CONGRATULATIONS..........................

...to Fenna Gatty, a kindergarten through fourth grade science teacher at Searles Elementary School in Union City, CA, for receiving special recognition from NAAHE for her work helping students develop positive attitudes and behavior toward animals. The selection committee was especially impressed with Ms. Gatty's teaching units and her efforts to get humane education materials and programming adopted on a district-wide level.

Do you know a special teacher? NAAHE is now accepting nominations for the 1987 National Humane Education Teacher of the Year Award. See the nomination form on the reverse side of this page.

GOPHERS?

The Vancouver Humane Society and SPCA reported the following helpful idea in their newsletter: "Want to get rid of gophers without poison or cruel traps? You can write to Mr. Ron Lang, president of the Michigan Bulb Co., 1950 Waldorf, N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49550, and order a vegetation in a pot (Euphorbia lathyris) which is guaranteed to rid your grounds of moles, gophers, and all burrowing animals."

IN THE KNOW!

Do you have an employee bulletin board at your work place? If so, why not do as Helen Brown from San Rafael, CA, has and post information on animal welfare issues. Helen works for United Air Lines and regularly posts HSUS materials, articles from magazines and newspapers, information on local animal services, and anything else she thinks might catch the eye/interest of her fellow employees. Although not all of us work with 500+ people as Helen does, her idea can be used by any of us to reach others.

THE NORTHWEST HUMANE EDUCATORS...........

...met for a one-day "The Accidental Teacher" seminar sponsored by The Humane Society of Willamette Valley in August. From all reports, Teri Hopkins' morning session "Humane Educators: The Endangered Species" and her afternoon session "The Accidental Teacher" were outstanding.

The Northwest Humane Educators are planning to hold a mid-winter meeting in Seattle. Contact Susan Mentley, The Humane Society of Willamette Valley, P.O. Box 13005, Salem, OR 97309 for additional information.
### 1987 HUMANE EDUCATION TEACHER OF THE YEAR Nomination Form

NAAHE is now accepting nominations for the 1987 National Humane Education Teacher of the Year Award. Introduced in 1981, this annual award is designed to recognize a classroom teacher who consistently incorporates humane education into his/her teaching activities. A winner and finalists are selected each year from among the nominees, and special recognition is awarded to additional candidates at the discretion of the selection committee.

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must be a practicing classroom teacher in kindergarten through grade twelve who regularly employs humane education techniques and philosophy as part of class lessons. Each nominee will be judged on such factors as degree of involvement in humane education; balance of activities between those designed to create an awareness and understanding of animals and those focused on the development of positive attitudes and responsible behavior; efforts to provide a humane role model for students, creativity and enthusiasm, and impact of activities on other teachers, school administrators, and/or the community.

Nominations may be made by local or regional animal welfare/rights organizations, animal control agencies, principals or school administrators, parent groups, individual NAAHE members, or classes of students (nominating their teachers). To nominate your candidate, complete this form, attach a sheet providing answers to the questions specified, and send to NAAHE Teacher of the Year, Box 558, East Haddam, CT 06423. Nominations must be received no later than January 15, 1987. Upon receipt of all nominations, the candidates will be sent a brief questionnaire to complete in order to provide the selection committee with additional information.

#### 1. Nominee’s Name ____________________________
School Address ________________________________
School Phone ____________________________
Grand(s) or Subject Taught ______________________
Number of Years in Teaching _____________________

#### 2. Your Name ____________________________
Title ____________________________
School or Organization ____________________________
Address ____________________________
Phone (daytime) ____________________________

#### 3. Use an additional sheet of paper to answer the following:
- a. Briefly describe three specific humane education lessons, projects, or activities that serve as examples of how the candidate incorporates humane education into his/her teaching. Be specific.
- b. In what ways does the candidate provide for students a model role model for compassionate, responsible behavior toward animals or people?
- c. In what ways does the candidate influence other teachers, parents, and/or the school administration to become involved in or supportive of humane education?
- d. If the candidate is involved in animal-related work or organizations outside the classroom, please describe.
- e. Why do you believe that this person should be selected as National Humane Education Teacher of the Year?

#### 4. Feel free to attach letters of support from others such as local animal-related agencies, school administrators, the candidate’s co-workers, parents, etc.

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GREAT fund raising idea from the Sacramento SPCA:

**THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SSPCA CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO OUR FIRST ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER ON APRIL 11, 1986**

**THIS WILL BE AN OUTSTANDING NON-DINNER WITH SOME OF YOUR FAVORITES:**
- NO NO-MOST COCKTAILS
- NO MOLTED ICE CREAM
- NO LIMP SALAD
- NO COLD COFFEE
- NO SPEAKERS
- NO DANCING
- NO ENTERTAINMENT
- NO BORING CONVERSATION
- NO CHEAP JIVE
- NO CHECKING YOUR CALENDAR
- NO BABY-SITTERS
- NO SINGING
- NO PLANT VEGETABLES
- NO LOOKING FOR A PARKING SPACE
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- $14.82 COVERS YOUR MEMORABLE NON-DINNER WITH TAX AND GRATUITY
- IF YOU WOULD PREFER TO NOT ATTEND OUR NON-CULINARY EXTRAVAGANZA, ANY SMALLER DONATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND HAVE A GREAT APRIL FOOL’S DAY!**

**RICHARD FELDMAN, PRESIDENT**

**DARRIS O. HERCS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**P.S. YOUR TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATION OF $14.82 WILL BUY 200 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR THE ANIMALS IN OUR CARE.**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: SACRAMENTO SPCA C/O MARTY ENING, TREASURER 6201 FLORIN-PERKINS ROAD, SACRAMENTO, CA. 95828**

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**THANK YOU, I/WE WILL NOT ATTEND THE DINNER BUT PLEASE ACCEPT MY CHECK.**

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6201 FLORIN-PERKINS ROAD, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95828
It's not too early to think about doing your Christmas shopping. The Jim Kitson Company (formerly Hawk Enterprises) P.O. Box 411106, Dept. P, San Francisco, CA 94141, has a catalog full of "Unique Items for Unique People." Whale fluke pendants and earposts, dolphin rings, a humorous kitty bowl, T-shirts and sweatshirts with a message, and posters are just some of the items available. To receive your copy of the catalog, send $1 to the above address.

AND

It's not too late to order your HSUS Christmas cards. This year's card has an adorable puppy and kitten safely at home on a snowy night on the front. Ellen Whitman, New Hampshire artist, created this heartwarming scene just for HSUS members. The inside message "Peace on Earth, Goodwill to All Creatures" makes the card perfect for sending holiday wishes to loved ones, friends, and neighbors. The 5"x7" cards are in full color. Each package of twenty-five sells for $7, or $6 if you order four or more packages. Please use the form below to order or the address on the form to write to if you need additional information.

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**HSUS Greeting Card Order Form**

- Please send me [ ] 1 package [ ] 2 packages [ ] 3 packages of HSUS greeting cards at $7 per package
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- please send me [ ] (4 or more) packages of HSUS greeting cards at $6 per package
- I enclose $__________
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  - HSUS Greeting Cards
  - 2100 L Street, NW
  - Washington, DC 20037

Orders will be sent by UPS and must be delivered to a street address. Please do not use a P.O. box.

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**DID YOU KNOW..........................**

... that Ilona Robinson has left The Humane Society of Central Oregon and that Clint Curley is their new Education Coordinator? Ilona has moved to California's Bay Area and is busy looking for volunteer work - animal related of course.

... that the Nevada Humane Society was able to reinstate their humane education program thanks to grant monies from the Conrad N. Hilton, Gannett and Hearst foundations?

... that Gaines Dog Care Center has two new booklets? To receive a sample copy of "The Dog That Cannot Be Left Alone" and/or "Fear of Thunder and Other Loud Noises," send your request on a post card to Gaines Booklets, P.O. Box 8177, Kankakee, IL 60902. You may request twelve of each booklet free, but after that copies are 5¢ each.

... that according to a survey recently conducted by the Pets Are Wonderful Council, pet cats for the first time outnumber pet dogs?

... that Darris Heres is now the Director of the Sacramento SPCA?

... that Joseph Mery, the 19th Century French satirist, may have said it best? "God made the cat to give man the pleasure of caressing the tiger."
Thank you Bellingham-Whatcom Humane Society for the fun vocabulary search!

### HUMANE SOCIETY VOCABULARY SEARCH

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#### SAFETY TIP

Don’t treat your pet with medications for humans. Medications such as aspirin, Tylenol, Advil/Motrin and other drugs containing ibuprofen, sedatives, antihistamines and eye drops are all safe for humans, but can be harmful or fatal to your pet. Don’t play doctor – play it safe. Take your pet to a veterinarian when it is ill.

DOGS AND CATS GO VEGETARIAN..........

...is a new book by Barbara L. Peden for vegetarians who want to feed their pets diets free of meat or all animal products. The book sells for $3.95, plus $.75 handling, from Harbingers of a New Age, 06784 Canary Rd., Westlake, OR 97493.

Let’s keep the ball rolling. I can’t tell others what you are doing if you don’t send me the information. Please take the time to share.

HAPPY NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

Judi Kukulka
Program Coordinator
HSUS, West Coast Regional Office