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progress in puerto rico

In December, The HSUS visited Puerto Rico when a contingent of our staff traveled there to work for improved animal welfare. The American territory has severe animal-cruelty and dogfighting problems, with little animal control. Southeast Regional Director Marc Paulhus, Laura Bevacqua and Dr. Susan Lieberman, joined by John Snyder of the National Animal Control Association, conducted a one-day seminar on humane and wildlife issues and visited local legislators, humane societies, animal shelters, and zoos. One of Puerto Rico's most powerful lawmakers has already agreed to sponsor legislation to make dogfighting a felony.

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**FIFTEENTH PROTEST**

For the fifteenth year, representatives of animal-protection groups organized in 1988 by the HSUS Mid-Atlantic Regional Office and Deer, Inc., protested against the annual deer hunt held at the Great Swamp Wildlife National Refuge in New Jersey in December. More than sixty protesters greeted hunters on opening day. Mid-Atlantic Regional Office Director Nina Austenberg criticized state wildlife officials for failing to achieve their stated goal of reducing the numbers of deer. The state deer herd is currently estimated at 160,000, as opposed to 130,000 in 1970. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Office would like to thank Animals Need You, the Mt. Pleasant Wildlife Shelter, the Jersey Shore Airport Animal Center, the New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance, and the Jersey Shore Humane Society of the Jersey Shore, for their support.

**NEW ENGLAND**

- **LAWSUITS TO STOP DEER KILL**
  - In a last-minute effort to stop the shooting of exotic birds during the annual black-bear hunting season, a bill to abolish the use of steel-jaw traps and a bill to prohibit dogs and people from using open beds of pickup trucks. We opposed a bill to appropriate $350,000 to help fund our efforts.

- **OPERATION COOPERATION**
  - There was some good news for the remaining animals at the Animals Farm Home in Ellenville, N.Y., following the sentencing of its owner, Justin McCarthey, on four counts of animal cruelty. thirty dogs taken from the Animals Farm Home were adopted by individuals or sent to area animal shelters for placement. Approximately 125 pets at the Animals Farm Home returned and has been placed by the HSUS since November 1988. New England Program Coordinator Frank Ribundo devised a program called "Operation HUSTLE," a program to place the remaining animals in humane-society shelters in New Hampshire, Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. Mr. Ribundo worked with humane-society members to develop a program called "Operation HUSTLE." A program to place the remaining animals in humane-society shelters.

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Early in November 1988, thousands of cattle were found starving to death on a North Texas ranch in Kaufman County. Many of the cattle could not stand and some had lost their sight. It was estimated that the cattle had not been fed since July. The HSUS Gulf States Regional Office contacted the Kaufman County district attorney to ask that the defendant in this case be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. Thirty-two counts of cruelty have been filed against him. The HSUS will continue to monitor this case.

**TEXANS AGAINST DOGFIGHTS**

The Texas Department of Public Safety has assigned several full-time officers to investigate and stop illegal dog-and-cockfighting activities in connection with dog and horse racing in Texas. The HSUS is working closely with this special division. A dogfight raid in Mathis, Texas, led to the arrest of fourteen people and the confiscation of $22,000 in gambling money.

**STOP BARROOM BEAR BEARS**

In Slidell, La., recently, animal activists saw to it that a barroom “raspbear” act was cancelled. Working with health officials, they found that the state sanitary code prohibited animals from eating-and-drinking establishments. Health officials obtained the code and closed the show.

If you want to stop exploitation of animals in events such as these, talk to your state representative and ask him or her to introduce legislation to outlaw animal and human rights. The Gulf States Regional Office can provide you with a model law. For more information, contact the office at 6262 Weber Rd., Suite 305, Corpus Christi, TX 78413.

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