

## cruelty and suffering

Oregonian (2/20/07): Furrier Will Close...

Portland Tribune (4/4/07): Schumachers to close store at end of May

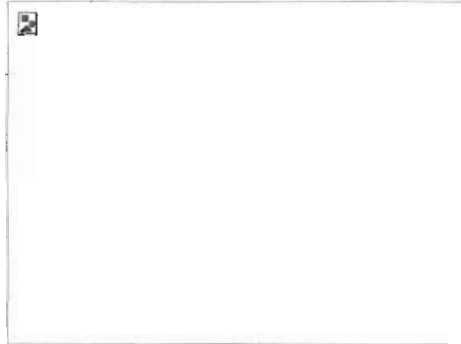
">Thank you Portland-area citizens for saying no to fur, compassion is the fashion

">Thinking about buying fur? Click here (credit to 'Melissa')

">A different video perspective (from the Schumacher's)

">Animals are not ours to wear, to eat or to experiment on

">Global mink and fox fur farm kill numbers (1981-2005) compiled by Oslo Fur Auctions.. check out China's numbers



Quick Time Movie format.  
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You are about to watch a film by Mark Rissi. Mr. Rissi has kindly offered links to this video and the accompanying printed report, updated April 13, 2006. Please check out the Swiss Animal Protection website. Credit for this video goes 100% to Mark Rissi.

Fur Fur? A Report On the Fur Industry in China

Dying for fur - A Report On the Fur Industry in China

"Once pulled from its cage, the raccoon dog curls up into a ball in mid-air. A few middle-aged women carrying wooden clubs gather round. One woman in a headscarf is first to grab hold of the raccoon dog's tail and the others drift away peevisly. The woman in the deadscarf swings the animal upwards. It forms an arc in the air and is then slammed heavily to the ground, throwing up a cloud of dust. The raccoon dog tries to stand up, its paws grabbing in the grit. The wooden club in the woman's hand swings down on its forehead. The woman picks up the animal and walks towards the other side of the road, throwing it onto a pile of other raccoon dogs. A stream of blood trickles from its muzzle, but its eyes are open and it continues to repeatedly blink, move its paws, raise its head and collapse to the ground. Beside it lies another raccoon dog. Its four limbs have been hacked off but it still continues to yelp. Ten or more minutes later Qin Lao approaches the raccoon dog with a knife. His job is to skin the animals. The raccoon dog is suspended upside down from a hook on the overhead bar of a motor-bicycle and the area around the hind legs and anus is scored with a knife. There is a ripping sound as the skin is torn completely from the hind legs and the animal struggles to turn away, crying out. The skin is ripped up to the abdomen. Qin Lao's body is bent with effort like a bow at full stretch, but the fur remains stubbornly attached to the flesh. A middle-aged woman jogs over to help, and their backs arched with strain. The whole fur is finally ripped from the raccoon dog's body. The animal is thrown onto the back of the truck, steam rising from its blood-red body. It tries to stand up again, lifting its head and glancing down at its own body. Without blinking it tries once more to turn its head and then falls still. 'Skinning the animal dead or alive is all the same, but it is more convenient and neater this way. Everyone has always done it like this', explains Qin Lao.

From Dying for fur - A Report On the Fur Industry in China

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During the nearly 16 months of weekly demonstrations we've had many incredibly wonderful conversations with folks who happened to stop and chat, and some that were just interesting for a variety of reasons. The most enjoyable of those conversations were often not captured on video for a variety of reasons, timing, appropriateness of the moment, etc. Some though, even with those who disagreed with our point of view on the issue of fur were captured. Some of those were just plain hostile to our message. Gregg Schumacher wants the public to believe we are "terrorists" and that is offensive to those who have given up their Saturdays for these many months to be a voice of and for the animals, to engage in peaceful expression of their values. These video clips aren't meant to be a documentary of the protests. They do show some really positive and inspiring moments (the kids with hearts of gold), some interesting conversations and some of the folks Gregg Schumacher can call his supporters. More clips will be added.

This verbal exchange (on Sunday 4/22/07) started with me and Mr. Anti-PETA engaged in a lively discussion then the Schumacher employee you see in the video comes storming out of the front door. His first words for me were "smile faggot" so he apparently has a dislike for gay people too. I had just wanted to spend an hour and a half of peaceful time with my signs before going to the march and demo for the primates but Mr. Anti-PETA and the Schumacher employee spoiled that. I did not harass anyone. The one harassed was me.

Unpleasant Schumacher employee

Those darn compassionate kids.

Compassionate kids Clip 1

Compassionate kids Clip 2

Compassionate kids Clip 3

Compassionate kids Clip 4

Learning and conversation moments.

Good conversation Clip 1

Good conversation and video Clip 2

Good conversation Clip 3

Good conversation Clip 4

Good conversation Clip 5

Have you heard about that? Yes we have (he's referring to the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act).

Guy on a bike

The furry guy (counter-protester, I think, though he didn't stay around very long).

Furry Guy Clip 1

Furry Guy Clip 2

The friendly visitor from Eugene with a different perspective.

Friendly visitor

We think this woman had an alcoholic drink or two before appearing at Schumacher's on 3/17/07.

Woman in green

The phony Rev. X (counter-protester)...he wouldn't or couldn't answer any questions about his church, his faith or the bible.

Rev. X Clip 1

Rev. X Clip 2

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This guy started with the insults the moment he approached us...and he'd had a bit to drink before his visit...in which he managed to deliver a number of offensive remarks, including a defense of slavery before going inside the store for more alcohol...and emerging to share a bit more of his charm...and the U of Oregon folks would be probably not be pleased.

Intoxicated Guy Clip 1  
Intoxicated Guy Clip 2  
Intoxicated Guy Clip 3  
Intoxicated Guy Clip 4

This guy delivers his name calling with a slimy grin. He seems fond of the word "putz" but he introduced us to a two new names last week (3/3/07)... "petzel" and "shmekel" (don't know if I've spelled that correctly). Shmekel? I asked him what that meant and he said I wouldn't know because I'm not Jewish (kind of a funny moment).

Name caller Clip 1  
Name caller Clip 2  
Name caller Clip 3  
Name caller Clip 4

This guy's name calling provided a really funny moment. Have to give him credit for his passion.

Long distance (fairly) name caller

This guy has been a frequent visitor to the Schumacher's store on Saturdays and other days. One thing that is evident from the conversations we've had with this guy is that he has a serious lack of empathy for the victims. Clips 2 and 3 were recorded on 3/20/07. I was having a peaceful solo protest in front of Schumacher's and Mr. Anti-PETA felt compelled to cross SW Morrison to destroy the peace. Not only that he was not honest in his characterization of me or our protests. Mr. Anti-PETA strolled by Schumacher's on 3/22 and amazingly we had a civil and even enjoyable conversation (not recorded). Miracles can happen.

Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 1  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 2  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 3  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 4  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 5  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 6  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 7  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 8  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 9  
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Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 13  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 14  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 15  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 1 Part 16  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 2  
Mr. Anti-PETA Clip 3

This guy has also been a frequent visitor to the Schumacher's store on Saturdays and other days. The name Prince Charming seemed very appropriate from his first visit. His special message for us all comes from him unprovoked. Sometimes we laugh because of the source and the moment but it's not funny, it is always vulgar and often offensive. The Schumachers are certainly aware of the nonsense that comes out of his mouth but they seem to enjoy his company when he visits. He spends quite a bit of time in the store when he visits, talking to Gregg and Linda (on those rare occasions when she's in

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the store on Saturdays) Schumacher and the employees. I think this guy needs therapy. These clips are sort of a "best of" if there could be such a thing.

- Prince Charming Clip 1
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- Prince Charming Clip 3
- Prince Charming Clip 4
- Prince Charming Clip 5
- Prince Charming Clip 6
- Prince Charming Clip 7
- Prince Charming Clip 8
- Prince Charming with Linda Schumacher Clip 9
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- Prince Charming Clip 13

\*\* Video contributions by White Tiger and others

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