused of being members of a hierarchically structured criminal organization, according information from Austrian organisation VGT – Verein Gegen Tierfabriken, until now produced no evidence

In recent years, Austrian animal right activists achieved massive changes which saved and are saving thousands of animals from pain and suffering: a ban on fur-farms, battery-egg farms and wild animals in circuses and a ban on keeping farmed rabbits in cages. We appreciate their extraordinary achievements.

Animals are unable to help themselves from suffering and improper conditions, they must be helped by people – most common from organisations for protection of animals. The public turns to organisations when they are not sure how to help, for example to chained up dog in neighborhoods, how to help farmed animals from unacceptable conditions or if they find stray, abandoned or injured animal etc.....

The activity of Society for animals and below stated organization and individuals is to legally improve life of animals and legally stop their suffering. We refuse any form of force, menace or crime. We cooperate with other non governmental organizations and individuals, which follow above mentioned rules.

We plead with the Austrian bodies to finish this current situation: either producing evidence or releasing all animal right activists.

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**Společnost pro zvířata (Society for Animals) – Dita Michaličková**

**Svoboda zvířat (Freedom for Animals) – Veronika Charvátová.**

**Děti Země (Children of the Earth) – Martin Hyt'ha**

**Nadace na ochranu zvířat (Animal Protection Trust) – Marcela Lund**

**Za Nesehnutí (Independent Social Ecological Movement) – Kristýna Pešáková**

**Za První společnost za práva koček – Alice Oppová**

**Za Lovci bestíí – Nikola Puková**

**Za Vegmedia – René Schwarz**

**Za Svaz ochrany přírody a krajiny ČR – Petr Skála**

**Za MRKEV, o.s. – Kateřina Horáčková**

**Mrs. Marta Kubišová** – popular signer; founder, moderator and co-creator of a TV programme for animal protection and pet adoption „Do you want me?“

**Mgr. Alexej Bezděk** – vnuk MUDr. Ctibora Bezděka, který byl ve 30. letech minulého století předsedou Československého vegetářského klubu v Praze a je autorem publikace „Vegetarism pro a proti“, kterou Přemysl Pitter doplnil dvěma kapitolami

**Miloslav Lomič** – member of Green Party

**Mgr. Dana Bočková** – [www.utulky.estranky.cz](http://www.utulky.estranky.cz) (web sites for shelters)

**Za Nadaci TLAPKA (Trust PAD) - Vít Horáček, Petra Prášilová**

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