endangered species bill signed into state law


THE BILL WILL BAN FUR SALES ---

Recently the Legislature passed and Governor Meskill signed the bill supported by HSUS(CB) prohibiting the sale in Connecticut of skins or any part of
animals such as leopard, snow leopard, tiger, cheetah, alligator, crocodile, red wolf, polar bear, Atlantic hawkbill turtle, mountain lion or cougar, jaguar, ocelot or margay. The new law is timely and essential since the fate of our animals is in precarious balance. Most particularly animals who possess commercial value have been faced with extinction and attempts to protect these animals by law in their own habitat have failed. Poachers who know that a leopard pelt, for instance, will sell for a high price in the American retail market pay no attention to their own laws while some of our seas' officialdoms neither make nor enforce laws. The only way to stop this slaughter-to-extinction is to cut off the market and that is exactly what happened in Connecticut this year. With New York and Massachusetts joining in similar legislation and other states expected to follow, it is the poacher, not the animal, who will be phased out of existence.

we win again. no sunday hunting

This year, as happened two years ago, the hunters loosed a massive barrage at the state legislature aimed to legalize Sunday bow-and-arrow deer hunting. And this year, as happened two years ago, the initial response of a multitude of HSUS(CB) humanitarians and friends fended off the assault on Connecticut's age-old prohibition on the Sunday slaughter of our wildlife. Thus children, nature lovers, birders, photographers, leaf watchers, and picnickers along with deer will enjoy one day a week of woodland peace. Despite the fact that those who sought the bow-and-arrow hunting in order to promote gun hunting have suffered a setback we should not rest easy. Like some biennial noxious weed its growth is checked but not killed. Another HSUS(CB) supported bill.

no more bounties on connecticut wildlife

was the verdict of the legislature and the Governor on still another HSUS(CB) supported bill. Henceforth Town Clerks will not dole out bounties for killing groundhogs, rabbits, snakes, toadstools, watermice, bobcats, copperheads, weasels, woodchucks, porcupines, wild German hares, and wild Belgian hares. In this instance we were happy to see humane-minded children as well as adults express their opposition to killing wildlife for blood money.

anti-cruelty law is strengthened

by elimination of legal loopholes through which violators squirmed free. Thanks to an amendment that was inserted by the humane societies, local authorities, humane groups, conservationists, and others who want to save and restore that which is good for man, animal and their shared environment. Concerted and harmonious effort is the keynote. Banding together with other societies where common goals exist is winning battles for us on all fronts and as an added dividend promoting understanding amongst groups which previously traveled their own paths.

HORRAY FOR OUR SIDE: No that is not a printer's error. We said "sides" not "side" referring to the wonderful and exhilarating spirit of cooperation that today exists, conversations, exchanges, visits with legislators, and others who want to see democracy and the general welfare restored. We are all a part of this movement toward promoting kindness and eliminating cruelty. Our effective vehicle is the education of the young. HOORAY FOR OUR SIDE:3.

NATIONAL ISSUES CONCERN US. Customarily these are comprehensively covered by our National Bulletins, however, we do maintain extensive files and endeavor to keep abreast of the subjects. Members with questions or suggestions about such matters as hunting and trapping, rodent poisoning, rodeo cruelties, laboratory animal care, humane transport of animals should feel free to call us.

Pertinently, you should know that Connecticut Senator Lowell Weicker is sponsoring two beneficial animal welfare bills; one to provide for the humane transport of animals by air, the other to preserve wild horses. We suggest you write to him expressing your approval and your thanks for his action.

His address: Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20510.

NATIONAL HUMANE EDUCATION LEADERS spoke at the Annual Meeting held recently at the Mermaid Tavern in the Stratford Motor Inn. A large and enthusiastic assemblage who heard Miss Phyllis Wright, Director and Miss Donna Truslow, Assistant Director, of the National Humane Education Center, the HSUS-sponsored institution located in Waterford, Virginia.

Miss Wright who is known to thousands through her television appearances emphasized that humane education is today the single most important avenue toward promotion of animal welfare. She stated her belief that activation of the HSUS(CB) Humane Education and Nature Center will provide a powerful vehicle for traveling forward on that avenue. Miss Truslow in her turn described the establishment and operation of the Spay Clinic at the farm, that immediately alleviates the aching problem of surplus animal populations. The speakers were assured that HSUS(CB) is giving high priority to both projects. Additionaliy, it was agreed that the National Center conduct a seminar-type workshop in Connecticut in the future.

make room for the animals, the unique humane-education adventure in the theater, sponsored by HSUS has now played to enthusiastic audiences in East Haddam, Hartford and Westbrook. Portions of the production have been staged in schools in New Haven repeatedly. Hundreds of children, and adults too, have been captivated by the lively musical show which features songs, dances, songs, dances, and puppets blended together for fine professional entertainment. Best of all, the story carried the life-saving message from the animals "We've got to share this world with you" and it is up to man to see that the animals receive their fair share. Gratifying to HSUS(CB) was the fact that much of the action occurs on a set built to resemble and named for our own projected Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center.

At the HSUS(CB) Annual Meeting it was our pleasure to award the Connecticut Humitarian of the Year Award jointly to the two producers, Mrs. Ima Goldbloom and Mrs. Nancy Renfro. Their citation reads in part: "Over a period of years Ima Goldbloom and Nancy Renfro have dedicated themselves to the successful promotion of the ideas of humanitarianism through the vastly effective mediums of teaching and the theater.

"As teachers and authors they have by voice and example guided their students toward a true reverence for life in all forms. As producers of puppet shows and of multi-media musical shows they have conveyed to children -- and adults as well -- the theme that animals must be protected and treated with kindness at all times.

"Their actions have been an inspiration to all humane-minded people."
ADMIRAL SHAW AND THE ‘ANIMALS’ who packed the Goodspeed Opera House last weekend for four hilarious performances of an original musical for children, “Make Room For The Animals” staged for the benefit the Humane Society of the United States, of which Rear Adm. James C. Shaw of East Haddam is Executive Director for Connecticut, the production of the Puppet Tree Players promoted kindness to animals and preservation of their environment. If youngsters in the audience had anything to do with it, probably not a tree would be cut down, not a bulldozer show its face, not an airport dare rise. Gathered in the Goodspeed steps after a prolonged autographing session with youngsters are Stanley Shurk, Porky Porcupine, Granny Raccoon and Stanky Skunk. Flashing the admiral is the Wicked Bulldozer Man and Mr. Tree. On either side are the two ladies who created and directed it all, Nancy Renfro and Irma Goldbloom. A three-man rock band played original music to which cast and puppets cavorted.

NEW ERA, (News Photo by Ruth Thayer)

HSUS(CB) wishes to express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mercuglian and Mrs. Matthew Griswold, Hamilton Hicks, and Mrs. Beatrice Holt Rosenthal. Directors reelected for a one year term: Chairman of the Board, Everett Smith, Jr; President, Thaddeus G. Cowell; Vice President, John H. Roos; Treasurer, Stanley C. Rockwell; Secretary, Mrs. E. W. Wiseman. Directors reelected were: Thaddeus G. Cowell, Mrs. Matthew Griswold, Hamilton Hicks, and Mrs. Beatrice Holt Rosenthal. Director elected for the first time was Alfred C. Sheffield. Additionally, Mr. K. W. Wiseman was named member of the Advisory Board.

Mr. Morton J. Newburger, a former HSUS(CB) President and a Director since the Society’s inception was elected Honorary Founding Director with acclamation by the membership. Mr. John H. Roos, Chairman of the Nominating Committee had this to say of Mr. Newburger: “He is a gentleman with wisdom and foresight who guided and advised on many of the Society’s programs. Lending his prestige and knowledge to the humane cause he assisted our projects immeasurably. He set an outstanding example for practicing common-sense humanitarianism.”

The above officials as humanitarians from various parts of the state and divisions share one attribute in common, a devotion to the cause of animal welfare; not maudlin sentiment but a practical dedication to work in which they have all been involved as volunteers over a long period of time.

For a complete list of Directors, Advisors and their residences consult the first page of this News Letter.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS have been made to Ronald Gordon, Jr. of Middlefield and to Daniel Munch of Stamford. Said for their selection from a large field of outstanding candidates is best described in the citations which are quoted below in part:

“They have exhibited from early childhood a sympathy and understanding for animals of all species, displaying reverence for life in keeping with the highest ideals of humanitarianism.

“Ronald’s interests in promoting kindness and eliminating cruelty have included ministering to distressed animals and concern for the welfare of all living creatures. He has prepared school papers in behalf of humane education, has disseminated information on humane topics to schoolmates and friends, has studied the humane ethic voluntarily and diligently through extensive reading and faithful attendance at HSUS meetings. He has imbued in others the spirit of giving of one’s self in behalf of the less fortunate of God’s creatures.

“Daniel’s dedication to the cause of animal welfare has been evident in both speech and action. His teachers and classmates know and respect his dedication. At home and at his after-hours work with a veterinarian he has been instrumental in saving and ministering to all kinds of animals both wild and domestic. On one occasion while rescuing an animal injured by a car he was severely bitten yet persisted with the rescue and subsequent care of the maimed animal.”

Both winners will enter college this fall, Ronald in a liberal arts course and Danny in pre-veterinary medicine.

Members are reminded that contributions specifically for the Scholarship Fund are both welcome and needed.

Take your place on the sandwich board of freedom and lend your “kindness to animals and preservation of their environment”.
HSUS(CB) Vice President John H. Roos presenting scholarship award to Daniel Munch. Also shown are HSUS (CB) Director Mrs. Frederick Cunningham and Dr. J. H. Nickerson, DVM, with whom Daniel has been employed.

Ronald W. Gordon, Jr. holding "Omar of Bradley" a beautiful full grown Persian found at Bradley Airport when a kitten in summer of 1969. Two other cats found by "Ron" are Omar's playmates.

HSUS(CB) COMMISSION TO HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALIST. At a recent meeting of the Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club Rear Admiral J. C. Shaw, Executive Director of HSUS(CB) presented a commendation to Miss Colleen McLean (pictured at right with friends) of Litchfield. The award was in recognition of Miss McLean's care of animals and humane-oriented columns in the Torrington Register. Her commendation read in part: "Miss McLean has demonstrated compassion by her solicitous care of large numbers of animals placed in her charge at a combination kennel and cattery near her home. As a columnist for the Torrington Register, she has on her own initiative published animal-safe advice, humane-education material, lost-and-found notices, and pleas to the public to be kind to animals."

wiltron 'aid' wins shelter campaign

"AID" in Wilton stands for "Aid to Animals in Distress", an organization operating as a committee for HSUS(CB) whose principal objective in the past three years has been the establishment of a pound-shelter in Wilton. Now AID has achieved its goal and shortly Wilton will open a shelter. In print it sounds easy. In fact, it has been a long and oftentimes discouraging struggle involving meetings, mailings, letters to the editor, assistance from HSUS(CB) and overall recruitment of public support.

Through it all AID has not forgotten its other vital mission --- direct animal welfare. Scores of hurt, homeless animal waifs have found haven at the homes of AID members.

We commend AID President Mrs. Seyburn Anderson and her loyal membership on a task well done. We hope other communities will gain heart and strength from this example of dedicated group action.

norma terris to star in annual benefit october 2nd.

This year's HSUS(CB) Benefit at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam will be a musical show starring our own Norma Terris. Members who have seen her perform at either the HSUS(CB) Annual Meeting or her previous Benefit will vouchsafe that an evening of high-spirited first-rate entertainment is in store for the audience. Watch for our special invitation and set aside the date, Saturday, October 2nd.

Newcomers in our membership should know that Miss Terris, in addition to being a superlative stage and screen star, is the generous benefactress whose gift of land is making possible the HSUS(CB) Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center.

placement of animals can be difficult and discouraging but not to Miss Gladys Steeg of Bridgeport who cheerfully inserts appealing pictures of impounded homeless animals in area papers along with catchy little poems about the waifs --- and the line to adopt pets forms to the right.

westport bans hunting, trapping, thanks to determined effort of HSUS(CB) members and friends in that community. The ordinance prohibiting these cruel and dangerous "sports" within the city limits was passed by the Representative Town Meeting and should make the community safer for both animals and humans. We would like to emphasize here a truism seldom voiced in humane work, namely that measures to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to animals almost always benefit humans as well. In this instance, the killing-for-fun cruelties inherent in shooting and trapping animals are outlawed. At the same time householders, parents and other concerned residents are assured that their children, pets and property have the protection of the law.

HSUS(CB) members in other communities should check local ordinances with Town Clerks to see whether similar legislation is on the books of their towns. If not, they may obtain a copy of the Westport ordinance from our headquarters and press for its enactment in their locales.
A word of caution on this topic. The passage of a law does not ensure enforcement. In a recent Connecticut case, the attorney for a man charged with deliberately killing a neighbor's cat succeeded in having the case dropped despite the evidence. In all anti-cruelty complaints, make sure the facts will stand up in court.

**The Dreadful Death of Mini-Gabe.** Mrs. Seyburn Anderson, HSUS(CB) Director and President of Wilton AID (Aid to Animals in Distress), cherishes and suc­cessors animals of all kinds as anyone who has visited her pleasant home will attest. A particular love was held for her young cat, Mini-Gabe, a rescued waif as are most of her pets. When Mini-Gabe was shot by an unknown killer, Mrs. Anderson was shocked, grieved and moved to write the Letter to the Editor reproduced herein. Also disturbed by this wanton act was Father John L. Scott, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Norwalk. He delivered the following eulogy in memorial for Mini-Gabe which we print below in its entirety.

**In Memoriam - Mini-Gabe 1971**

"It was such a lonely and little yowl. My thought was that Gabriel Church was lost to the Rectory roof to be with his friends. When I opened the upstairs window to let him in I was surprised to find Gabriel-in-miniature looking in so longingly. We have always suspected that Mini-Gabe was the last heir of the Church line, created for Gabriel's trip to the Vet made all such things impossible.

"Mini-Gabe gave his love to a lovely new mistress. This week he died through the immature cruelty of Man (probably more exactly BOYS) towards God's creation. He was found dead in the garden, the victim of a damnable Sun.

"Your Rector has strong convictions. He also has two sons. He is a man, and he hopes to live to see his two sons grow into full Manhood. One of the things they never had force the sales force to sell, before they were properly proven their Manhood; for a gun is a poor substitute for masculinity. More than that, in your Rector's humble opinion, a gun is a barrier to the development of Manhood. It is a cheap substitute.

"I am sad for Mini-Gabe. My condolences go out to his Mistress. My pity goes to the parents who put an instrument of death into immature hands. Saddest of all are the poor children who may be deprived thereby of any real Manhood as seen in Jesus Christ.

"Some may be hot under the collar about these words, I mean them. I have fired a gun in my lifetime, in defence of my native land, I see no useful purpose in using one again.

"What of Mini-Gabe? His life was a blessing. What of him now? My prayer is that he, with all living things who have loved "May God's Strength to Strength, in the Joy of Service," The Lord of Life whom we worship will not deny to any of His creatures the place which Love has bought, Heaven would be less without the joy of soft fur and the presence of a Mini-one who had given love!" John L. Scott

The killing of Mini-Gabe underscores the need for humane education, a need which our Society is laboring to fill. Not only is such wicked slaughter of an innocent animal indefensible, it bodes ill for the future of the killer. Time and again we have noted that sadism toward animals is only a hairbreadth removed from sadism toward humans. It does not surprise us at all that Connecticut's notorious John Pardue who died recently as a result of a gun battle with police had in his youth been arrested for shooting sea gulls in a town park. We must, can and will carry the humane message to our youth in order that decency, kindness and respect for all living things may prevail in our land.

**What They Don't Know Will Hurt Them** is a fact of business life of which top management is well aware. Take chain-store pet shops as an example. Complaints that come our way almost invariably disclose some neglect or omission on the part of the sales force or local-level management. And any objection by the buying public all too often is ignored and delayed. The recourse is to go to the very top. The President of a nation-wide chain is extremely sensitive to his firm's public image and realizes that the image is shaped by what happens on the sales floor. If the public know that live merchandise is being abused but he, the big boss does not, the reputation of the firm is being hurt. With this in mind, every HSUS(CB) member who points out deficiencies in a local store to its personnel without avail should call our headquarters. We'll carry the story to the top. In the most recent instance a leading executive of one of the largest retail firms in the world acknowledged our bill of particulars in this fashion: "We appreciate your letter, and we can assure that this complaint will receive immediate attention. We trust that it will not be necessary for you to call an unfavorable condition to our attention again. However, should this develop, we will sincerely appreciate your writing to us personally."

PROLIFERATION OF PET SHOPS, particularly the all-breed dog establishments, has prompted numerous protests to our office. Believing that in most cases violation of existing animal cruelty law would be difficult to prove, we intend to ask for assistance from the Department of Consumer Protection, particularly in instances where puppies which have been sold are found to be all­ing as a consequence of neglect. An HSUS(CB) committee is being formed to study and act upon the entire subject.
A word of caution on this topic. A Board of Directors, advises that if a neighbor makes suitable disposition of any horse with deliberately killing a neighbor's horse, the horse is not satisfactorily care for. This is the case despite the evidence, in all the horse or whether he is other facts will stand up in court.

For further information call or write HSUS (CB) headquarters.

"And did Thus" was the caption attached to the photo of five abandoned puppies which HSUS member-photographer published in the New Era. The tiny waifs were dropped into the Connecticut River by some unknown cruel person. Somehow they managed to struggle ashore there to be rescued by Essex Dog Warden Robert Clark. We publish this to remind readers that the season of mass abandonment is at hand in Connecticut resort areas. This is a serious crime in our state. Concerned members should write letters to their local newspaper editors pointing out that above the immorality of the act the penalty for conviction can be $250 fine and/or one year in prison.

### INNOCENT VICTIMS (photo by Ruth Thayer)

**TRAINING RETARDED PEOPLE FOR ANIMAL CARE WORK** is an innovative HSUS project.

In our state presently in the planning stages, discussions have been held with state mental health officials from which the broad outline of the plan has emerged. Briefly, the State will select retarded people for training who are capable of giving general care to animals in pounds, shelters, zoos, stables, kennels and veterinary establishments. With HSUS (CB) guidance those chosen will receive basic courses in animal care to be followed by on-the-job training. Reception to the idea has been enthusiastic wherever presented. To our best knowledge the project is new and without precedent anywhere else in the world.

The unique feature of this concept is that it will help both people and animals directly. The retarded will enter a vocation in which they can take pride and earn pay. On the other hand, willing workers will become available to animal-care establishments. This source could prove worthwhile in municipal pounds which conventional labor market. Authorities in observation that retarded people, by an even remarkable, empathy for animals when HSUS (CB) is particularly fortunate.

**Fellend, one of the foremost professionals...** was Connecticut program for the retarded. His counsel has been and continues invaluable.

**MEETING WITH SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS** was a privilege and opportunity recently of HSUS (CB) Executive Director, Rear Admiral J. C. Shaw. The Superintendents were those of the lower Connecticut River Valley and shore area. The topic was humane education and how to introduce it into the school systems. Admiral Shaw outlined the aims of HSUS and ventured some proposals regarding a workable program. A lively and constructive discussion period ensued. Most important to humanitarians was the universal willingness of the Superintendents to inaugurate and back an HSUS program. A basic premise is participation by the teachers in humane education as a standard part of school curriculum. Watch our Newsletter for developments in this area.

**IN MEMORIAM.** We are sad to report the deaths of two distinguished members of HSUS (CB) both of whom believed in and supported the cause of animal welfare. Admiral Thomas C. Hart of Sharon died on July 5th at age 94. The Admiral, who served 52 years in the Navy and a period in the U.S. Senate, is remembered professionally for his efforts in improving and expanding the submarine service and as Commander-in-Chief of the U.S. and Allied Forces in the early battle-filled days of World War II. Miss Frances McLaughlin Hart died March 9th at age 93. Her good and great works in the fields of public service spanned many years and numerous interests --- conservation, preservation of antiquities and landmarks and animal welfare among them. While the passing of these notable Americans is sorrowful indeed, we in the humane movement can derive inspiration from the fact that in the midst of their fame and achievements they still took time to care for and to assist the animals they cherished.

**HSUS (CB) LOST DOG REWARD NOTICES** help locate lost, stray or stolen pets. **Call us for details.**

**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, if you have the knowledge that eventually the principal will go to promote humane work. Write for details if interested.

**REQUEST FORM** --- I give and bequeath to the Humane Society of the United States, Connecticut Branch, Inc., 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), P. O. Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423

Pet's name ______ Your name ______

Address ______ Phone ______
A word of caution on this topic. Men enforcement. In a recent Connecticut case despite the evidence. In all facts will stand up in court.

WHETHER IT'S EAST COAST OR ETHIOPIA, HSUS(CB) Director Mrs. Matthew Griswold is always alert to note and help animals in distress. A leader in our Connecticut HSUS(CB) humane education program, she recently took time off to enplane for Ethiopia where she observed that cart horses in outlying towns were in sad shape indeed. Upon her return she wrote a gracious letter to the Emperor with a copy to the U.S. Ambassador asking for royal intercession in behalf of the horses. It is too soon to predict the outcome but judging by Mrs. Griswold's previous success in pointing out and effecting cures to animal suffering in places remote from Connecticut, we predict that life in the traces will be a bit easier for the Ethiopian ponies ere long. Once again we urge our globe-trotting members to emulate her example. And if you wish to meet fellow humanitarians abroad, we can give you introductions through our affiliation with the World Federation for the Protection of Animals.

a great opportunity is yours to attend the annual HSUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held at NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND on October 15, 16, and 17. This will be the first time ever for the meeting to be held in New England. At the Conference you will meet and confer with the nation's outstanding authorities embracing the entire spectrum of humanitarianism --- experts in humane education, wild life preservation, live stock protection, shelter operation, legislation, law enforcement, public relations. Knowledgeable ones will be there for speeches, seminars and relaxed after-hours conversation covering topics from seals to Sealyhams. You will talk with humanitarians from coast to coast, hear of their problems, learn of their solutions. You will absorb more of what the humane movement is all about than you would in a long period of solitary study.

Furthermore, it's fun. Humanitarians, despite the seriousness of their cause, enjoy life, people and a good time. The setting, the Newport Hilton, on an island just off the shore from the renowned colonial town of Newport in Narragansett Bay, affords you scenery, sightseeing and unsurpassed facilities.

A new bridge has made Newport easily accessible by highway from any spot in the State. If you would prefer to come by train or plane that's easy too. And for the seafaring humanitarians, marina facilities are available at the hotel.

A great opportunity indeed but only if you avail yourself of it. Shortly an invitation and an application will reach you from HSUS(National). When it arrives, don't delay. Remember you are competing for space with all 50 states and beyond.