LUCKY DOGS. These two pups, abandoned in Old Saybrook, were rescued and sheltered. Not lucky at all are the countless unwanted uncared for ones whose destiny is death from exposure and starvation. (New Era photo by Ruth Thayer, HSUS member from Old Saybrook.)

$500 REWARD. $500 by HSUS(CB) for information leading to arrest and conviction of anyone abandoning a pet whether canine, feline or equine. This reward is prompted by the epidemic increase in abandonment of animals in our state. In past years abandonment has been greatest at the end of the summer. This year such cruelty has not been seasonal. During iron-winter weather, puppies have been tossed by the roadside, cats have been left by itinerant families. Education of the public is the best long-range cure for abandonment. In the meanwhile, one drastic form of education for culprits is arrest and conviction -- penalty $250 fine and/or one year in prison.

WEST HARTFORD POUND IMPROVEMENT was subject for inspection and discussion by West Hartford Mayor Ellsworth Grant, Mr. Stanley C. Rockwell, HSUS(CB) Treasurer and Rear Admiral James C. Shaw, HSUS(CB) Executive Director. The three officials visited the pound and talked at length with Canine Control Officer William Knowles regarding the need for pound improvements. All agreed that West Hartford's exploding dog population had outgrown the pound's capacity. Consensus also was that the pound was in a poor location. Solution? Build a new pound elsewhere. The Mayor agreed to pursue this goal with the support of HSUS(CB) members in the community. In the meanwhile effort will be made to provide adequate care for dogs and other animals in the present pound.

ZOO DAY occurred in Bridgeport as a result of HSUS and HSUS membership action. Executive Director RAdm. J. C. Shaw, by appearance on local radio and inspection of the Zoo, brought the plight of the zoo animals...
and their keepers to the attention of both the public and local officials. In the case of the animals, it was inadequate care because of insufficient human staff and finances. In the case of the staff it was overwork and underpay.

Miss Gladys Steeg, HSUS Bridgeport member, echoed the Executive Director's criticism into the ears of city officials, service clubs, newspapers and responsible citizenry. Result? A complete renovation of the zoo — more staff, expert staff, vastly improved animal housing and massive public support. All culminating in "Zoo Day" attended by officials including Mayor Hugh O. Curran, a throng of interested adults and children viewed a program of dedication, humane education and entertainment rounded out the day. The HSUS Executive Director was rewarded by a seat between Miss Connecticut and Miss Puerto Rico, proving that animal welfare does have its fringe benefits.

Regardless of how individual humanitarians regard public zoos, these institutions are a permanent part of the American scene. HSUS is pleased to have been useful in helping the Bridgeport Zoo animals. And special thanks to Miss Steeg and to HSUS member Mrs. Frances Mc Garry who worked diligently on the local planning.

HSUS(CT) PRESIDENT NOW NATIONAL OFFICER. Mr. Everett Smith, Jr., has been elected to the HSUS(National) Board as a Vice Chairman. His biography has appeared previously in our newsletter so suffice to say that his election marks continued recognition of the Connecticut humanitarian movement on the national scene. (Photo at right, Chairman of HSUS (Nat'l) Board, Coleman Burke, left, with Everett Smith, Jr., President of HSUS(CT) who is also Vice Chairman of HSUS(Nat'l).

NEW HAVEN NATURE CENTER embarks on humane education program. The West Rock Nature Center under the direction of Mr. Anthony Cosens is instituting a humane education program to extend to all young school children in New Haven. HSUS(CT) has been cooperating in planning and furnishing materials for this exciting new program.

HUMANE EDUCATION in church schools is being inaugurated on a pilot basis thanks to Mrs. Edmund Anderson of Wilton and Mrs. Matthew Griswold of Old Lyme. Discussions have been held with pastors and the program outlined. Members interested in establishing similar programs in their own communities write HSUS(CT) for further details.

HSUS ACTION HALTS SALE OF EXOTIC ANIMAL FURS. Communications between HSUS(CT) and a leading Connecticut department store resulted in halting the sale of cheetah, lioness and polar bear furs to the public.

Mr. Frank B. Chase, President of G. Fox and Company in Hartford immediately stopped the sale of these furs when we pointed out the danger of the fur-bearers' extinction. Congratulations both to Mr. Chase and G. Fox & Co. for this considerate action.

WELCOME JOHN HOYT newly elected President of HSUS(National). HSUS(CT) members have read his distinguished biography in the HSUS(National) report. We hope to welcome President Hoyt to our state at a membership meeting in the near future.

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ROGER CARAS ANNUAL MEETING SPEAKER. Internationally distinguished as a naturalist, author, wildlife photographer, motion picture producer, TV and radio commentator, Mr. Caras' talk should be of interest to all humanitarians. He is a member of the HSUS(National) Board.

The meeting will be held at the Waverly Inn, Cheshire, Connecticut beginning with a reception at noon followed by luncheon at 12:30 P.M. In addition to Mr. Caras, the program will include humanitarian awards, scholarship award, election of directors and summary of HSUS(CB) activities.

For reservations, write HSUS(CB), East Haddam, Connecticut 06423 sending $4.00 per person for lunch. Routing directions will be sent with your receipt.

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS HURTS PEOPLE was title of editorial in the New London Day recently. The theme was a strong defense of the humane movement for the fight we wage against cruelty. The editor observed that no person can hurt a living thing without unduly harming his own personality. In effect, the humane education program we conduct, urging people not to be cruel to animals, not only helps animal welfare but uplifts human character.

We were happy to see that one of our members, Mrs. Martin W. Wright, Sr. wrote a congratulatory letter to the editor. This is an excellent idea for all humanitarians to emulate whenever they see newspaper or magazine articles promoting animal welfare.

HARMFUL LIVE-ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS by school children are against state Board of Education policy in Connecticut. Anyone hearing of such experiments, call or write HSUS(CB) state headquarters.

BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK is May 3-9. A fine opportunity for members to write to their local papers on the subject of kindness with emphasis on the fact that such kindness must be not just for one week but for 52 weeks around the calendar.

TATTOO AND TAG your dog for maximum protection against theft or loss. Either as an individual or a group, write or call the National Dog Registry, 227 Stebbins Road, Carmel, N.Y. 10512 for details on tattooing and tattoo clinics. For dog identification tags, clip and mail the coupon printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Tattoos and tags have been vital in the recovery of many stolen or lost pets.