beginning its training as a good pet. The animal could be
inadvertently mistreated, injured or simply terrified -- as
when enthusiastic givers wrap the little fellow as a "gift."
Also, remind area residents with pets that Christmas
decorations can become dangerous playthings for curious
animals -- nibbling poinsettia can poison a pet. Eating
tinsel can result in impaction, and chewing electrical wiring
can be hazardous to both pet and owner because of fire.
The holiday season is a good time for fund-raising for your
organization -- check with local stores selling pet toys and
other supplies to see if you can set up a canister for
donations near the pet shelf. Stores may donate a portion of
holiday sales. You can also issue press releases asking
residents to contribute to your organization the same amount
they spend on toys for their own pets.
By informing your community about responsible pet ownership,
you can make the holiday season better for pets and people.

The HSUS accreditation program for humane societies and
animal control agencies is being expanded with the
addition of two accreditation associates.

Leslie Eustace, who comes to The HSUS From ASPCA in New York,
will serve the western states and maintain an office in the
new HSUS Rocky Mountain Regional Office in Denver. This
office serves Colorado, Utah, Wyoming and Arizona, and the
director is Don Cashen, formerly of the Indianapolis Humane
Society. The address is 1780 South Bellaire St., Denver, CO
80222 - tel. (303) 759-8880.

Accreditation associate Kurt "Bill" Smith is based in
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and can be reached at 4831 Springhill
Dr., Tuscaloosa, AL 35401 - tel. (205) 533-8665. Smith is well
known throughout the southeast for his many years of
work devoted to improving animal shelters in the region.

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APHIS activities, and the Act is only about 5% of APHIS total responsibility (it is mainly concerned with livestock, and most APHIS employees have greater expertise in livestock husbandry).

This 'new approach' was to include the hiring of 200-300 part-time employees to make inspections. APHIS officials had hoped to draw these from the ranks of those with 'dog and cat' experience, such as humane society workers. Unfortunately, because of political pressure to balance the federal budget by 1980 and reduce the total number of federal employees, this plan could only be implemented by reducing APHIS staffing in another area. USDA officials say they cannot reduce their other efforts, so the hiring plan has been postponed, at least temporarily.

Copies of the Animal Welfare Act and its regulations are available by writing the Animal Care Staff, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Federal Building, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Ask for the names of the USDA officials who investigate complaints in your area. You will find it helpful to establish a working relationship with them.

The HSUS monitors enforcement of the Animal Welfare Act, and would like to hear from you about your dealings with the USDA.

THE FOLLOWING ARE COVERED BY THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT:

- dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, most wild warm-blooded species.
- animal dealers, brokers, breeders selling wholesale via pet stores; pet stores that sell wild animals; zoological parks; circuses; research laboratories; animal acts (such as animals used for TV and movies); animal auctions that sell dogs or cats; common carriers (airlines, railways, trucking companies).

Federal government establishments are required to conform to the Act standards, but are not subject to inspections.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT COVERED BY THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT:

- cold-blooded animals (fish and reptiles), marine mammals, rats, mice, birds, horses and ponies, domestic farm animals.
- auctions that do not sell dogs or cats; boarding kennels; pounds and shelters; direct sales breeders; retail pet stores that do not sell wild animals; game and hunting preserves.

High-altitude decompression for the destruction of surplus dogs and cats has been outlawed in the state of California. Alternate methods of euthanasia must go into effect January 1, 1979.

The HSUS advocates sodium pentobarbital injection as the most humane euthanasia method; the pamphlets "Legal Steps for the Procurement of Sodium Pentobarbital for Euthanasia of Cats and Dogs" and "How to Administer Sodium Pentobarbital for Euthanasia of Cats and Dogs" are available from The HSUS, 2100 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20037. ■

New HSUS material

What to do When You Have to Make a School Presentation

Sooner or later most animal facility workers make a trip to the local schools to make a presentation to an elementary class. What do you do that hasn't been done before? How do you catch the interest of the children and enlist them in your efforts to control pets?

The HSUS's National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education has the answer in their recently issued Sharing Units. Each unit consists of a cassette tape and filmstrip, spirit masters, and a teacher's guide. Pets, Wildlife in Your Community, and Animals of the Forest are the titles of the three separately packaged units. Naturally, the Pets unit serves the purposes of the animal facility worker best. You can show the filmstrip as your presentation and leave the spirit master book and teacher's guide for the teacher to use in follow-up activities. The teacher will appreciate the materials because reading and language skills are nicely blended in with the pet ownership responsibility theme.

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The kits are $25 each or all three for $70. ■

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If your shelter has had experience with foster homes -- that is, placing animals temporarily with individuals until permanent homes can be found -- please write SHELTER SENSE about your program and how it has worked. Send complete details to SHELTER SENSE, 2100 L St., NW, Washington, DC 20037. ■