NERO Fall 1982
New England Hosts 1982 Annual Conference

The New England region will be the host for the 1982 Conference of The Humane Society of the United States. Scheduled for November 3-6 at The Raddison Ferncroft Hotel in Danvers, Massachusetts, the conference will address the theme: PROTECTING ANIMALS IN TODAY’S WORLD.

This year, in addition to workshops and membership events, The HSUS offers unique and provocative activities that address several of animal welfare’s most volatile issues. Senior HSUS staff members and distinguished guest panelists will grapple with the future of laboratory animals and farm animals in strategy forums and there will be a head-on debate over the trapping issue. In response to special requests, we have planned an animal welfare administrators’ symposium where persons associated professionally with animal welfare organizations can meet and exchange ideas.

Internationally known speaker and commentator Roger Caras will serve as program moderator. HSUS’s highly respected Dr. Amy Freeman Lee will provide her own special brand of inspiration and insight in her keynote address. President John A. Hoyt will deliver his annual report to the membership.

The Institute for the Study of Animal Problems will host a provocative and informative one-day symposium, “Animal Mind-Human Perceptions: Implications for Animal Welfare,” on Wednesday, November 3. During this meeting, experts will explore the moral status of animals, a subject of impassioned debate since the time of Pythagoras, through discussion of various aspects of animal awareness and human perceptions of animals. HSUS conference participants will receive a special discount if they choose to attend this separate program.

Special activities will include a field trip to the Massachusetts SPCA’s Macomber Farm and Education Center and a field trip to the New England Aquarium.

The conference’s highlight will be the Annual Awards Banquet, capped by presentation of the Joseph Wood Krutch Medal to an outstanding humanitarian for his or her significant contribution toward the improvement of life and the environment.

The conference will provide an inspirational and enriching experience in an outstanding setting. For a detailed conference agenda and registration form consult the Summer 1982 HUMANE SOCIETY NEWS magazine or write to the New England Regional Office.

Hot Car Campaign

Despite widespread warnings about the danger of leaving pets in parked cars in the sun, reports still reached the regional office about animals dying inside cars from heatstroke. Warning posters, windshield flyers and radio public service announcements were distributed throughout New England this past summer.

Director Dommers notes that “Special thanks and appreciation are due to HSUS members, store managers, mall associations, state park officials, veterinarians and radio station public service directors for their assistance in helping us publicize the campaign so widely.”

Next year, members who would like to help place posters are encouraged to send their names to the regional office.
Maine Moose in Trouble

Maine’s official state animal, the moose, is in trouble. For almost half a century this docile mammal was protected in the state. But legislation that became effective in January of 1982 has changed all that. This fall, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife has designated six days as open season on 1,000 moose.

The hunt will take place in approximately 11,000 square miles of northern Maine where the moose population is estimated at 15,000 to 20,000 animals. The governor and the legislature acted upon the recommendations of “experts from the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife and from the University of Maine.” The governor was told that well-regulated hunting is a recognized and accepted management tool. “In addition, hunting is a tradition in this state,” the governor said. The Legislative Document’s Statement of Fact on moose hunting made it clear the most important reason the activity has been revived is that the legislators were told the bill will generate about $450,000 in revenues based on the $10/lottery ticket sales and special fees levied on lottery winners. This is, of course, animal exploitation for profit. Because shooting a moose is like shooting a cow, the hunters are sure to kill close to the legal limit.

In response to this bill, an ad hoc organization has been formed to work at putting a referendum question before Maine voters asking about suspension of the legislation. The organization is called Save Maine’s Only Official State Animal (SMOOSA). The organizer is John N. Cole, Simpson’s Point Road, Brunswick, Maine 04011, (207) 729-8808. Feeling certain that a majority of Maine voters oppose the hunt, SMOOSA has been working to gather 50,000 signatures to insure a referendum vote this fall. Following an HSUS Action Alert mailing in June, many Maine members responded by helping to gather signatures. The New England Regional Office also sent a letter of protest to Governor Brennan.

Regional Office Assists Students

Endangered species, pound seizure laws, seal clubbing, trapping, “factory” farming, rabies, pets overpopulation, animal related careers, and rodeo were high on the list of school student asked for information on pound seizure projects this year.

The New England Regional Office is based at the Norma Terriis Humane Education Center in East Haddam along with the Society’s education division, the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education. Both offices share one of the most complete and updated resources on animal welfare issues.

Dogfighting, racehorse drugging, and puppy mills were among the targets this year of HSUS’s investigation team, reported by Donnitzer, Director of the Society’s Investigation Department, when he spoke at the 1982 annual banquet of the Monadnock Region Humane Society in Keene, NH. Frantz showed a videotape of an NBC News Magazine report on dogfighting that featured a Georgia raid and arrest set up by an HSUS team. Pictured above left to right: Jane ‘le Bold, Dr. Fred De Bold, President of the Monadnock ‘gion Humane Society, Frantz Donnitzer, Betty Shaw, Rear, animal James C. Shaw, former HSUS Regional Director, and Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Bingham, Monadnock Regional Humane Society shelter managers.
ANIMAL NEEDS:
National and Regional

The New England Regional Office of The Humane Society of the United States coordinates national programs with direct attention to this region. You are aware that our major concern is the prevention of cruelty and suffering to animals.

Among our several programs which address the needs of animals is one which provides for your financial needs and at the same time creates a future gift for animal welfare.

If you would like to know more about the dual benefits of our Life Income Program, please send for the society's brochure entitled "Planning for the Future."

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New England Directory Available

Students enrolled in the Applied Animal Science program at the University of New Hampshire recently published a 50-page New England Directory of Animal Related Services that lists local, state and federal agencies, animal welfare organizations, and commercial suppliers. There are listings for each of the five New England states. A listing of national groups is included.

The cost of the publication is $3.50 plus 50 cents for postage.

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