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HUMANITARIAN AWARDS PRESENTED AT ANNUAL MEETING. The annual meeting of HSUS(CB) was held in New Haven on April 23rd with a capacity audience attending. A feature of the meeting was the presentation of HSUS humanitarian awards to the following individuals: Assistant State Dog Warden Louis J. Golet and Mrs. Edmund Gabrys of Ridgefield. Each received a Connecticut Humanitarian of the Year award for bravery in assisting distressed animals at personal risk to themselves. Both Mr. Golet and Mrs. Gabrys ventured out on thin ice to rescue drowning dogs which had fallen through in deep water. Mr. Golet was also cited for scaling an icy cliff to save a stranded and famished dog.

Wilton Dog Warden Basil Burt received a commendation from HSUS for his constant concern with animal welfare in the execution of his office. Numerous instances of his kindness to animals are on record.

Mr. William Skelton, student at Stowe Preparatory School, received the Christopher Gratton Shaw Scholarship for his work in behalf of animals during the past several years. The scholarship money will be given to the college of his choice as a tuition grant. He plans to become a veterinary doctor.

The presentation of these awards is always a pleasant and memorable event. The awards themselves indicate the diversity of humane achievement which receives recognition. Bravery, humane education, direct animal welfare work, leadership in humane projects, all have been recognized down through the years. How wonderful that, in a world where cruelty abounds, there are men and women whose humanitarian effort is so outstanding.

FRANK McMAHON DESCRIBES INVESTIGATIONS, RAIDS, TO MEMBERSHIP. At the Annual Meeting in New Haven on April 23rd, Mr. Frank J. McMahon, National Field Service Director, described his investigations and raids on dog concentration camps which have led to nationwide publicity regarding dog stealing and laboratory-animal procurement. Mr. McMahon, hard-hitting, dedicated and fearless, affirmed that only a Federal law could put a stop to the syndicated operations of the dognappers and dog-Dachau operators. He described these people as cowards who were able to continue in their foul but lucrative business only because our laws are defective. In his speech he did not spare the laboratories which he accused of aiding and abetting the pet racketeers with a "no questions asked" attitude. He also pointed out cases of individual laboratories where care of the animals is deplorable. Illustrating his words with graphic and shocking photographs, he left an indelible impression on all of the need for stern measures to protect animals.

The entire humane movement owes a debt of gratitude to Mr. McMahon whose determined attacks on animal abusers and the attendant publicity he has generated thereby have been deciding factors in arousing the public and Congress to act.

MRS. LODGE TO REPRESENT HSUS(CB) IN EUROPE. Mrs. John Davis Lodge, wife of the former U.S. Ambassador to Spain and former Governor of Connecticut, has offered to represent HSUS(CB) at the 1966 convention of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals to be held in Barcelona, Spain this fall. Mrs. Lodge, a dedicated humanitarian, was responsible for both the Seeing Eye Dog program in Spain and for the establishment of humane societies in that country. We are proud indeed to have her as our delegate.

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HSUS(CB) DATA PROMPTS CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMISSIONER ACTION TO HALT EASTER PET SALES.

Prior to the Easter season this year, the HSUS(CB) executive director met with the Honorable Attilio R. Frassinelli, Connecticut Commissioner of Consumer Protection, and furnished him with proof that live Easter pet chicks and ducklings harbored infectious salmonella, an intestinal disease harmful to humans. Commissioner Frassinelli at once issued a statewide warning against the purchase of these small animals. At the same time that Commissioner Frassinelli issued his warning, HSUS(CB) issued its annual plea to parents not to buy small animals because of the cruelty aspects. The result was that many retailers refused to sell infant poultry and prospective purchasers changed their minds about buying. Another hoped for result will be the passage of legislation to prohibit the sale of small animals altogether in our state.

NEW DOG WARDEN IN STAMFORD. A NEW SHELTER NEXT? For some time, the Stamford HSUS committee attempted to convince the Mayor and certain reluctant city officials that Stamford, a city of over 100,000 should employ a full-time dog warden as required by state law. Additionally, HSUS urged that the city provide a public shelter, also a requirement of state law. Receiving no encouragement, HSUS Stamford Chairman Lawrence Frank put the issue before the people. Two quarter-page advertisements were placed in the local paper urging citizens to write to the Mayor. And they did--so effectively that within a fortnight the Mayor acted to hire a full-time warden to be placed on the civil service list under the Chief of Police. However, in taking this action the Mayor said that he did not contemplate building a shelter. Accordingly, HSUS has again gone to the people, results as yet to be determined. Any Stamford HSUS member who has not yet written the Mayor asking for a public shelter, is requested to do so now.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE, founded by HSUS(CB) Advisor Mrs. Edward A. Thomas of Georgetown, is establishing an enviable record of direct animal welfare work with dogs, cats and distressed wild life. The League works closely with HSUS(CB) in the dissemination of humane education information at the same time succoring strays, foundlings, cripples and abandoned. Mrs. Thomas sets the pace for animal welfare work by her own example--an average of over thirty animals under her personal care on her property. A dedicated humanitarian she takes on the cases that are too difficult for others.

HSUS COMMITTEE FORMED IN WILTON. Urged on and led by Mrs. Edmund Anderson, HSUS(CB) Advisor, an HSUS committee has been formed in Wilton. Several meetings and a highly successful benefit already have been held. The direct animal-welfare department of this group bears the title, Wilton AID. (Aid to Animals in Distress)

NEW MILFORD ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE formed only a year ago with Mrs. Bianca Bradbury and Mrs. Christian Beyer as co-chairmen, has already won extensive praise for public service in behalf of animal welfare. New Milford members of HSUS who have not yet joined this excellent direct animal welfare organization are urged to do so.

HSUS AND THE NORWALK CATS. Early this spring HSUS member, Mrs. Lawrence Wackenhuth of Norwalk notified our headquarters concerning a horde of cats living in a deserted junkyard in and around a tumbledown shack. The cats, emaciated and sickly, were still able to breed more cats. Estimates of the population ran to as many as three dozen. HSUS, working with Mrs. Wackenhuth, tackled the problem not only as a humanitarian cause but as a human health threat, an unesthetic eyesore and a hazard to small children who might approach the cats and be clawed. In this vein a letter was written to the health commissioner with copies to Mayor, Chief of Police and newspaper. Reaction was immediate. The health commissioner ordered the owner hauled into court, the cattery disbanded and the junkyard cleaned out.

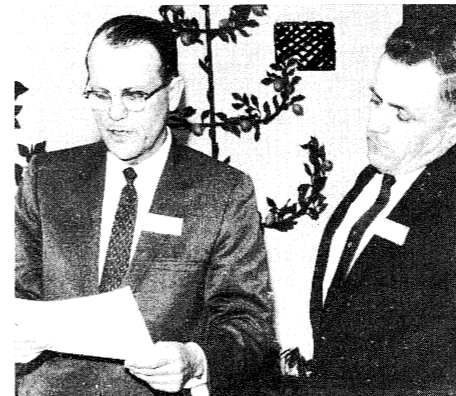
GRANBY'S GRIM POUND CLOSED THROUGH HSUS(CB) MEMBER'S EFFORT. Mrs. Ernest R. Wenzel, HSUS Committee member in the Granby area, responded instantly and effectively recently when word reached her that conditions in the Granby Pound were deplorable. First, she visited the pound to see for herself. What she saw was bad. Dogs were tied on short lines in a completely dark, unheated barn without food and living in their own filth. Other dogs were



HSUS National Field Service Director Frank McMahon speaking. HSUS(CB) Exec. Director Rear Admiral J. C. Shaw seated.



HSUS(CB) President Thaddeus G. Cowell, Former President Morton J. Newburger, Vice President Everett Smith, Jr.



State Dog Warden Dexter Mobbs, left, presenting Humanitarian of Year Award to Ass't. State Dog Warden Louis J. Golet.



Mrs. Edmund Gabrys, Humanitarian of Year, left, and Mrs. Frederick Hall, owner of dog saved by Mrs. Gabrys.



William Skelton, winner of Christopher G. Shaw Scholarship. Miss Elizabeth Shaw, sister of the late Christopher G. Shaw.



Mrs. Edmund Anderson, HSUS(CB) Advisor and Wilton Dog Warden Basil Burt with commendation.

staked out in the cold. Piles of dead dogs were flung in a corner. One dog apparently had choked itself to death on a tangled tether. Unable to locate the dog warden, Mrs. Wenzel called Connecticut State Police assigned to investigate dognapping. Then, in company with the police and newspaper men, she returned to the pound. Investigation indicated that the pound apparently was not a center of dog stealing activity but was a den of extreme neglect. Efforts of embarrassed town officials to dismiss the situation came to naught when the State Dog Warden's office moved in swiftly, ordered the pound closed and other quarters provided for impounded animals. Mrs. Wenzel's deed took courage and initiative. She has plenty of both.

RODEO CRUELTY EXPOSED BY HSUS(CB). Prior to and during the performance of a rodeo in New Haven, HSUS(CB) published large advertisements in New Haven papers pointing out the cruelties involved in this sort of "entertainment". The ads excited much comment and the attendance at the rodeo was gratifyingly small. (We shall have more to say about the means for preventing rodeo cruelty at a later date.)

HUMANITARIANS WIN VICTORY IN MONROE. In the past, complaints against the Monroe Dog Pound and Warden's Office have been constant and serious. The faults were both structural and administrative--too little food all bad, unsanitary conditions, awkward pound hours, indifferent surveillance for strayed animals, sloppy and defective record keeping. All of this was known to members of the HSUS Bridgeport Area Committee and the Monroe Animal Shelter Committee. These humanitarians conducted inspections, consulted with town officials and suggested improvements, some of which were made. Finally, the town administration agreed with the views of these people and replaced the dog warden. A new warden, Mrs. Karen Williamson, was hired and given a course of instruction before taking office. Under her efficient and humane care, stray dogs in Monroe have a brighter future. Credit for reform goes to Mr. A. M. Murchie (Chairman), Mrs. Walter Moore and Mrs. John McGarry of the HSUS in Bridgeport Area Committee and to Mr. Walter Goldman, Mrs. John L. Spisak, Mrs. Catherine Verdun and Mrs. E. William Gyllenhammar of the Monroe Animal Shelter Committee.

HSUS(CB) OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND ADVISORS CHOSEN. The following individuals have been elected to one year term as officers for the year 1966-1967: Mr. Thaddeus G. Cowell, Jr. of Weston, reelected as President; Mr. Everett Smith, Jr. of Greenwich, reelected as Vice President; Mr. John H. Roos of Stamford, elected as Vice President; Mr. William Montgomery of Mount Carmel, reelected as Treasurer; Mrs. K. W. Wiseman of Greens Farms, elected as Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Gene R. Collins of East Haddam, elected as Recording Secretary.

New directors are Mr. Charles J. Marshall of Georgetown, Professor Richard K. Morris of Trinity College and Mrs. K. W. Wiseman of Greens Farms. Mr. Marshall, a New York executive and representative in the Connecticut General Assembly, has long been interested in animal welfare work, contributing both time and talent to humane endeavor. Professor Morris, distinguished teacher-training educator and author, will be remembered for his inspiring speech on humane education at the 1965 Fall Membership Meeting. Mrs. Wiseman, wife of an international businessman, is well known for her tireless efforts in behalf of suffering animals and for her leadership in the "Friends of Animals" campaign to reduce the surplus animal population.

A new advisor is Countess Elinor O. Czapski of South Norwalk. Countess Czapski holds an abiding interest in dog welfare. Another new advisor is Mrs. Joseph Mercugliano of Branford who founded and directs the successful Children's Animal Welfare Society (CAWS) in that community.

HSUS(CB) announces with regret that Mrs. Osmond Molarsky of Weston has resigned from the Board because of her transfer of residence to California. Also regretted is the resignation for personal reasons, of Mrs. Helen Miller of Essex as Recording Secretary.

KENNEL CLUB AND HORSE SHOW EXHIBITS SCHEDULED. Kennel club and horse shows throughout the state have granted HSUS(CB) permission to set up exhibits and distribute literature this summer and fall. Volunteers are needed to man these exhibits. Please write state headquarters if you wish to participate in this valuable educational service.

HSUS TO HOLD PRE-BROADWAY THEATER BENEFIT. The Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam on the Connecticut River has been reserved by HSUS(CB) for a combined membership meeting and benefit performance to be held on Saturday afternoon, August 27th.

This production will be the pre-Broadway musical play Maggie, an adaptation of J. M. Barrie's What Every Woman Knows. Music and lyrics are by William Roy. Some of you may remember the non-musical play of the same name which starred Helen Hayes and John Shand. Score and lyrics enhance the ageless appeal of the story about "the woman behind the man." William Corrigan will direct and Sally Ann Howes has been invited to play Maggie.

We are calling the entire program "A Day On The River". Tentatively, the schedule will be as follows:

2:30 P.M. Membership Meeting in Opera House  
3:45 P.M. Reception to meet Mr. Cleveland Amory and HSUS(CB) Directors  
4:45 P.M. Benefit Performance

The performance will be concluded by 8 P.M. at which time those attending may eat dinner at the Goodspeed Restaurant or return to their homes. (Incidentally, both Opera House and restaurant are air conditioned.)

Mr. Cleveland Amory, distinguished author, lecturer, TV panelist and HSUS(National) Director will make introductory remarks at the Benefit.

We recommend that all who have not visited historic East Haddam come early to tour the Victorian Plaza, view the many fine old Colonial homes, visit the little school where Nathan Hale taught, admire the scenery along the river and the unspoiled woodland in such places as the Devil's Hopyard State Park.

Coupons will be distributed shortly for recording ticket sales and giving out receipts. The tickets themselves will be mailed to purchasers. They will range in price from \$7.50 to \$50. There will be no charge for refreshments at the reception. Those who wish to order tickets now should mail checks direct to HSUS(CB) headquarters. Such application will receive priority in seating.

Last year's highly successful HSUS benefit with the outstanding Broadway hit, Man of La Mancha, can be made even greater by the concerted effort of everyone to plan for theater parties now. Tell friends to set aside the day. Enjoy the scenic Connecticut River Valley, the beautiful restored Opera House, a stellar stage performance and a pleasant opportunity to meet fellow humanitarians.

PROGRESS IN FEDERAL LEGISLATION. The anti-dog stealing bill has already passed in the U.S. House of Representatives with an overwhelming vote in favor. The Senate is now considering the bill and HSUS(National) is working with Senators to eliminate certain undesirable features and to perfect the bill's provisions.

The Rogers-McIntyre Bill is still in the committee stage competing with several rival bills including one introduced by the National Institute of Health. This bill in its present form omits several vital features of the Rogers-McIntyre bill. So, as things stand, the only bill thus far whose provisions can end unnecessary fear, pain, stress and suffering is the Rogers-McIntyre Bill. If you have not yet written your Congressmen, do so now. Our thanks to all who have taken the time to write. It has been worthwhile. In consulting with Senators on a recent trip to Washington, the HSUS(CB) Executive Director learned that the volume of animal-welfare legislation mail approaches that of the Vietnam mail. The vast extent of public interest is confirmed by the public response to numerous HSUS(CB) broadcasts and press releases on the subject.

RAINING CATS AND DOGS. Some 50,000 HSUS leaflets concerning the surplus animal population in Connecticut have been distributed statewide. Another 25,000 will be sent out shortly. The leaflets have caused comment both by individuals and the press. And comment in many cases is leading to remedial action. The leaflets are available from state headquarters at a cost of two cents each. As an aside, we have had several inquiries about the name of the artist who did the pictures. We wish to identify and thank publicly our member artist who did both the portrait and the animal sketches. She is Mrs. Calvin Diehl. We are happy to say that more of her fine work will appear in future mailings.

ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF NEW HAVEN HOST TO HUMANITARIANS AND CONSERVATIONISTS. On Saturday, April 2nd, the Animal Welfare League of New Haven held the first joint conference of animal welfare and conservation organizations in the State's history. More than 26 organizations sent representatives. Additionally, the Federal and State governments sent delegates whose work involves either animal welfare or conservation.

The meeting was held at the Lawn Club in New Haven and opened with seminars on direct animal welfare, shelter operation, legislation and conservation. All those who attended felt that the exchange of ideas was invaluable.

At the luncheon following the seminars, New Haven League President, Allan Loeb, welcomed the guests and described the purpose of the meeting. He was followed by the seminar chairmen: Mr. Edmond M. Tofeldt, General Manager of The Connecticut Humane Society; Captain Amos Horst, Executive Secretary of the National Wildlife Restoration Foundation; Chief William Goldbecker, Deputy State Dog Warden; and Rear Admiral J. C. Shaw, Executive Director of HSUS(CB).

The principal address was given by Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources, the Honorable Joseph N. Gill, who described the growth and accomplishments of the State Dog Warden's organization.

HSUS(CB) officials present were much heartened by the display of unity, cooperation and good will exhibited on all sides. Mr. Loeb and his fellow League members deserve high praise for this successful event.



Participants in conference held by Animal Welfare League of New Haven included the above officials: Seated (L to R) Albert C. Governor, Chief William Goldbecker, Rev. Charles N. Herrick, Arthur G. Slade. Standing (L to R) Capt. Amos L. Horst, Joseph N. Gill, Allan L. Loeb, Edmond M. Tofeldt, and R. Adm. James C. Shaw.



HSUS(CB) member Mrs. Eleanor Wells feeds horse rescued by her. A stray, famished and sickly when found, the animal quickly regained health under Mrs. Wells' care. (Picture by Hartford Times Photographer Joseph Marfuggi.)



Dead dog in Granby pound apparently strangled itself in efforts to break free. Picture by HSUS(CB) member Mrs. Ernest Wenzel whose complaint to authorities resulted in investigation and closure of pound.



Cleveland Amory HSUS(CB) Advisor with CAWS, Children's Animal Welfare Society, members, Richard Naclerio with dog, Michael DiBianco and



CAWS (Children's Animal Welfare Society) members Nancy Krahl (left) and Frances Kendall with CAWS humane education poster.

HSUS(CB) MEMBER SAVES STRAY STARVING HORSE. Mrs. Eleanor F. Wells, HSUS(CB) member of Granby rescued and boarded, at her own expense, for many weeks a starving horse found wandering on the highway in midwinter. Because of Mrs. Wells this horse was lucky, others are not. Horse welfare will be the subject of a future newsletter.

GET THAT LICENSE NUMBER! On four different occasions recently, animal abusers have escaped justice because eye witnesses did not think to catch an automobile license number. Incident number one occurred along the Connecticut River where, on several different days, a man was observed shooting at wild swans with a heavily loaded slingshot. Each time, the man drove up in a car, disembarked casually and began his "sport". Many people witnessed the sadism yet not one looked at the man's car license. To date the culprit is still at large and unknown. The second incident was the high speed passage down the Connecticut Turnpike into New York of a station wagon loaded with dogs crammed tier on tier. The car and its contents aroused suspicion of an HSUS member although the license number was not logged. Dog thieves? Undoubtedly, but they vanished without a trace. The third case concerned the theft from a private residence of a trio of German Shepherd puppies by three men who broke into a house in broad daylight. A neighbor saw the men leaving with the dogs but failed to memorize the license numbers. A fourth happening took place in East Haddam where a home owner came flying out of her house when she saw her dog being led into a strange car. She got the dog but not the car's license.

Please, please, if you witness animal abuse and do not feel equal to handling the situation without help, take the following measures: Obtain all the descriptive data you can--license numbers, personal appearance of offenders, size, breed and distinguishing marks of animals, names and addresses of other eyewitnesses. Of course, you should notify the authorities as well but the trouble in most animal-abuse incidents is that by the time the authorities arrive, the perpetrators have departed. So you must collect facts on the scene at the instant.

HSUS(CB) LOST PET REWARD NOTICES are published and sent to all police chiefs, dog wardens, shelter keepers, conservation officers and, if desired, to newspapers and radio stations. These notices are written, printed and mailed at cost on request of any lost pet owner. Also, in addition to listing the owner's individual reward, the notice carries the HSUS(CB) standing reward offers of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of any Connecticut dog thief and \$1000 for the arrest and conviction of any dog dealer knowingly dealing in stolen animals.

ANNUITIES - An HSUS annuity plan can help you as well as helping animals. Under the plan, a high rate of income is paid regularly to you if you are an HSUS plan investor. Net income after taxes to you can be as much as 200% of income now derived from the same principal. Further you have the knowledge that eventually the principal will go to promote humane work. Write for details if interested.

BEQUEST FORM - I give and bequeath to the Humane Society of the United States, Connecticut Branch, Incorporated, the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the humane purposes of the Society.

CONTRIBUTION FORM - To: HSUS(CB), P. O. Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423

Enclosed is my gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for use in behalf of animal welfare.

(Mr.) (Mrs.) (Miss) \_\_\_\_\_ Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

TAGS FOR CATS AND DOGS. Identification can save your pet's life, good brass tags \$1 each (proceeds for animal welfare). To: HSUS(CB), Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423

Pet's name \_\_\_\_\_ Your name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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QUAIL SURVEY NEEDED. HSUS(CB) is interested in the numbers and locations of quail in Connecticut. These sweet-singing handsome birds have been contending against urban sprawl, reduced available food, highway hazards, hunters and predation by abandoned cats. We believe that voluntary reports of quail seen or heard by our members will help us to determine the present locale and population. A postcard report to state headquarters will suffice.

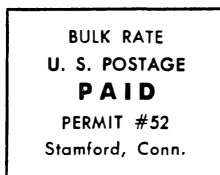
HIGHWAY SLAUGHTER SURVEY. Each Fourth of July HSUS asks its members to conduct surveys of kinds and numbers of animals slaughtered on highways, country roads and city streets, surveys to take place between the hours of 9 A.M. and noon. Results are correlated at national headquarters for use by highway engineers so that roads may be designed to reduce this heavy slaughter which is a threat both to the animal population and to human safety. Anyone wishing to volunteer for the survey, is asked to write state headquarters for instructions and forms.

LIVE ANIMAL EXPERIMENTS BY SCHOOL CHILDREN A CONTINUING CRUELTY. This spring, as in the past, Connecticut children in the classroom and at science fairs have been conducting hurtful experiments on live animals. These include such painful procedures as: (1) Suspended animation using cats, pigeons, guinea pigs and turtles. (2) Surgical Siamese union of two mice after first castrating the subjects. (60 mice were sacrificed for one success.) (3) Carving large strips of flesh from rats to observe healing processes. (4) Attempting to induce cancer by spreading nicotine on open wounds of hamsters. (5) Injecting bee venom in mice to observe effects, ie; convulsions and death. (6) Depriving rats of sight, hearing and smell to observe conduct in a maze. (7) Shooting mice off in rockets to observe effects of acceleration. (8) Inducing morphine addiction in rats. (9) Producing rickets in chickens, by feeding deficient diets. (10) Testing mice in high altitude simulator which produced convulsions, exploding intestines and death. (11) Inducing alcoholism in rats. (12) Testing hamsters' reactions to centrifugal force in a whirling machine. (13) Administering severe electric shock to rats, guinea pigs and mice to test reactions. (14) Administering a variety of harmful drugs to a variety of animals to observe effects.

Currently HSUS(CB) is laying the groundwork for legislation next winter which will halt these disgusting abuses. At the proper time we shall need all of the support we can muster from our membership to assure passage of the legislation.



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