Warden Guilty of Releasing Dogs Unlawfully; HSUS Probe of Ohio Pounds, Lab Dealers Continues

In a precedent-setting action in mid November, The HSUS charged Muskingum County Dog Warden Albert M. Hittle with violating Ohio law by giving away unclaimed dogs to a large St. Paris dealer who sells animals for research.

Ohio law stipulates that dogs be kept for 72 hours at a county pound and then be humanely destroyed, adopted into new homes, redeemed by original owners, or sold for $3 each to an Ohio research institution certified by the Ohio Public Health Council. They cannot be given or sold to dog dealers.

The HSUS also charged Hittle with submitting fictitious reports on the disposition of dogs and failure to post official notice in the county courthouse of a dog’s apprehension, as required by law. The society charged further that the warden was not reporting weekly to the County Commissioners, also a legal requirement.

The charges were based upon findings by Field Service Director Frank McMahon during an HSUS probe of Ohio dog pounds. McMahon worked with the Muskingum County Humane and Animal Shelter Society in this part of the investigation. Zanesville’s Times Recorder gave excellent publicity as the investigation unfolded.

McMahon found on a visit to the public pound that windows were broken, pens were dirty, and animals were not properly fed and watered. The animals were unattended and McMahon’s complaint elicited the information that the dog warden was at a meeting.

The investigation revealed that the laboratory animal dealer who was receiving the dogs had a key to the pound and could open the building and remove all animals suitable for sale to medical research whenever he liked. This dealer, who is federally licensed under Public Law 89-544 and is a registered holding station for the giant research animal supplier, Lone Trail Kennels of Friedensburg, Pa., had refused to pay for the dogs when asked by the Muskingum County Commissioners. The Commissioners subsequently agreed that he could have the dogs without charge.

It was discovered, too, that this laboratory animal dealer has keys to other public pounds in Ohio. In an interview

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Interest and Enthusiasm Spark Successful California Meeting

The 9th annual meeting of The HSUS California Branch, held in Los Angeles on November 2, 1968, sparked with interest and enthusiasm as members from all over the state met to discuss and analyze pressing humane problems.

The crowded schedule included the showing of a film on "steer bustering" and a talk by Mrs. Elizabeth Sakach, Director and Corresponding Secretary of the Animal Welfare League of Reno, Nev. Mrs. Sakach spoke on the cruel techniques and devices used in rodeo performances. Her presentation is said to be the forerunner of an intensified HSUS campaign in California and across the country to outlaw cruelty in these events.

National HSUS President Mel Morey addressed the meeting on anti-cruelty programs at both the state and national levels. He called for increased cooperation between humane groups at all levels.

There was a film and discussion on the plight of the Tule elk and a resolution was adopted urging that this species be protected and preserved in their natural habitat.

An address and film by Mr. and Mrs. Ted Derby of Ted Derby's Animal Kingdom was received with special enthusiasm. The Derbys described how, by natural methods, they train wild animals for use in motion picture and television productions and commercials. No force of any kind is used.

The Derbys also described their "Safari Club" which they established to take in exotic pets unwanted by former owners. They supported the HSUS position that such pets should not be adopted unless they require special care.

Branch Executive Director Herbert N. Martin was praised highly for his energetic and dedicated work. It is expected that his ability and leadership will strengthen and solidify HSUS influence throughout the state.

New York Committee Gears Work to Meet Needs of Community

The HSUS New York Committee has geared its program of humane work to the needs of the community.

The Committee has prepared and released radio spot announcements on animal welfare problems, especially surplus cattle breeding. It is supporting spaying legislation to help rid the City of a massive surplus of dogs and cats, a direct cause of great suffering.

The organization has made available to the New York school system the HSUS film, People and Pets, an effective educational tool for training children on the proper treatment of animals. Translation of key HSUS publications into Spanish is also being undertaken to reach the large Spanish-speaking population in the City.

Committee Executive Director Anne Ectost is a frequent speaker at dog and cat club meetings. She is especially concerned with the tattooing and registering of dogs because of the high rate of pet losses in New York. The state has a heavy concentration of medical research facilities.

Model Law Will Forbid Wardens to Negotiate Direct Animal Sales

Meeting in Chicago in December, the Committee on Animal Welfare of the United States Animal Health Association (formerly the U.S. Sanitary Live-stock Association) agreed that its new model state law should ban direct negotiations between dog wardens and model state law should ban direct techniques and devices used in rodeo

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Director of the Animal Rescue League in Washington, D.C. For years she has conducted dog obedience classes, giving instructions to thousands of dog owners. She is also a regular guest on the highly rated Panorama Show televised by Washington's WTTG-TV.

The HSUS has set June 1, 1969 as a target date for starting classes for animal shelter workers and managers at the Center. The program will be supplemented by courses in junior humane education and wildlife.

It is expected that the Center's immediate and long range programs will accelerate rapidly under Miss Wright's direction.

O.K. THERE'S YOUR CHANCE! QUICK, GET HERE!

A basic evil of hunting, thousands of fawn and other baby wildlife left without maternal protection, is graphically illustrated here by famed cartoonist Al Smith. Smith and Bell-McClure Syndicate gave HSUS special permission to reproduce strip which has been seen by millions of people.
Need for Lab Animal Protection Grows as Bill Nears Passage

HSUS study and investigation of animals used in medical research continues to show an unacceptably high percentage of animals needlessly tortured and abused in the name of science.

Society Director Oliver Evans said in a Washington interview that the demands of modern science and technology involve use of living animals on an unprecedented scale and the demand continues to grow.

“We can’t,” Evans said, “get away from the fact that large numbers of animals are being used in transplant research, in space testing, in expanding drug safety tests, in deadly disease research, and in a multitude of other ways. Animals are being subjected to pain in cancer research, smoking experiments, and in other work that necessarily involves pain and suffering. We cannot make inroads on this calculated, massive suffering without federal legislation.”

The HSUS Director also said the Rogers-Javits bill of the 90th Congress reached the “verge of enactment.” He expressed regret that renewed efforts for passage of the Rogers-Javits bill of the 90th Congress reached the “verge of enactment.”

The HSUS-affiliated Humane Society of Marin County (Cal.) dedicated its new humane education center and shelter complex in late November.

The center will display animals native to the area. Training courses for shelter personnel are planned and, in fact, the entire, sophisticated operation is being planned as an extension of the national humane education program of the HSUS. President Mel L. Morse presided over the dedication ceremonies in which notable local government officials and prominent educators participated.

California Affiliate Dedicates Humane Education Complex

Famed sculptor Beniamino Bufano and Boy Scout stand before sculpture of mother bear and cubs at dedication of the Marin society’s new center. The internationally acclaimed artist donated the work and participated in the opening ceremonies.

Kay Clasing Passes Away in New Jersey; Noted Humane Leader

Mrs. Kay Clasing of Westmont, N.J., died suddenly in late December. Her passing ended a lifetime of dedication and successful work in the cause of animal welfare.

Mrs. Clasing’s abilities were recognized both statewide and nationwide. Diminutive in stature, she was a giant in New Jersey humane work. She gave impetus to HSUS New Jersey Branch programs and her accomplishments as Humane Education Director of the Animal Welfare Association of Camden County were well known.

She was a frequent speaker at HSUS annual conferences. Her work with surplus animal breeding was especially notable. She was national coordinator for Operation SPARED, an HSUS-sponsored program to encourage humane societies to reduce the promiscuous breeding of dogs and cats.

Time Is Running Out

In Biafra, in western Africa, one person dies of starvation every eight seconds. Over 10,000 children die every week. The children, at least, can and should be evacuated. Nearby countries have already agreed to take them. There, the children would be classified as refugees and be eligible for care by the United Nations. The apathy of the U.S. Government and, especially, the Department of State is mainly responsible for stalling the evacuation.

Please help by writing letters urging the evacuation to President Richard M. Nixon, The White House, Washington, D.C., and your own U.S. Representative and Senators. True humanitarianism embraces concern over all suffering.

You Are Part of the Problem...
...if you are not part of the solution

And our problem is, of course, man’s continuing cruelty to, and exploitation of, other forms of life. It manifests itself in ways that are well known to humanitarians. From the inhumanity of allowing surplus breeding of cats and dogs to the deliberate and needless infliction of pain in the name of science, the persecution and abuse of other creatures goes on almost endlessly.

But a less known part of the problem is the person who is aware of the massive injustices committed on animals and does nothing about them. Such apathetic persons allow cruelty to flourish; they condone it with inactivity. By not helping animal welfare causes, morally or financially, they hurt the cause to which they passively subscribe.

The HSUS is fortunate in that virtually all who receive its bi-monthly News support the Society’s continuing programs. Their financial help buys protection for millions of helpless animals. Their moral support, and the moral support of many who cannot contribute financially, has spread the Society’s influence into every area across the land where animals are used or abused. Their cooperation and loyalty have earned the respect and applause of humanitarians everywhere.

In our opinion (and we admit frankly to being biased), HSUS members and friends live in the true spirit of John Ruskin’s words: “He who is not actively kind, is cruel.”

The work goes on because the suffering of animals goes on. If you can help financially, even in a small way, won’t you use the coupon below today. If you cannot, won’t you join the army of active workers whose services are solicited on page 7?

The Humane Society of the United States
1145 Nineteenth Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20036

I want to be part of the solution to animal welfare problems. Enclosed is ___________________ to be used in HSUS anti-cruelty work. (A gift of $5 or more may entitle you to voting membership. All dues and gifts are tax deductible.)

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Branch Workshop Puts Emphasis on Care in Adopting Out Animals

The need for greater care and selectivity in releasing animals for adoption was emphasized recently in a shelter workshop sponsored by The HSUS New Jersey Branch. The workshop was attended by representatives of humane societies from most sections of the state.

The consensus of the workshop was that people who cannot afford the nominal adoption contribution suggested by humane societies, who are unable to meet the cost of a spraying operation for female pets, are not really desirable pet owners. It was agreed that inability to meet such basic costs is an indication that the potential adopter cannot afford veterinary medical expenses that usually come with owning a pet.

To be continued...
Charges of Abuse in Dancer’s Image Case Confirmed in Hearing

In a recent hearing by the Kentucky State Racing Commission on the disqualification of Dancer’s Image as winner of the Kentucky Derby, testimony confirmed HSUS charges that the horse should not have been raced.

The Society had made the charges in trying to stop the Maryland Racing Commission from allowing the horse to run in the Preakness, second prize in racing’s much coveted Triple Crown.

Doctor Alex Harthill, a Kentucky veterinarian employed to care for Dancer’s Image before the Derby, testified, “This was the most butchered horse I ever saw—to take a horse and deliberately break him down just to win a race.”

Harthill also stated that Dancer’s Image was in such bad shape on the Thursday morning before the race that he recommended the horse “not be galled that day.”

The HSUS has steadfastly maintained that the horse was unsound and has denounced the widespread practice of money-hungry trainers and owners using pain killers to race unsound horses. The Society also has condemned the packing in ice of horses’ ankles that are weak and “firing” the legs of unsound horses to deaden pain so that the animals can run.

Exploitation of Wildlife Spurs HSUS Action on Several Fronts

The HSUS is fighting on several fronts to stop the growing exploitation of wildlife across the country. After successful efforts to stop the elimination of mustangs in the Pryor Mountains of Montana-Wyoming and to reduce cruelty to seals harvested in the Pribilof Islands, the Society has turned its attention to other aspects of the wildlife problem.

In the November 8 issue of Life magazine, the terrible toll in suffering and lives in the flourishing wild animal trade was graphically described and illustrated. In researching the article, Life staff members consulted with The HSUS on some sections.

The article, reaching millions of people, exposed the mental and physical cruelty of caging wild animals in roadside zoos, public zoos, carnivals, and reptile shows. It described the terrible conditions under which wildlife is captured and transported for sale by pet shops and mail order. Included also was an article by famous zoologist Desmond Morris calling for reform of zoos.

The HSUS is working in support of a proposal by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of the Interior to raise fees for grazing livestock on public and national forest lands. For years these fees have been far below fair market value and have, in effect, constituted a subsidy to a small segment of the livestock industry.

Livestock producers affected have used this privilege to such an extent that there is serious erosion of public land from overgrazing and wildlife populations have been adversely affected. The HSUS has urged Congress to raise fees to help protect and preserve wildlife areas and the Senate Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs has indicated that public hearings will be held soon.

In late November, the effects of this program began to show as the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a resolution opposing the contests as “inhumane, cruel, and unsportsman-like pastimes.”

It is expected that this resolution by an official state agency will be influential in helping to stop this widespread cruelty in Texas.

Dog Burning Threats Provoke Anger, Hurt Anti-war Movement

Protest groups, using the threat of burning dogs or other animals in demonstrations against the Vietnam war, have stirred a storm of protest from humane societies and the public in general.

The HSUS has charged that the tactic was used to publicize peace demonstrations in Ohio, Maryland, Virginia, Minnesota, California, Massachusetts, and even in Germany.

In a news release, Society Vice President Patrick Parkes said: “It should be possible to attract people to a serious discussion of the Vietnam war without threatening to commit an atrocity on a helpless animal. It seems to us that the very purpose of these demonstrations is defeated by antagonizing people who might otherwise be in sympathy with the cause of peace.”

HSUS Branches in California and Minnesota have been particularly active in making certain that threats made in those states would not be carried out.

Want to fight rodeo cruelties? A new 2¢ leaflet is being readied for March release. Tell us how many copies you need for distribution.