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WEST COAST REGIONAL OFFICE



HSUS *report*

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EGG-Citing News!

The HSUS has launched an egg effort in Sacramento!

The HSUS egg campaign in San Francisco resulted in a 15% increase in cage free egg sales. In Denver, Safeway, America's third largest supermarket chain, decided to stock eggs from free roaming hens due to the increased demand following the HSUS consumer education campaign.

In Columbus, Ohio, the Kroger Company, the nation's largest supermarket chain, is now carrying eggs from free roaming hens!

A Solution: You do have a choice. Purchase eggs from hens that are free to exercise and are kept without cages. Hens that are able to scratch, dust bathe, lay their eggs in nests...even fly! More farmers would like to be able to raise birds this way but they need your help in letting supermarkets know that consumers really do care.

Things you can do: If you live in the Sacramento area, contact the West Coast Regional Office to find out how you can participate in the Sacramento egg campaign.

Watch for egg coupons in the Sacramento Bee paper, Sunday supplement, June 26. Meanwhile, no matter where you live, simply mail in the attached coupon to The HSUS and we will let grocers know that you want eggs from uncaged hens carried in local supermarkets. If you don't see eggs from free-roaming hens on the shelves, just ask for them. You may have to ask more than once before the store stocks them, but it will be well worth the effort. Please help us get these eggs offered in every supermarket.

Consumer demand is growing for eggs from hens raised more humanely. These eggs cost a little more than those from battery-caged hens, but for just pennies a day, you can help to improve the lives of millions of laying hens. Please help to give hens a better, happier life. Every coupon you mail in is a vote to free laying hens from their cages.

If you want to conduct a campaign in your area contact: Melanie Adcock HSUS: 2100 L Street NW, Washington DC 20037 ■

Please carry eggs from hens that are free to exercise and are kept without cages.

FROM:

NAME

ADDRESS

MAIL TO: HSUS
FARM ANIMALS SECTION
2100 L STREET NW
WASHINGTON DC 20037

I SHOP AT:

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One Disaster After Another



First the fires in Southern California in October 1993 and then on January 17, 1994, a 6.6 magnitude earthquake struck in the San Fernando Valley near Los Angeles. Both disaster relief operations were coordinated by Frantz Dantzler, The HSUS Disaster Relief Team. The West Coast Regional Office monitored humane societies and animal control agencies, made telephone calls, sent faxes, and made arrangements for

humane officers in other parts of the state to go to southern California. Equipment, such as food, cages and leashes were sent.

HSUS Investigator Eric Sakach went to the scene and met with local animal control officials at the Emergency Operations Center, where he assessed local needs and responses.

During the fires that raged in Altadena, Malibu and Topanga, HSUS staff established contact with all local agencies affected in southern California and coordinated disaster relief efforts with agencies in need.

The HSUS also provided direct assistance in animal rescue operations including recovering animals from threatened areas and searching for lost and injured animals.

The HSUS sees an important part of its role as providing training opportunities as well as spreading a nationwide message

about the importance of disaster planning and establishing networks in advance. During the HSUS Animal Care EXPO '94, held in San Diego, The HSUS held its second Disaster Training Certificate Course.

Mr. Paul G. Irwin, President of The HSUS, announced at the EXPO '94 luncheon, that The HSUS will now work in cooperation with the American Red Cross when providing disaster relief for animals. In an agreement between The HSUS and The American Red Cross, both groups will work together on disaster training, assessment, and communications. The agreement calls for The HSUS personnel to be identified as an official disaster relief agency for animals.

Paul Irwin stated at EXPO '94 "while The HSUS has responded to floods, hurricanes, fires and earthquakes in the past, this agreement enhances our ability to provide disaster relief for the animal victims of disasters. It also provides some peace of mind to the human victims who can rely on The HSUS to make sure the needs of animals are addressed." ■

California to Outlaw Tripping Of Horses

The Humane Society of the United States has been working for years to expose the abusive treatment of animals in Mexican-style charro rodeos (charreadas.) Except for personal mounts, the horses used in the events are often underweight, neglected, and in generally poor condition. HSUS Investigators have frequently observed horses with severe cuts and abrasions being used over and over again. For the most part, professional veterinary care and attention appears to be nonexistent. The following are the main horse tripping events of a charro rodeo:

Piales – This event requires the charro to lasso the hind legs of a horse being chased down a 60-meter dirt runway toward the arena.

Manganas a Pie and Manganas a Caballo – Both of these are especially brutal events of the charreada. The contestant, either on foot (a pie) or on horseback (a caballo), faces the outer wall of the arena as several riders chase a horse around the periphery at full speed. As the

horse passes in front of the contestant, he attempts to lasso its forelegs and trip the animal. Head-over-hooves crashes are not uncommon in this event and there is tremendous potential for the horse to be seriously injured.

After national attention was brought to the Charro Rodeo and its cruel horse tripping events, California Assembly Member John Burton introduced AB 49x to ban horse tripping in Charro Rodeos. Mr. Burton, a Democrat, wanted it made clear he is not opposed to Mexican style rodeos, only to the brutal horsetripping events. AB 49x is a crime bill and wording was attached to it. At the present time it's in the Senate. Please contact your Senator and Governor Pete Wilson and ask them to outlaw these unnecessary events by passing AB 49x.

If you live in California and you'd like to circulate preprinted postcards please call the West Coast Regional Office at (916) 344-1710. ■

GET INVOLVED Oregon bear and cougar initiative

In Oregon, it is legal for trophy hunters to set bait stations filled with rotting animal carcasses and sweets, hide behind a blind while waiting for a bear to arrive, and then shoot the unwitting bear at point-blank range while the animal feeds. Oregon also allows trophy hunters to unleash packs of radio-collared hounds to track and pursue a bear or a cougar, wait until the dogs chase the frightened bear or cougar into a tree, and then follow the radio signal on a handheld directional antenna and shoot the trapped animal off the tree branch, again at point-blank range. There may be more sport in shooting a lion or bear in a cage at a zoo. The Oregon Bear and Cougar Coalition (OBCC) is a coalition of The Humane Society of the United States, and other animal protection and conservation groups which have banded together to place an initiative on Oregon's November 1994 ballot to outlaw bait and hound hunting. Volunteers are desperately needed. If 100,000 signatures of registered voters are turned in by June they will qualify the initiative. If you live in Oregon, please get involved. If you live in another state and have friends or relatives in Oregon, please let them know about this. To help, or to receive more information, please contact OBCC, Hawthorne Center, 4511 S.E. Hawthorne, Suite #204, Portland, OR 97215, (503)232-8626. ■

Animal Care Expo '94: A record-breaking event in California!

This past March 16-19, almost 2,000 individuals gathered in San Diego for the third annual Animal Care Expo, sponsored by The Humane

Society of the United States (HSUS). Animal Care Expo offers the most complete training opportunity money can buy.

**Stay tuned for more information on next year's
Animal Care Expo '95,
March 30 – April 2 in Orlando, Florida.
Mark your calendar now for an event
you won't want to miss!**

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WASHINGTON STATE HAS PASSED THE FIRST
ANTIBREEDING RESOLUTION!**

