



Activism, Anthropomorphism and Animal Transport

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Hawaii Senate Bill 670 (2015)

(b) Food and water shall be given to coldblooded animals within eight hours of delivery to the carrier and to warmblooded animals within two hours of delivery to the carrier, unless otherwise required by law or specified by International Air Transport Association regulations.

(c) A feeding or watering certification shall be completed in duplicate documenting the date and time of last feeding and confirming compliance with subsection (b). One copy of the certification shall be attached to the top of the animal container and the other copy to the air waybill.



Maryland Senate Bill 626 (2020)

(a) A retail pet store may not:

(1) offer for sale or otherwise transfer or dispose of cats or dogs; **OR**

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Animal rights activists claim responsibility for California cattle ranch arson

BY KATIE WIGGIN

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(CBS/AP/REUTERS) FRESNO, Calif. - Animal rights activists have claimed responsibility for a fire that engulfed 14 tractors and damaged several trailer rigs parked at California's biggest beef processor.



Protest: Animal rights activists hold a lawful demonstration against the farming of guinea pigs at Darley Oaks. But militants have used violence to try to shut the farm

Worse than animals

Extremists sink to new depths of depravity by digging up 82-year-old's grave ... in the name of guinea pigs' rights

By **Stephen Wright**
and **Richard Pendlebury**

ANIMAL rights extremists have taken their campaign against a family farm to a depraved new level by digging up the grave of an 82-year-old woman.

Police said the burial site of Gladys Hammond, a widow who died in 1997, was 'seriously desecrated' earlier this week.

The attack is the worst outrage in a violent hate campaign against brothers John and Chris Hall and their father David.

The Halls own Darley Oaks Farm in Newchurch, near Burton on Trent, Staffordshire.

Part of their business for the past 30 years has been breeding guinea pigs, and one of their biggest customers is Huntington Life Sciences, a laboratory in Cambridge.



Chris Hall (They are sick)



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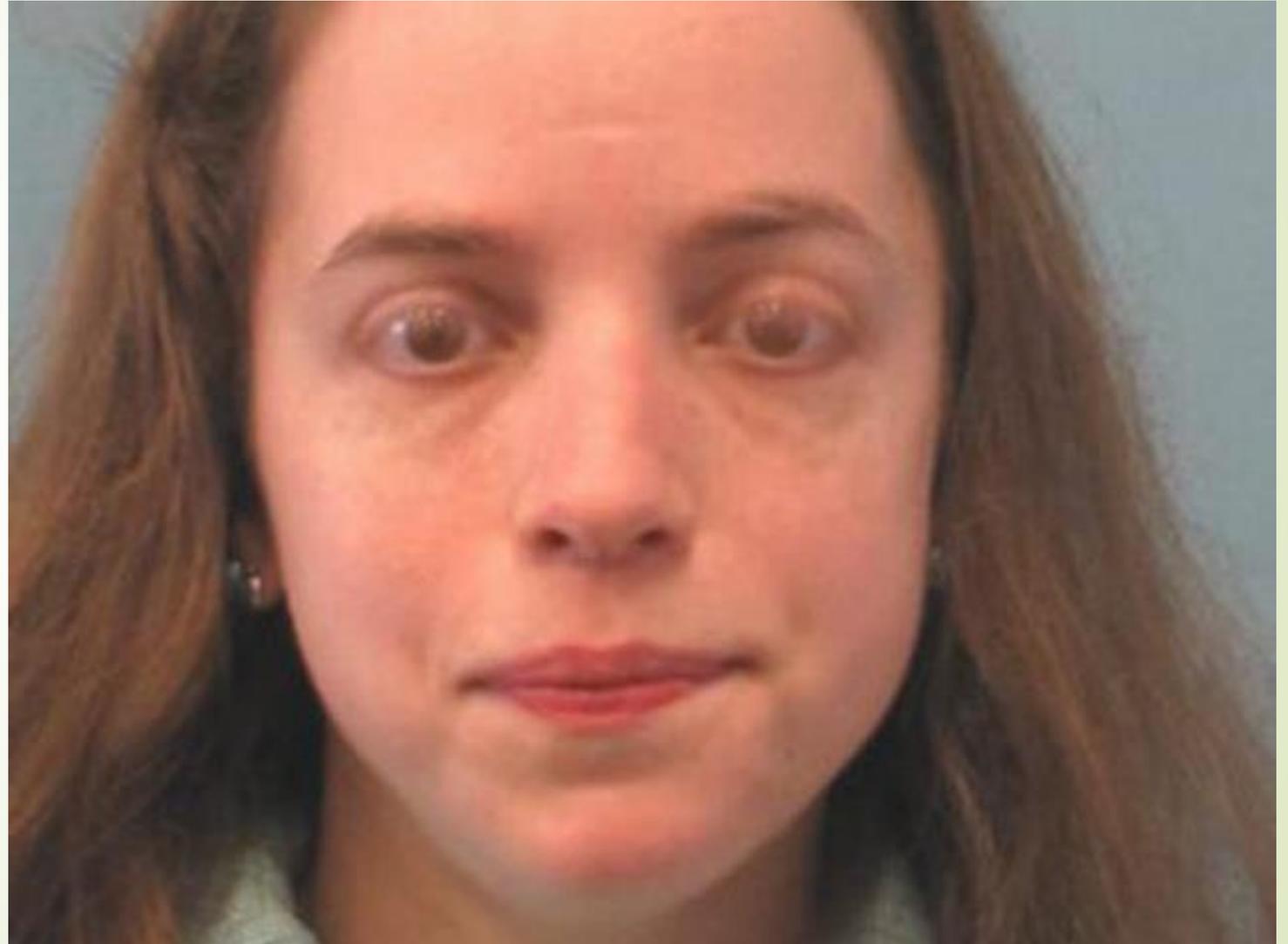
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Ohio animal rights activist Meredith Lowell charged with hiring hitman to murder random fur-wearer

•BY CRIMESIDER STAFF

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- (CBS/AP)
COLUMBUS, Ohio -
Police say an animal rights activist in Ohio has been charged with soliciting a hitman to fatally shoot or slit the throat of a random fur-wearer





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- ▶ Results in legislation and policies that apply human needs to very different species



“I believe that dogs have evolved in the last 100 years to be more like humans.”

- Ben Kramer, Maryland State Delegate in proposing a ban on the retail sale of puppies and kittens



Going Forward

- ▶ Expect the same or worse
- ▶ Have thoughtful, scientifically based policies in place
- ▶ Partner with subject matter experts
- ▶ Respond promptly without being reactionary



Questions?

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