HSUS Steps Up Investigation of Cruel Uses of Animals in Science Education, Seeks Remedial Laws

The HSUS has stepped up its investigation into cruel uses of animals in science fairs and biology teaching.

Service Department Director Patrick Parkes has completed a comprehensive survey of science fair projects in the Maryland counties of Baltimore, Frederick, Prince Georges, and Montgomery. The survey was taken as part of a program to develop information on teaching practices in science education in which animals are treated callously and indifferently.

The new study shows urgent need for state laws to stop current abuses. Many of the objectionable exhibits reflected a tendency of students to duplicate experimental work that has been done repeatedly in legitimate medical and scientific research.

There were experiments showing how mice react to alcohol. There were cases of painful drugs being injected into rats and chickens to evaluate their effect. There were shock, nutrition and diet deficiency tests, and experiments showing how toxic gases affect mice. There was an experiment showing abdominal surgical techniques on mice and other tests involving the effects of tobacco.

It was noted that in most cases the experimental work had been done at home, probably unsupervised and without benefit of even the minimum facilities and skills considered necessary in good research.

The HSUS has long contended that cruelty to animals used in science education is also profoundly harmful to children. “What concerns us,” Parkes stated after the current study, “is the kind of attitude that is being cultivated in students. All over the United States, (Continued on page 4)

Nine Senators Co-Sponsor Bill to End Torture of Tennessee Walkers

Senator Joseph Tydings of Maryland and eight of his fellow members of the United States Senate are sponsoring legislation to end the cruel practice of “soring” Tennessee walking horses. The bill, numbered S. 1765, was introduced in mid-May and referred to the Agriculture and Forestry Committee.

A companion bill is expected to be introduced soon in the House of Representatives.

The Tydings bill is aimed at ending a cruelty which the Virginia Federation of Humane Societies, the Animal Protective League of Milwaukee, Wis., The HSUS, and other humane organizations have been trying to eliminate for years. The deliberate injuring, or “soring,” of walking horses is considered one of the most brutal abuses inflicted upon animals in the name of sport. It is done to force the horses into a unique running walk with gliding hind motion and high stepping front action which wins prestige and prizes for owners, exhibitors, and trainers.

This gait, or “big lick” as it is commonly called, is supposed to be achieved normally through genetic strain and (Continued on page 3)
Radical Society's Campaign

The bucking strap does no more than Executive Director of The national Field Service Director, spoke Connecticut Branch, and Frank McMahon, rodeo are boys' Association launched a massive counter attack to protect the bucking straps. McMahon into virtual worthlessness the law fied again in Ohio, and conclusive proof of rodeo cruelties was also offered by Jean Kelty, director of the Animal Charity League of Youngstown; of Representatives by a vote of 57-34.

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Nevada Society Tackles Pepsi Cola, Elks Club: Animal Prizes at Stake

HSUS affiliated Humane Society of Clark County, Nev., is battling the Pepsi Cola Company and the Las Vegas Elks Club over violation of an ordi- nance outlawing the awarding of live animals as gifts or prizes in sales promotion contests. The issue arose when Pepsi Cola and the Elks Club sponsored and advertised the "giveaway" of a pony as part of the local Bellhorado days celebration.

The society tried initially to stop the use of a live animal in the raffle by appeal to the local police, to no avail. The local humane society succeeded in getting a television station to broadcast a film on abuse of rodeo animals. The rodeo was held, but attendance was poor and it was considered a financial flop. McMahon tried to obtain photographs of cruelty to animals in the chute area, but was ordered away by a horse promoter Emory Hall of Ameri- cana Productions. He was told bluntly "to get out of here unless you've got a warrant for someoen's arrest."

Commenting on the incident, Mc- Mahon expressed amazement that HSUS field representatives are consistently kept away from the chute area of rodeo arenas while agents of the American Humane Association are welcomed warmly," McMahon said.

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Walking Horse Bill, State and Federal (Continued from page 4)

Sisci models developed to circum- vent the ruling. Wedges are reportedly now positioned under the pad between the foot and the shoe of the horse. When- ever in this position, the wedge irritates and causes the high stepping action. Other techniques include cutting and shaving the back of the frog of the hoof so that the animal's weight falls on a sensitive area and injecting chemical irritants into the heel and bottom of the foot. It's expected that these tortures will end if the Tydings bill is enacted. The bill outlawed shipment of animals in inter-state commerce whose legs or hooves have been made sore to alter the ani- mals' natural gait. Since movement of Tennessee walking horses from one show to another is customary, it was felt that the law would stop "soring." Enforcement would be through the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state and federal veterinarians would probably cooperate in policing horse shows.

At the state level, the Animal Protec- tion Association of Milwaukee, Wis., has taken the lead in effort to introduce a bill to the Federal bill introduced by Senator Tydings. Hearings on the bill, Senate bill 95, were held before the Wisconsin Senate Agriculture Committee in May and most witnesses who testified sup- ported the legislation. The opposition consisted of testimony mainly from rodeo interests that horse show interests be allowed to clean up abuses themselves.

The committee consensus was, how- ever, that a closer watch be kept on Tennessee walking horses exhibited in the state during the summer months and, if cruelty were observed, the bill would be enacted. There is considerable hope that the law will be passed this year.

The HSUS urges humanitarians and humane workers to support the Tydings bill, S. 1765, and encourages residents of Wisconsin also to support Senate bill 95. The HSUS was approving release of animals to research as A 410 did not attempt to change existing law and policy on this issue.

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It is, of course, approved or condone release of unwanted animals to experimental laboratories. The Society's position on this issue has been expressed publicly and repeatedly in releases, news bulletins, and in testi- mony before federal and state legisla- tive committees and the Society has consistently fought pound seizure bills wherever and whenever they have been proposed.

Pound Seizure Threat Defeated in N.J.; HSUS Proposal Also Dead

The HSUS New Jersey Branch has led a successful battle against legis- lations that contained provisions for the mandatory release of impounded ani- mals to research institutions.

A bill 666, supported by the state Department of Health, and an administration compromise bill which would have been even more dangerous, are now considered "politically dead." Unfortunately, The HSUS sponsored bill, A 410, which would have given local municipalities the right to release animals to the state, is also dead.

The defeat of A 410 was caused prin- cipally by opposition from Governor Richard J. Hughes and his administra- tion. It is believed, however, that op- position from some misinformed humane groups did not help the situation. Some opposition came from a local humane society. The HSUS was approving release of animals to research because A 410 did not attempt to change existing law and policy on this issue.

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Survey Shows Big Animal Protection Problems in Puerto Rico; Affiliate To Receive Mobile Animal Hospital

The Humane Society of Puerto Rico, an HSUS Affiliate, will soon receive a mobile animal hospital for use in its animal care and rescue activities. The idea for the hospital was conceived some time ago by Mrs. O. Roy Chalk, wife of the president of D.C. Transit Company in Washington and Mrs. Donald Dawson, also of Washington.

After a survey of conditions for animals in Puerto Rico, HSUS Field Service Director Frank McMahon reported that such a mobile hospital is desperately needed on the island. McMahon said that, despite the effective work being done by the local society, stray cats and dogs abound everywhere and even horses and other animals roam the island searching for food.

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Abuse of Animals in Schools, Science Fairs

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HSUS Named Radical Opponent of Rodeos
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"our men seem able to see things that escape the AHA agents, and the rodeo promoters seem scared that we see too much."

HSUS President Oliver Evans recently made the issue quite clear when he said that "the American Humane Association makes prosecution or elimination of rodeo cruelties almost impossible by formally and publicly endorsing rodeo 'rules' that not only permit cruelty, but require it."

He stated further that the AHA position of supervising rodeos was perpetuating them and cited as evidence comments from a letter of March 15, 1967 to Horse Lover's magazine from Gene Pruett, Secretary-Treasurer of the Rodeo Cowboys' Association.

In the letter defending rodeos and the AHA, Pruett stated that "they (the AHA) have been rodeo's strongest friend throughout the past fifteen years that I know of." He stated further that the American Humane Association "works with us in the spirit of full cooperation" and that if all humane organizations were like the AHA, "we'd have no problems." Pruett concluded his remarks by branding The HSUS as one of the most radically anti-rodeo groups in America and stating "it is essential" that the AHA not be included in the same group.

Society President Evans reiterated HSUS condemnation of the AHA practice of "playing footsie" with rodeo interests and urged all humanitarians to join in the HSUS campaign to eliminate these cruel spectacles from the American scene.

Would your friends like to receive The HSUS "News" without charge for a limited time? Simply send their names and addresses to The HSUS Service Department and arrangements will be made.

The Summer Squeeze

Summer, the season when most people are enjoying the outdoors, brings a tremendous upsurge in mistreatment of animals. The hot weather aggravates animal welfare problems with which The HSUS grapples all year and creates new ones.

Vacationers abandon animals, sometimes when they start on their trips, sometimes when they leave to return home.

Public pound workers who realize the importance of heat and shelter in winter cause suffering by failing to realize the need for shelter and adequate water during summer.

With more animals running loose in hot weather, dog dealers are more active and pet thefts increase.

The season brings out wildlife and hysterical rabies quarantine programs flare up across the country.

Rodeos increase substantially in number. Horse shows are almost a weekly occurrence. Cockfights, "bloodless bullfights," "coon-on-a-log" and similar contests are all held with much greater frequency.

Lack of enough money during this period hampers HSUS efforts to ameliorate or eliminate these problems. A drop in the Society's income comes at precisely the wrong time, when additional funds are needed to combat increased cruelty. Friends who normally contribute generously are faced with vacation and other expenses and tend to forego a summer contribution.

But the work remains to be done and can be done only to the extent that you help. Your contribution will be perhaps the most important gift you give this year.

Write a check for whatever amount you can give. You will be helping animals that would otherwise suffer severely in the cruel conditions peculiar to summertime.
Support the Humane Society

The Loudoun County Humane Society is making a laudable effort to expand its animal protective efforts and there is increasing awareness of its importance to the county.

The local group is part of a network of 800 Humane Societies, SPCA's and other welfare groups throughout the country which have been organized for the prevention of cruelty, mistreatment, and neglect of both domestic and wild animals.

The Loudoun County Humane Society is a highly-enlightened area in the field of animal protection and will focus the attention of the Nation on the county in a way which will go far beyond the shelter constructed by the National Humane Education Center and the Loudoun County Humane Society will also be able to operate and build in Loudoun County a highly-enlightened area and the Loudoun County Humane Society.

The HSUS, a nonprofit organization depending on their membership and donations for support of their programs, is recommended to the program. Man is unlikely to advance until he learns the merits of kindly treatment to all, both animal and human.

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Protection Sought for Predatory Mammals Through Federal Law

The HSUS is supporting a bill, H.R. 483, which has been introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and is aimed at protecting and preserving certain species of predator mammals.

The bill is sponsored by Congressman John D. Dingell, an old friend of organizations and individuals seeking legal measures to protect wildlife. It would authorize the Fish and Wildlife Service to conserve wolves, coyotes, mountain lions, bears, and other large, wild carnivores and control them when necessary to prevent damage to domestic livestock.

The bill also calls for establishment of a mammal control agent in each regional office of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife. These agents would advise and train state-employed specialists who, in turn, would instruct farmers and ranchers in ways to prevent depredations by the predators named.

Enactment of the Dingell bill would control a government agency activity that has wreaked great suffering and death upon wildlife. Many animals of the protected species would be saved from cruel suffering and death since poison and other brutal methods are used to eliminate predators. The law would also help to eliminate the bounty system which is still used in many states.

There is Congressional support for the bill, but individuals can help tremendously by letters to their own Congressmen.

Now is the time to help provide for future humane work by making a bequest to The HSUS in your will. Bequests are the lifeblood of the Society and provide the means by which programs can be intensified and expanded. Simple instructions on how to make a bequest are printed in the booklet, How to Stretch Your Humane Society Dollars and How to Write a Will. Write for a free copy.

Ohio Affiliate’s Highest Humane Award Goes to Sen. Stephen Young

The HSUS-affiliated Animal Charity League of Youngstown, Ohio, has awarded its highest honor to U.S. Senator Stephen M. Young.

ACL President Perc Kelty presented Senator Young with the Fred Myers Humane Award at the society’s annual meeting in late March. The award, established in memory of the late Fred Myers, HSUS Vice President and Director of Education, is given each year to the Ohio resident contributing the most to humane causes.

Senator Young has consistently supported animal welfare legislation in Congress and is currently a co-sponsor of the Tydings bill to end cruelty to Tennessee walking horses. He is also a strong supporter of Federal legislation to protect animals used in medical research.

Conservationist Named Humanitarian of the Year by Conn. Branch

Mrs. Mae Norton Morris has been named Humanitarian of the Year by The HSUS Connecticut Branch.

Mrs. Morris, a noted conservationist, has dedicated herself to protecting and preserving wildlife. She has been responsible for enlisting many new persons in efforts to preserve threatened wildlife. She has also been active in other animal welfare programs.

The award was made at the April 22 annual meeting of the Branch. Other awards included certificates of commendation for outstanding work in the humane cause to the Greater Bridgeport Area Committee and the New Era newspaper.

The special annual Branch award, the Christopher Gratton Shaw Scholarship Award, went to secondary school student George Reginald Curry for his dedicated kindness towards, and understanding of, all species of animals.

Bullfighting Interests Are Defeated Solidly in Maine and Florida

On March 23, Governor Kenneth Curtis of Maine signed into law a bill prohibiting bullfighting, "bloodless" bullfighting, and similar contests between animals and men. In specifically mentioning the so-called bloodless form of bullfighting, the new law seals off Maine as a possible state in which promoters might have been able to stage their cruel exhibitions.

In Florida, an attempt was made to obtain a state law permitting these cruel contests. The permissive bill was introduced by Senator Louis de la Parte and co-sponsored by Senator Joseph McClain. After hearings and opposition from the Florida Federation of Humane Societies and HSUS affiliated humane societies and humanitarians in the state, Senator McClain withdrew his sponsorship of the bill.

HSUS Opposes Bill to Change Pennsylvania Humane Law Wording

Senate bill 38 was introduced unexpectedly in the Pennsylvania legislature to replace present anti-cruelty legislation with four lines of wording advocated by the American Law Institute. The HSUS opposed the bill and Field Service Director Frank McMahon testified against it at hearings in Harrisburg on May 23. He asked that the legislature not take a backward step now by passing legislation that would eliminate hard-won legal protection for animals in the state.

All witnesses at the hearings testified against Senate bill 38. Despite this favorable indication, however, the HSUS urges its Pennsylvania members to oppose the bill through letters and telegrams to key legislators, Senator Clarence D. Bell and Representative Evan Williams. Both may be addressed at the State Capitol, Harrisburg, Pa.