"Sharing: You and the Animal World," an innovative new program developed by HSUS for teaching humane education at the elementary level, is now available to school systems and other groups throughout the nation.

Three units, entitled "Pets," "Wildlife in Your Community," and "Animals of the Forest," will help create humane attitudes, develop language arts skills, and enable children to identify and express the values they live by.

"Sharing" is a multi-media, easy-to-teach program that can be adapted to any teaching or learning style. Teachers and education administrators who have previewed the three units praised their ease of use, versatility, and effectiveness.

Commercial production of the units is the culmination of HSUS's 3-year Humane Education Development and Evaluation Project (HEDEP), under the direction of Stuart R. Westerlund, Ed. D., and Eileen S. Whitlock, Ed. D., of the University of Tulsa. The materials were classroom-tested in 16 states, with 1,000 pupils participating.

The humane philosophy, sensitivity to all living things, is dealt with in a way that establishes values rather than merely teaching facts.

Students are encouraged to express their feelings on various issues and to acquire additional information through participation in individual and class activities.

Each of the units includes the following components: a 10-minute color filmstrip that introduces various issues and serves as a springboard for in-depth classroom discussion, a cassette that serves as a soundtrack for the filmstrip and also contains a narrated story for separate use; a book containing spirit master activity sheets that print up to 250 copies each and can serve as the students' own personal workbooks; a teacher's guide that contains the concepts and language arts skills stressed in the unit, a filmstrip script, suggested follow-up questions and activities, and a resource list for further investigation.

The units can be adapted by non-classroom groups such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, community organizations, and religious groups. Each unit is $22.50 postpaid. All three may be obtained for $60. Orders should be placed directly with Youth Education, Inc., 10 E. 40th St., New York, NY 10016. Further information may be obtained from the National Assn. for the Advancement of Humane Education, the University of Tulsa, 600 S. College, Tulsa, OK 74104.

HSUS strongly urges everyone interested in promoting humane education to assist in the placement of these units in public and private elementary schools.