Mobilizing for Animals

Our tax dollars support the research done at seven regional primate centers. Thousands of primates such as this one are part of a system of experimentation in existence over 20 years.

In October 1981, Mobilization for Animals announced that mass protest rallies against primate centers would be held simultaneously on April 24, 1983, World Day for Laboratory Animals. The West Coast site of one of these demonstrations will be at the University of California in Davis, which itself receives public funding of over $4,000,000 annually. Three other demonstrations are planned in other parts of the United States—the Yerkes Primate Center in Atlanta, Georgia; the Wisconsin Regional Primate Center in Madison; and the New England Regional Primate Center in Southboro, Massachusetts.

The Humane Society of the United States is one of the major organizations supporting the Mobilization for Animals with funding, staff support, and publications.

(continued page 2)

Atrocity in Aberdeen

"Out of sight - out of mind." That was the conclusion of WCRO Investigator Eric Sakach in summing up his feelings after investigating citizens' complaints over the totally inadequate animal control program in Aberdeen, Idaho. "Fortunately for the animals and the public, what was wrong with the operation in Aberdeen wasn't altogether invisible," said Sakach, who traveled to the small, agriculturally-dependent community in Southeast Idaho in mid-November to check the complaints. "Thankfully, there were citizens who cared enough to complain about the inhumane conditions for the animals and the apparent lack of concern for the public's health and safety."

(continued page 2)
Mobilizing . . . (continued from page 1)

Participation in the mobilization takes on an international character with cooperation planned in other countries around the world. It will make April 24th the day of the largest mass demonstration in the entire history of animal welfare.

The prime center action will be legal and peaceful, but will show the public and legislators the moral outrage that can be aroused by focusing on a single aspect of animal cruelty. It will emphasize unity among animal welfare supporters in ending laboratory animal exploitation and suffering.

Goals of Mobilization include setting humane standards for housing, transportation, and establishing an immediate policy that all prime centers give anesthesia and analgesics in every case where there is actual or potential pain; a phase out of all redundant experiments for which alternative live animal use or in vitro methods are available; a complete close of the Oregon Regional Primate Center (Beaverton, Oregon) and the Delta Regional Primate Center (Covington, Louisiana) for reasons of viability, high disease and mortality rates, and duplication of work. A complete statement of objectives of the Mobilization of Animals is available from our office.

John Hoyt, President of The HSUS, said, "The HSUS is proud and pleased to be one of several major supporters of this initial activity of Mobilization for Animals. But our participation as an organization is only as effective as our volunteers in enlisting the support and participation of our members in this historic event."

An up-to-the-minute mailing on the precise locations, times, and details of all activities to each Mobilizer was mailed to all HSUS members in late March. If you wish to begin planning now to attend one of the mass demonstrations, get in touch with one of the Mobilization for Animals coordinators for more information on transportation, accommodations, and activities.

The western region coordinators are Carol Gage and Victoria Waddley. Contact Carol at 1007 36th Street, Box 513, Sacramento, CA 95814, or phone (916) 488-0181 for detailed information about participating, or use the coupon on page 3 and we will see that you receive complete information.

Aberdeen . . . (continued from page 1)

The conditions that Sakach encountered in his investigation were shocking. An old, dilapidated railroad boxcar situated in a gravel pit on the outskirts of town served as the animal shelter. Except for the muffled barking noises that came from the unidentified, weathered, and skeletal remains of other animals, there were no live animals at the shelter. The cage doors were locked and the cage windows were broken, indicating that the dogs had been forced inside, however. The cage door was not locked and the cage windows were broken, indicating that the dogs had been forced inside, however.

The investigators observed a single, completelySterile dog and puppies chained to a dead, livestock, animal, and skeletal remains of other animals. The dog was observed to be in a state of suffering.

In addition to the dogs and puppies in the cages, there were several live animals, including a horse, a cow, and a pig, all of which were also chained to the cage doors.

A report on this investigation was mailed to all HSUS members in late March. If you wish to begin planning now to attend one of the mass demonstrations, get in touch with one of the Mobilization for Animals coordinators for more information on transportation, accommodations, and activities.
Companion Animals for the Elderly and HSUS Assistance to Agencies are Topics in Arizona and Utah

The Arizona Department of Economic Security, Aging and Adult Administration joined with other groups in sponsoring a conference on companion animals for the elderly in Phoenix. Char Drennon was a featured speaker. She spoke on “Regulatory Action Affecting Companion Animals in Housing for the Elderly.”

Drennon met with Senator Greg Lunn of Arizona after the program. Senator Lunn had promised the conference attendees he would introduce legislation to help elderly keep their pets. Drennon made several suggestions to the senator on how to strengthen the bill and make it more effective by incorporating language from a New York bill. She also offered to contact HSUS Arizona members with the information and to seek their help in passing this important legislation.

In January, Erick Sakach was a guest speaker at the Winter Conference of the Utah Animal Control Officers Association in Salt Lake City. He spoke on HSUS programs and services and described how HSUS advises on cruelty cases and works with local officials to upgrade animal control operations.

Workshops . . .

The Leadership Workshop will be preceded by a one-day (May 12) Western Humane Educators’ Association Workshop. Central California SPCA will co-host the WHEA Workshop with The HSUS West Coast Regional Office. The workshop program will be varied to offer segments of interest to beginning and advanced educators.

For more information on these workshops, contact The HSUS West Coast Regional Office.

The Humane Society of the United States
West Coast Regional Office
1713 J Street, Suite 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

Reflect for a moment...
how can I help animals even when
I no longer share their world...?

By your bequest for animal protection to The Humane Society of the United States. Your will can provide for animals after you’re gone. Naming The HSUS demonstrates your lasting commitment to animal welfare and strengthens the Society for this task. We will be happy to send information about our animal programs and material which will assist in planning a will.

Please send: Will information

Name ________________________________
Address ________________________________
City __________________ State __ Zip __________

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

The HSUS West Coast Regional Office serves California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Requests for assistance should be addressed to Charlene Drennon, West Coast Regional Director, 1713 J St., Suite 305, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916-447-3295). All contributions made to the HSUS West Coast Regional Office will be used for regional purposes and are tax-deductible.

The HSUS West Coast Regional Office serves California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Requests for assistance should be addressed to Charlene Drennon, West Coast Regional Director, 1713 J St., Suite 305, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916-447-3295). All contributions made to the HSUS West Coast Regional Office will be used for regional purposes and are tax-deductible.

Copyright ©1983 The Humane Society of the United States, all rights reserved

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U. S. Postage
PAID
Sacramento, CA
Permit No. 894