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Dr. Michael Fox, animal behavioral psychologist and author, recently visited Klein's Eggland Farm in Madison, Connecticut to study the behavior of chickens as part of his research into “factory farming” techniques and alternatives.

Dr. Fox is Director of The Institute for the Study of Animal Problems, a division of The Humane Society of the United States. John J. Dommers, Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, accompanied Dr. Fox and his research associate, James Cohen, on the two day study.

According to Dommers, “Dr. Fox’s work as part of our new Institute is to seek ‘definitive solutions’ to several of the major problems that occur when man and other animals meet. One of the increasing problems we are seeing today is a result of large ‘agribusiness’ taking over small farms. People are treating animals more as machines than the sentient creatures they are.

“Klein’s Eggland Farm represents the kind of small farm operation that is in danger of becoming extinct very shortly. Kleins’ chickens are not stuffed into small cages in crowded conditions as are so many on large poultry farms where intensive farming techniques are used.

“Dr. Fox is studying the behavior of chickens and other farm animals under relaxed and stressed conditions. His studies are expected to show that animals kept in overcrowded conditions produce far less than ‘happy’ animals in a more open setting. Dr. Fox will make national farming technique recommendations based on his studies. These should ultimately make the farming operation more profitable for the owner and more comfortable for the animals.”

While in Connecticut, Dr. Fox spoke to a major gathering of humanitarians at the annual meeting of Animals In Distress (A.I.D.) an organization based in Wilton, Ct. Over 170 people attended the meeting to hear Dr. Fox’s illustrated presentation titled, “Between Animal and Man”, based on his latest book.

Dr. Fox, who often appears on the Johnny Carson show, graduated from the Royal Veterinary College and London University. He has a regular “Pet Care” column in McCall’s magazine. His books include “Understanding Your Dog” and “Understanding Your Cat”.

Other facets of Dr. Fox’s studies focus on experimental animals used in laboratories, slaughter techniques, dog and cat population control, and euthanasia techniques and practices for animals.

Dr. Fox will be continuing these studies in New England later this year.

Dr. Fox and Mr. Cohen also studied the problems associated with veal calf farming. Professors from the University of Connecticut Agricultural School assisted the animal behavior experts. Veal calves are confined to small wooden stalls and are kept in almost total darkness during their short lives. Their liquid diets contain antibiotics and other supplements.
NEW ENGLAND EDUCATORS ORGANIZE

Humane educators throughout New England had their first meeting in Boston in early April. John Dommers, president of the New England Regional Office for the National Association for Humane Education (NAHHE), organized and coordinated the meeting which was hosted by the American Humane Education Society at the Mass. SPCA headquarters. Over twenty educators from four states attended. The purpose of the organization is to share information, avoid duplication of efforts, and promote humane education workshops and programs in schools and communities throughout New England. The next meeting is slated for September 15, 1977, at the Audubon Society in Lincoln, Mass. Interested educators may contact John Dommers at P.O. Box 96 in East Haddam, CT 06423.

SUNDAY BOW-ARROW HUNT SHOT DOWN BY GOVERNOR

Gov. Grasso, arguing that citizens should have one day a week in state parks free of hunters, rejected a bill allowing deer hunting with bow and arrow during the bow-and-arrow hunting season. "This would be one of those state parks and forests left to the use of our citizens without concern that they will meet hunters' arrows as they enjoy the out-of-doors," Mrs. Grasso said in her veto message.

She also said she fears the measure (PA 77-130) would lead to new pressure for hunting on Sundays with firearms.

The New England regional office has always opposed this bill and still does.

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NATIONAL ASSOCIATION HEADQUARTERED AT HUMANE EDUCATION CENTER

John Hoyt, HSUS President, recently announced the appointment of Dr. John Dommers as director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education. The Association was formerly based at the University of Tulsa under the direction of Dr. Stuart R. Westlund. The new base of operation will be The Norma Terris Humane Education Center in East Haddam, CT.

According to Dommers, "The new NAHHE program is designed to respond to the needs of classroom, animal welfare organization, nature center, church and youth group educators. "Among the activities of this new umbrella organization are:

1. Publishing a teacher's magazine that provides resources for practical material on how to conduct humane education programs and where to get materials.

2. Developing and conducting workshops for school teachers and humane society educators nationwide.

3. Testing and publishing humane education materials such as tsumi books, records, calendars, and educational TV programs. Some materials will be available ond and to organizations and individuals interested in joining NAHHE or subscribing to the new Journal, HUMANE EDUCATION, should contact Dommers at P.O. Box 96, East Haddam, CT 06423.

PET & WILDLIFE PRESERVATION

Three years ago, when Pet & Wildlife Preservation of New England (PWPW) was founded, the goal was to educate the public on wildlife and their place in the world. This education would lead to full acceptance of the responsibility of all humans to protect and conserve this precious wildlife.

"There should be one day a week when state parks would be open to the public for photography, without any hunting restrictions," said the president of PWPW, Dr. John Grasso. "The purpose is to share information, avoid duplication of efforts, and promote humane education workshops and programs in schools and communities throughout New England."

"Our goal is to create an awareness among the public about the importance of wildlife conservation. The more people know about wildlife, the more they will care about it and want to protect it."

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Samantha, submitting graciously as Jane Mercugliano tells the Rock Nature Center, until she took up permanent residence at Mrs. Jean Hickey's Animal Technology Class.

The story begins with a short glimpse into the life and habits of a friendly ferret. The children were thrilled to find Samantha curiously coming toward them while they were coloring their ferret pictures to take home to show what a bright new friend they had made that day.

Samantha, the Friendly Ferret when she visited recently at the Ridge Road Elementary School in North Haven.

Wesley Gibson and two of his classmates meeting at the Ridge Road Elementary School in North Haven.
SALUTE TO CHARLOTTE GRISWOLD

The program and registration forms will be mailed out on August 15, 1977.

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The STATE OF MAINE

A bill introduced by Senator Walter Hitchens at the request of Mrs. William Parks of York, a member of HSUS, and of William Parks, a member of the Legislative Council, aims to bring public understanding and enhance the stature of the humane movement.

The bill intends to improve the methods of animal control and to permit cats by authorizing the use of only 1) sodium pentobarbital, 2) carbon monoxide, 3) chloroform for infant animals, and 4) gunshot where absolutely required. Senator Hitchens invited the HSUS to testify and your Regional Director and Dr. Michael Fox of our Institute for the Study of Animal Problems represented you. A joint committee on Agriculture heard the testimony.

Subsequently, both houses of the Legislature passed the bill and it became law without the Governor's signature. The Governor expressed to Senator Hitchens his concern that the bill might "restrict the day-to-day man­agement ability of the Executive Department". He went on to explain that the problems surrounding methods of euthanasia might be better solved through regulations proposed and administered by the Division of Animal Welfare rather than by mandating the solutions to the problems through a law.

Consequently, your Regional Director sought and received an invitation from Director Stanley Brown, Division of Animal Welfare, Department of Agriculture, to attend a meeting of the Advisory Board. The Board is constituted by various animal interest and protection groups, a veterinary medical representative, and legal counsel. Regional Director Inman attended on May 18 and, during the meeting, was invited to com­ment on the "euthanasia methods bill". After a long discussion of the subject, the Advisory Board and Director Brown extended Inman an open and standing invitation to attend any and all of their future meetings. Inman represented his organization at the invitation to participate in the Advisory Board's discussions.

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Mr. John Inman was appointed Director of the New England Regional Office of The Humane Society of the United States effective February 1, 1977. He succeeds Rear Admiral James C. Shaw (ret’d.), who has retired.

Inman was assigned to open the first regional office for The Humane Society of the United States in September 1971. Located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, that office served the Great Lakes Region of Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois.

As Regional Director, Inman has consulted with and helped local humane societies and state federations in organizing and programming animal protection matters. He has recruited the public into our efforts by making them aware of their dependency on nature’s intricate balance.

Although born and reared in the Midwest, Mr. Inman is no stranger to New England. He is a native of Michigan City, Indiana, and a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He attended the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York, and was awarded the Master of Divinity degree by Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Among the local and state humane groups through joint meetings in various quadrants throughout the region, Inman has conducted a number of highly successful workshops on such matters as animal shelter operation and management, animal rescue and handling, investigation procedures, education, and public relations and fund raising. Mr. Inman was responsible for the formation in 1973 of a unique organization which, in effect, was a consortium of local animal interest groups in his own community. Named the “Alliance for Animals”, it became a council made up of the Fort Wayne Humane Society, the Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers Association, the Northern Indiana Humane Society, the Fort Wayne Obedience Club, the Fort Wayne Veterinary Medical Association, and the Fort Wayne Zoological Society. The purpose of the Alliance was, and still is, to coordinate the humane education programs of these member organizations and to provide financial assistance to individual pet owners for the medical care of their pets (especially sterilization). It is believed to be the first consortium of its kind in the nation.

Inman is no stranger to New England. He is a native of Michigan City, Indiana, and a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He attended the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York, and was awarded the Master of Divinity degree by the New England Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

The Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine is envisioned as a regional school serving the New England states. Current plans call for the first two years of the veterinary curriculum to be offered at Tufts University’s Boston University’s Veterinary Hospital in conjunction with the Tufts University Medical Center and the second two years at one or more clinical campuses, some of which will be operated in collaboration with the University of Connecticut and the New England Veterinary School. The use of the existing facilities at Tufts and the land-grant schools will minimize the amount of new construction.
construction required for the program and will serve as a model for public-private cooperation in higher education.

Curriculum

A standard four-year veterinary curriculum is planned. Students would begin with a thorough study of the biological principles of veterinary medicine and gradually begin to work with animals in clinical situations. The School, through its post-graduate programs, would specialize in nutrition, public health, aquatic medicine, equine medicine, laboratory animal medicine and toxicology. Each clinical campus would have a specialty area determined by the needs of its immediate area and the need for a balanced curriculum.

Admissions

The School would be a regional resource. Therefore, most of the positions will be reserved for New England residents. Contracts would be negotiated with each of the New England states to secure a set number of vacancies in each entering class for that state’s residents. Decisions about admissions will be made by a faculty committee and be based on undergraduate academic record, personal characteristics, scores on standardized tests and other significant factors. The projected date for the first entering class is 1979.

Class Size

A total enrollment of 400 students pursuing the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree is planned with 100 students per class. During the first years, the enrollment will be limited, with the first class size tentatively set for 35 and then gradually increasing as facilities and faculty are acquired. A student to faculty ratio of approximately 4:1 is projected.

Affiliations

In addition to formal affiliations with the land-grant universities of New England, the Tufts School would probably have agreements for education and research with institutions such as Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, the New England Aquarium, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Marine Biological Laboratories, the New England Primate Center and public and private animal hospitals throughout the six-state region. Students would serve externships and take elective courses at these sites.

Development Timetable

If the project proceeds according to schedule, planning will continue through 1977. By early 1978, the Tufts University Board of Trustees will be asked for final approval for the School, and construction of new facilities should begin. The first class will be admitted in the Spring of 1979 and classes should start that summer.

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