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Gulf States Regional Office

REPORT

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES

Solving Animal Problems Is Workshop Theme

"Solving Animal Problems in Your Community," is the theme of the upcoming annual workshop sponsored by the Gulf States Office of The Humane Society of the United States.

The workshop will be held February 23-25 at the Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas. Humane society leaders, animal control agents, municipal officials, shelter workers, educators and all interested persons are invited to attend the three-day event.

There will be opportunities to discuss recommended techniques in many aspects of humane work, including sterilization, educational programs, animal control operations and humane society organization. In addition to helping humane society and municipal personnel, the sessions will offer basic instructions for persons interested in a variety of careers working with animals.

Opportunities will be provided for all participants to share their "trade secrets" as well as seek answers to "impossible problems." All workshop attendees will receive a packet of informative materials to take home.

HSUS Professionals conducting the workshop include John Hoyt, president of the Society; Frantz L. Dantzer, director, field services and investigations; Phyllis Wright, director, animal sheltering and control; Sue Pressman, director of wildlife protection; Bill Smith, accreditation associate; Barbara Smith, education consultant; Douglas M. Scott, director, Gulf States Regional Office; Richard D. McCracken, field representative, Gulf States Regional Office; and Dr. Amy Freeman Lee artist and member, HSUS Board of Directors; chairperson, Incarnate Word College Board of Trustees.

All meetings will take place at the Incarnate Word College, Second Floor Lecture Hall of the Nursing Building, 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas.

Fill out the registration form on page three and send it to The HSUS Gulf States Regional Office,

5333 Everhart Rd., #209-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411. Information about available lodging will be sent to those registering for the workshop. To allow adequate time to make hotel reservations, register for the workshop as soon as possible. For further information, call the Gulf States Regional Office at (512) 854-3142.

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HSUS Investigators Stop Jackrabbit Roping Contest

HSUS investigators Marc Paulhus and Richard McCracken were responsible for stopping the World Championship Jackrabbit Roping Contest planned this past October in Odessa, Texas.

The object of the event is to rope jackrabbits with a lasso in the shortest time possible. The event takes place inside a 40 square-foot fenced arena.

Paulhus, an investigator from HSUS headquarters and McCracken, field investigator, first contacted Ector County attorney Michael Atkins informing him the event was inhumane and illegal according to Texas law.

Atkins said he felt the event might be a violation of the Texas Penal Code, Section 42.11, which prohibits a variety of cruelties to animals. He indicated he might refer the case to the grand jury for consideration.

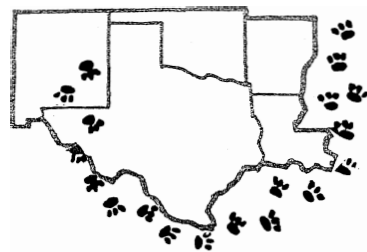
Secondly, investigators Paulhus and McCracken informed the local sheriff's department of its obligation to enforce all state laws. Sheriff's officials said they would be on hand at the fair grounds to assist.

Paulhus and McCracken then got in touch with the Ector County-Permian Basin Fair and Exposition Association the day before the contest and stated that charges would be brought against any and all violators of Texas animal cruelty laws.

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Regional Round-up

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF NACHOGDOCHES COUNTY gives a tip regarding an emergency kit for animals. A water jug, dog and cat food, a leash, blanket and gloves are all listed as items to be included in such a kit. They point out that these simple items can be helpful in handling starving or wounded animals.

THE JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA, ANIMAL SHELTER will conduct its first animal control workshop in early 1979. Classes will be held even Tuesday in January. Richard Collard, director of the shelter, is coordinating the workshop.

Mr. R. T. Daniel, president of the **ANIMAL WELFARE SOCIETY OF KERR COUNTY** (Kerrville, Texas), has received the official report of HSUS Gulf States investigator Richard McCracken outlining needed improvements in that city's animal pound. Among recommended improvements of existing equipment is elimination of the method of euthanizing surplus animals by the carbon monoxide exhaust box. The Animal Welfare Society does not approve that method of euthanasia in its city.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ANIMAL WELFARE, INC. of Oklahoma City, held a Pet Gift Exchange at its annual Christmas party. Members brought one gift (valued at \$1) for each pet member of their household, marked either "cat" or "dog." Santa then redistributed the gifts.

The VAW also has been protesting a "Chicken Flying Contest," sponsored by a local radio station. The chickens were placed in a mailbox 10 feet off the ground. Prizes were awarded to the chickens who flew the longest distance. Chickens who refused to fly were shoved out of the mailbox with a plumber's helper (plunger). VAW is appealing to the State Fair Board to stop the event.

The **ANIMAL AID OF TULSA, INC.** annual Charity Dog Show was a tremendous success this year. Fifty-four breeds were represented among the 242 entries and the final tabulation showed \$1,142.95 raised to benefit Animal Aid.

They also report that a Tulsa television newscaster, Doug Dodd with Channel 6 aired a letter from a viewer about the animal over-population. He made strong editorial comments in regard to responsible pet ownership.

THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY held a benefit fashion show recently starring HSUS Director Amanda Blake and local TV personality Cactus Pryor. Director Blake was made an honorary citizen of Texas by the Governor's office of Texas, and the Austin, Texas City Council also made her an honorary citizen and presented her with a key to the city. The fashion show was termed a great success for the humane society and everyone hopes "Miss Kitty" will return again in 1979.

THE COLLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (McKinney, Texas) reports that volunteer senior citizens help staff the McKinney animal shelter several hours a week — a good idea for all shelters and/or humane societies.

CITIZENS FOR ANIMAL PROTECTION (Houston, Texas) utilizes Houston Welcome Wagon hostesses to distribute their literature. They report it is an excellent way to reach newcomers, both as prospective members and to educate them about Houston's animal control laws.

The S.P.C.A. OF HOUSTON, TEXAS held a "Jog-A-Dog Day" recently in cooperation with the Houston Animal Science Foundation, Houston Obedience Training Dog Club and students from the Houston Community College. All dogs entered were required to be six months old, leashed and healthy with a current rabies vaccination. Proceeds benefitted the S.P.C.A. spay and neuter program and the educational fund.

THE WILLBARGER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (Vernon, Texas) reports that their building fund is now close to \$3000.00. The goal they hope to reach is \$30,000. They are also holding garage sales and selling "Endangered Species" wildlife calendars to raise money for operating funds.

New HSUS Logo

Man's inter-relationships with animals is the emphasis of the new HSUS logo used here for the first time in the Gulf States Regional Report. The four animal silhouettes are representative of the diversity of the animal kingdom. The human hands convey the commitment of HSUS to protect, defend, help and care for man's fellow creatures. The motion element represented by the circular design indicates continual progress and change.

Through this new logo, The HSUS declares its commitment to the principle of reverence for life, and to its obligations and responsibilities.

National experts lead workshop sessions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- 8:30 am REGISTRATION
- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
Douglas Scott
- 9:15 am Sorting out the Issues
John Hoyt
- 10:15 am Humane Education: Everybody's a part of the Act
Barbara Smith
- 11:00 am Making the Most of What You Have
Phyllis Wright
- 11:45 am Lunch
- 1:00 pm Round Table Discussions
 1. Orphaned Wildlife Care: Justice or Injustice?
Sue Pressman
 2. Shelter Care and Management
Phyllis Wright
 3. Your First Cruelty Case
Frantz Dantzler
- 2:30 pm — Break
- 2:45 pm Round Table Discussions
 1. Investigative Photography
Frantz Dantzler
 2. Understanding Euthanasia: Attitudes and Feelings
Phyllis Wright
 3. How to Avoid Bake Sales and Still Raise Funds for the Future
John Hoyt
 4. Ideas and Programs for Successful Education
Barbara Smith

Please bring samples of your newsletters, fund raising and publicity materials, and TV and radio releases.

FRIDAY - continued

- 4:15 pm What's Your Hang-up?
John Hoyt, Phyllis Wright, Frantz Dantzler, Sue Pressman, Douglas Scott, Rich McCracken
- 8:00 am Address by Amy Freeman Lee

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- 8:30 am REGISTRATION
 - 9:00 am Welcome and Introductions
Douglas Scott
 - 9:15 am Wildlife In Your Shelter
Sue Pressman
 - 10:15 am Round Table Discussions
 1. How to Open Doors "Down-town" Frantz Dantzler
 2. How to Avoid Bake Sales and Still Raise Funds for the Future - John Hoyt
 3. Adoptions: Quality vs. Quantity
Phyllis Wright
 - 11:15 am Gulf States Regional Programs
Douglas Scott, Rich McCracken
 - 12:00 pm — Lunch
 - 1:15 pm Round TABLE Discussions
 1. Mock Trial
Frantz Dantzler
 2. Panel Discussion: Vasectomy vs. Castration
Phyllis Wright
 3. Organizing for Legislation
Douglas Scott
 - 2:45 pm — Break
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Remember Animals In Your Will

There's only one way to make sure you can help animals after you're gone... make a will and provide for them in it. HSUS will send you an informative booklet without obligation about how to make the best use of your animal welfare bequest.

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

REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____ Organization _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please register me for _____ entire workshop at \$25 _____ one day at \$15.

I enclose \$ _____ in check or money order payable to The Humane Society of the United States

Mail this coupon with payment to: The Humane Society of the United States
Gulf States Regional Office
5333 Evrhart Rd., #209-A
Corpus Christi, Texas 78411

Hotel information will be sent with registration confirmation. Register today!

LAST DAY FOR REGISTRATION - February 16, 1979
PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND THE FULL 3-DAY WORKSHOP

If more than one registration is being made, please include all the above information for each person.

Graduate Credit Offered In Humane Education

Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas, will again offer a course in humane education for graduate credit this summer through its School of Education.

The course, "Methods and Techniques in Humane Education," is number 578 and will be offered June 19 through July 3, 1979. Persons who completed the course last summer may return for three additional hours credit. Those not previously enrolled in the course are also invited to attend this year.

Undergraduate credit may be received with special permission. For further information write: Dr. Grady Willingham - Professor, Elementary Education, Box 3017, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962, Telephone (713) 569-2904.

Jackrabbit Roping

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At that time, they were informed the event was still scheduled. On Sunday, October 1, local news papers carried a front-page story citing HSUS' opposition to the event which was still planned for 5 p. m. that day.

At 2 p.m., McCracken again checked with the fair office and was told that promoters had "plenty of rabbits" and the contest would be held as scheduled. Paulhus, McCracken and several newspaper and television reporters were waiting for the event to begin when they learned it had been cancelled. While being interviewed by the media, fair officials said the contest was called off "because they couldn't find enough rabbits."

The proposed 1978 contest was a revival of the event first held in 1932. That event, too, received considerable negative publicity and angry letters from citizens. Newspaper accounts credit the efforts of John Ben Sheppard, a former state attorney general and Odessa lawyer, with the 1977 revival of the contest.

Odessa claims to be the jackrabbit capital of the world. A ten-foot statue of the western jackrabbit stands in the center of town, perhaps the only monument in existence that has a commemorative plaque with a recipe on it.

According to local newspapers, Bill D. Hicks, president of the fair, claims the event will be conducted in 1979.

Workshop sessions

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SATURDAY - continued

3:00 pm

Accreditation: Who Needs It?
Bill Smith

3:45 pm

Sharing Time: Ideas, Methods, Techniques,
Opinions, Etc.
Your time for interchange and interaction.
All speakers and participants.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am

Texas Humane Information Network meeting

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