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The activists also filmed at a fur farm which belongs to the head of the Finnish Fur Breeder's Association. This farm was the worst mink farm of the investigation. He also had foxes in the farm. Mink had eye-infections, open wounds and bitten-off ears. Foxes were very frightened, one fox had an injured ear and some of the cages were dangerously broken so the animals could injure themselves. This shows that these are not individual cases: systematic animal abuse takes place in all Finnish fur farms.



In Finland approximately three million animals are killed annually at fur farms. The film and photos from the investigation show the horrors of everyday life for these animals. You can see a film about the campaign in English at the address below.

[www. tarhauskielto.fi/en](http://www.tarhauskielto.fi/en)

It's time to ban fur farming in Finland and put an end to this suffering. Please contact the Finnish government and ask them to introduce a ban on fur farming, other European countries such as the UK and Austria have already done this, and others are set to follow soon.

* Contact the EMBASSY OF FINLAND, London. 38 Chesham Place London SW1X 8HW. E-mail: sanomat.lon@formin.fi Telephone. +44-20-7838 6200.

* Get involved in the fight against the fur trade, contact CAFT, PO Box 38, Manchester, M60 1NX, Tel: 0845 330 7955, Website: www.caft.org.uk Email: caft@caft.org.uk

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