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**SWIM CHAMP HELPS DOLPHINS**

Olympic swimming champion Matt Biondi, who says he perfected his swimming technique by swimming with dolphins, has joined The HSUS as chairman of our children's save-the-dolphin campaign.

Mr. Biondi, twenty-two, won seven Olympic medals—five of them gold—in eight grueling days during the summer games in Seoul, Korea, in September. He literally stopped his winning machine, however, when he received an emergency cable from The HSUS seeking his help during precarious last-minute negotiations on the Marine Mammal Protection Act re-authorization on Capitol Hill. From Seoul, Mr. Biondi cabled key legislators, asking them to enact the strongest possible protections for dolphins that drown in the tuna fishery and for all marine mammals.

"Perhaps in some way I owe my medals to the dolphins," he wrote the legislators. "In their trusting and playful way, they taught me the subtleties of swimming technique. Now I owe the dolphins. I am asking the U.S. Senate, in its upcoming vote on the Marine Mammal Protection Act, to fully protect these intelligent, gentle, air-breathing mammals...." As chairman of The HSUS children's dolphin campaign, Mr. Biondi will serve as a spokesman and role model for children involved in KIND Clubs throughout the country. Mr. Biondi, shown embracing a dolphin, will also be featured in a poster for children that will become available this spring.

That seems to be the way they do it, and I think that must be a nice way to live."

Mr. Biondi said he will never forget his personal experiences with dolphins. "With people and with dolphins, eye contact is the way of seeing inside someone. Dolphins definitely understand eye contact; there's an exchange that takes place. Something really extraordinary."

Mr. Biondi's plans for the future include working to protect the environment and its creatures. Short-term plans include representing The HSUS, the Special Olympics, and the U.S. Olympic Committee, and working with children. In February, he begins training for the national water polo team and hopes to play for the 1992 U.S. Olympic team.

The HSUS is working with another Olympic champion, Tracie Ruiz-Conforto, who is also interested in furthering protections for marine mammals. The world's foremost synchronized swimmer, Ms. Ruiz-Conforto has won a total of three Olympic medals during the last two Olympic games.

**FISH BOYCOTT HELPS WHALES**

Jerricho, Inc., parent company of Long John Silver's, has responded to the HSUS-sponsored boycott of Icelandic fish products to protest Icelandic whaling and has cancelled a major Icelandic fish purchase. Jerricho invalidated part of a $9 million contract to buy 5 million pounds of cod from a subsidiary of Iceland's Samband Corporation and has pledged not to buy the seafood until Iceland stops its so-called scientific whaling. Since 1987, Icelandic whalers have killed almost three hundred endangered fin and sei whales in defiance of an international ban (see the Fall 1988 HSUS News).

Other economic pressure has also been brought to bear on Iceland. In July, Burger King, another of the boycott's targets, cut its purchases of Icelandic fish by 20 percent, and the Wendy's chain announced it...
would increase its purchases of Canadian cod in place of some Icelandic fish. Last fall, the Boston City Council adopted a resolution to stop buying an estimated $250,000 worth of Icelandic fish annually for the city's school lunch program. Next, a large German supermarket chain cancelled a contract to buy $3 million worth of shrimp from the Iceland Waters Corporation, prompting an Icelandic parliament representative to introduce a resolution calling on the Icelandic government to halt its research whaling. Action on the resolution is pending.

**SCOUT EXERCISE PROTESTED**

In October, HSUS President John A. Hoyt wrote to Ben Love, the chief scout executive of the Boy Scouts of America, to protest a Boy Scout wilderness event that took place in Pennsylvania in which domestic rabbits were beaten to death, then cooked and eaten as part of an exercise in survival skills. "...Activities such as torturing and killing rabbits instill a negative and exploitive view of nature and man's relationship to animals," wrote Mr. Hoyt. "Indeed, such demonstrably needless destruction of animals can only breed callousness and a lack of empathetic responses to all life." The Boy Scouts, in their response, agreed with Mr. Hoyt that the incident should not have happened and called it a once-in-a-lifetime occurrence. They assured him that they would continue to do their best to teach acceptable values through scouting.

**IN MEMORIAM**

**Bernard M. Weller**

A long and fruitful career of rescuing animals from cruelty and prosecuting those responsible ended when Bernard M. Weller died on October 14, 1988.

Mr. Weller, fifty-six, was known throughout the humane movement for his field investigations, his hard work, and his dedication to helping all creatures, great and small. He was, in every sense, a protector of the weak, the abused, and the helpless, and his concern extended beyond animals to all of nature and humanity.

Employed by the HSUS California regional office in 1968, Mr. Weller quickly proved himself a tireless and effective investigator, traveling throughout the state to uncover cases of animal cruelty and abuse. As The HSUS expanded its field operations in the early 1970s, Mr. Weller assisted with the establishment of new regional offices in Fort Wayne, Ind., Corpus Christi, Tex., and Orlando, Fla. His work, which included teaching animal-control workshops, testifying for the passage of state and local laws, and creating public awareness of animal issues, was recognized and remembered by those whose lives he touched.

**James C. Shaw**

We are saddened to announce the death on December 4, 1988, of Rear Admiral James C. Shaw, whose career in animal protection work spanned twenty-eight years. Admiral Shaw served as executive director of the HSUS Connecticut branch office for more than nine years. He continued to serve as director when the branch became the New England Regional Office in 1972. In 1978, he semiretired but continued as adviser and consultant on regional programs until his death.

Admiral Shaw had a long and distinguished naval career. After graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy, he saw service in the battle of Midway and was technical advisor on the classic film *The Caine Mutiny*. His greatest love, however, was animals, and he worked throughout his life on their behalf and to advance the humane ethic.

**NEW VIDEOS**

Two new videos, *Guide to Cat Behavior and Psychology* and *Guide to Dog Behavior and Psychology*, are now available from The HSUS. Each of these twenty-five minute video programs describes the body language, facial expressions, and communication of the named species. Also detailed are the emotional states and behavioral needs of these companion animals. The programs are produced and narrated by Dr. Michael W. Fox.

The videos are available on 1/2-inch VHS video format for $20.00 each, postage paid. To order, send a check payable to The HSUS to The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20037. Please specify which video you are ordering.

**CASSETTES, ANYONE?**

Three audiocassettes from the 1988 annual conference are now available. "Bioethics and the Golden Rule," the keynote address by Dr. Michael W. Fox; "Prisoners of Science: The Plight of Chimpanzees in Biomedical Research," by Dr. Jane Goodall; and "The Animal Welfare Act: Regulations and Reality" are $8.00 each, postage paid. Order from John J. Dommers, The HSUS, New England Regional Office, PO. Box 362, East Haddam, CT 06423.