

# Animal Rights conference, 2006

## Vienna, Austria

- State of the Animal Rights mouvement in France
- Street activity and the internet



# Overview:

- Austria:  ([www.vgt.at](http://www.vgt.at)), positive experiences...
- First impressions, France
- Second stage (France)
- Third stage (France)
- Facts about France

## First impressions: Brigitte Bardot Fondation

- Brigitte Bardot,  
contraversial character
- (mainly) dogs, cats and  
abroad:

Afrique du Sud  
Australie  
Bulgarie  
Cameroun  
Chine  
Inde  
Indonésie  
Congo et République démocratique du Congo Roumanie  
Thaïlande  
Tunisie  
Sénégal

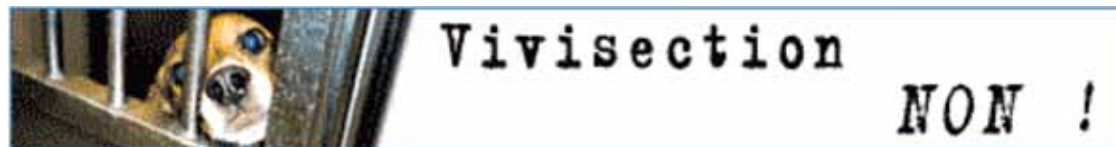
- Brigitte,  
please stop eating FISH



## First impressions continued: One Voice



- President, controversial character
- not well respected by many activists
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- Dogs, cats and abroad (Borneo, S.India, Goa, Japan...)
- Positive: Vivisection, vegetarianism, animal rights



# AND THEN WHAT?

## Second stage (Toulouse)

- FNMA (National Federation against the torment of animals) :  
not vegetarian, cats and dogs, no presence on the street



- LFCV (French League against vivisection):  
president vegetarian, the 2 secretaries not,  
no presence on the street



- APLA (Act for the animals):  
small society of 2 young ladies,  
president vegetarian (not vegan), animal refuge






- AVIS (Vegan and vegetarian society): principally one  
person active, vegan, and vehemently anti-religion,  
part of the 'anti-speciesists', petrified of 'sects'



## Third stage:

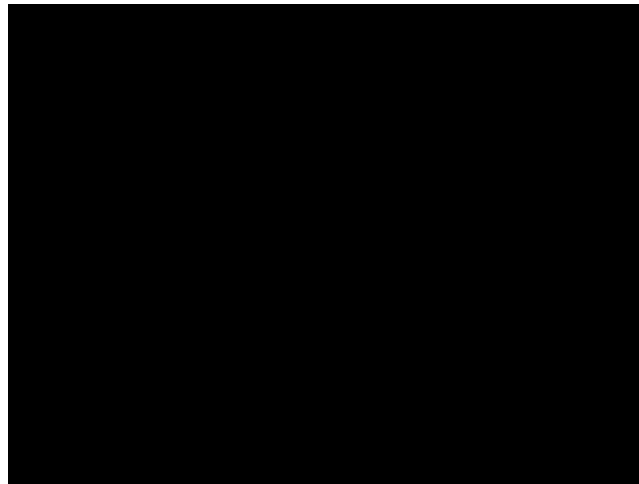
all over France - loads of associations,  
a small selection:

- \* [www.international-campaigns.org](http://www.international-campaigns.org) (activism, vivisection, animal rights) 
- \* [www.antichasse.com](http://www.antichasse.com) (hunting) 
- \* [www.fourrure-torture.com](http://www.fourrure-torture.com) (fur, vivisection, animal transport) 
- \* [www.flac-anitcorrida.org](http://www.flac-anitcorrida.org) (corrida) 
- \* [www.allianceveg.org](http://www.allianceveg.org) (vegetarianism, diet, ethics, environment) 
- \* [www.petafrance.com](http://www.petafrance.com) (the whole range of issues) 
- \* [www.pmaf.org](http://www.pmaf.org) (=CIWF) 
- \* [www.antidote-europe.org](http://www.antidote-europe.org) (vivisection) 
- \* [www.veganimal.info](http://www.veganimal.info) (against all forms of exploitation: human/non-human) 
- \* <http://antispesite.free.fr> (against all forms of exploitation: human/non-human) 
- \* [www.veganim.free.fr](http://www.veganim.free.fr) (animal rights, vegetarianism) 
- \* [www.animalliberationfront.com](http://www.animalliberationfront.com) (**if not you, who?**) 
- \* [www.stopgavage.com](http://www.stopgavage.com) (foie gras = fat liver, force feeding of geese and ducks) 
- \* [www.lafranceenaction.fr](http://www.lafranceenaction.fr) (La France en Action, political party) 

‘Stopgavage’ = Stop force feeding:

[www.stopgavage.com](http://www.stopgavage.com)

17 (seventeen) tonnes of liver, per year,  
France, number 1 producer in the world:



## street activities:

marches, info stands, vegetarian pique-niques/meals, media demos, internet networking

- \* **march + info stand:**  
**anti-fur, sat 12 dec, 2005**
- \* **march + info stand:**  
**meat-out day, sat 18 march, 2006**
- \* **March + info stand:**  
**world week - animals in laboratories,**  
**sat 4 april, 2006**
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## street activities, continued

- \* **March + info stand:**  
**Speciesism, sat 6, june, 2006**
- \* **Marches, several during the season**  
**bullfighting (Corrida)**
- \* **March + stand:**  
**World vegetarien week, sat 9 sep, 2006**
- \* **Media demo, peta**





**La France en action**  
*au delà du clivage droite-gauche*



- **Political party**
- **Exists since 2 years**
- **Animal rights/Animal protection + all other issues (education, health, economy, etc)**  
**= The 'France in Action' subscribes to:**  
**'universal declaration of the rights of animals' adopted by the UNESCO**
- **Among the top 10 political parties after their first european elections, 2004**
- **300 000 votes**
- **Political leader: vegetarian (ethical, environmental)**

## Facts about France

- 3.5 (almost) million animals killed per day
- 1.5 % of population vegetarian (GB:9 or 10 %, Austria?)
- Democracy: mal-functioning:  
different villages/towns/cities = different rules/laws
- The mayor, = a little god
- 'bureau' (president, campaigns leader, vice-president, etc) NOT PAID!
- Corruption, France is corrupt

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