Humanitarians Receive Journalism Awards

Two humanitarians have received awards from the Dog Writers' Assn. of America for their newspaper articles on animal welfare subjects.

Ann Cotrell Free, a freelance writer living in Washington, D.C., received the best column or news report award for a series of articles on animal welfare and control in the Birmingham (Ala.) News. The best feature story award was given to columnist Lois Stevenson, a former director of the HSUS New Jersey Branch, for an article in the Plainfield (N.J.) Courier-News about the Conference on the Ecology of the Surplus Dog and Cat Problem held in Chicago last May. The association also honored the Chicago conference, of which HSUS was a co-sponsor, with the best national education award.

National Geographic Uses HSUS Guiding Principles

The National Geographic Society's Educational Services has notified HSUS it will include copies of the "HSUS Guiding Principles for Use of Animals in Elementary and Secondary Schools" in the teachers kit it has prepared for use with a new National Geographic filmstrip on animals.

The Needs of Animals Will Continue

Long After You Are Gone

Man's cruelty and irresponsibility to animals will not end in our lifetime. Long after today's humanitarians are gone, animals will need defenders and protectors.

The Humane Society of the United States will be happy to send you a booklet on how to make the best use of your animal welfare bequest.

Write in complete confidence to: President/General Counsel, The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

FDA Approves Canine Birth Control Pill

The Food and Drug Administration has approved a birth control pill for female dogs. The new pill, called Ovaban, will soon be available for distribution to veterinarians. The pill is designed to retard estrus and is given for eight days beginning at the start of the estrus cycle. Ovaban is a prescription drug that has been marketed in England for several years under the name of Ovarid. It is the policy of HSUS to not endorse any commercial product or service in a manner that will permit its being advertised or promoted as having the approval of the Society.

HSUS Annuity Plan

HSUS has an annuity plan that offers quarterly payments to the donor for life as well as providing an ongoing fund to support HSUS programs. For further information write HSUS headquarters.

Students Donate Money

For NAAHE Journal

The University of Tulsa Student Senate has donated $300 to the National Assn. for the Advancement of Humane Education (NAAHE) to pay for distributing copies of the quarterly NAAHE Journal to school libraries throughout the nation. NAAHE, a division of HSUS, keeps members informed of new developments in humane education.

Correction

It was erroneously reported in the winter 1974-75 issue of The Humane Society News that representatives of the pet industry, animal welfare organizations, and air carriers had reached agreement on stricter requirements for the packaging of live animal shipments. In actuality, representatives of the pet industry and humane organizations reached a tentative consensus on a number of proposed packaging rules aimed at providing safer and more humane conditions for the animals.

Legislative Roundup

HSUS considers the following bills introduced into Congress of particular interest and merit.

Dog Fighting

S. 193, Sen. Harrison A. Williams, Jr. (D-N.J.)—amends the Animal Welfare Act to prohibit interstate commerce of dogs intended to be used to fight other dogs for purposes of sport, wagering, or entertainment. Senate Committee on Commerce.

Zoo Accreditation

H.R. 70, Rep. John D. Dingell (D-Mich.)—to establish a Federal Zoo Accreditation Board to assure that zoos and other animal display facilities maintain minimum standards of care for animals and to provide technical and financial assistance to zoos. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Spaying Clinics

H.R. 410, Rep. Hamilton Fish, Jr. (R-N.Y.)—to provide loans for the establishment or construction of reduced cost, non-profit spaying and neutering clinics for spaying and neutering dogs and cats. House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

Air Transportation

H.R. 729, Rep. John Murphy (D-N.Y.)—to require the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe regulations governing the humane treatment of animals transported in air commerce. House Committee on Public Works and Transportation.

Trapping

H.R. 790, Rep. George M. O'Brien (R-III.)—to discourage the use of painful and inhumane in the trapping of animals.

House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Broadening Animal Welfare Acts

H.R. 1152, Rep. G. William Whitehurst (R-Va.)—to amend the Animal Welfare Act of 1970 and the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 to broaden the categories of persons regulated, to assure that birds in pet stores and zoos are given proper care, and to increase protection for animals in transit. House Committee on Agriculture.

H.J.R. 32, Rep. Alphonso Bell (R-Calif.)—to protect whales and certain other living marine resources by amending the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967 to strengthen the import restrictions that may be imposed to deter foreign countries from conducting fishing operations that adversely affect international fishery conservation programs. House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries.

Whales

The National Assn. for the Advancement of Humane Education (NAAHE) will conduct an intensive Humane Education Workshop at Western Hills Lodge in Sequoyah State Park near Waggoner, Okla., July 21-25. The five-day event has been designed by NAAHE, a division of HSUS, to equip participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to plan, promote, and coordinate humane education programs on the local level. Sequoyah State Park is one of the Southeast's most enjoyable outdoor recreational areas, featuring boating, swimming, golfing, and hiking. A package plan will permit workshop participants to attend all sessions, stay at the lodge, eat all meals at the lodge, and participate in recreational activities for $270. The fee will also include transportation from Tulsa, the closest city, to the lodge.