

PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

Enlarging Our Outreach

Two organizations join The HSUS's endeavors

More than two years ago, The Humane Society of the United States embraced with great enthusiasm the creation of the Center for Respect of Life and Environment. Conceived at an informal gathering of HSUS board member Robert F. Welborn, *animalines* editor Ed Duvine, and myself, the Center has now blossomed into a vital extension of the program and activities of The HSUS in seeking "to bring together individuals from every corner of the globe and from every walk of life to focus on one central concern—the protection and preservation of Nature's elements, resources, and creatures."

Under the able direction of Dr. Michael Fox, the Center for Respect of Life and Environment provides a forum to encourage the coming together of the animal-protection movement with those addressing global environmental issues. In so doing, it serves to link issues of animal suffering and exploitation with concerns for species conservation and habitat protection and restoration.

The Center, though not at this time a dues-paying individual membership organization, is seeking the financial support of individuals and corporations who share its vision and goals. If you are interested in joining with us in endeavoring to foster the understanding of the interrelationship of all life and in seeking to awaken, activate, and stimulate the affirmation that the welfare of the world and all its creatures depends upon the compassion, reason, and informed action of individuals, we invite you to write for more information to Michael W. Fox, Executive Director, Center for the Respect of Life and Environment, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037.

We are also pleased and proud to announce the association of another organization with The HSUS as an affiliate, The Interfaith Council for the Protection of Animals and Nature. Under the leadership of long-time conservationist, author, and lec-

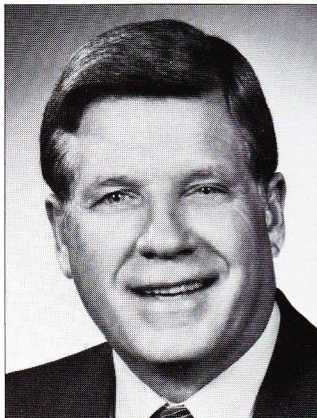
turer Lewis G. Regenstein, The Interfaith Council serves to extend the concerns and message of The HSUS into the broad-based religious community.

Religion is one of the strongest and most influential factors in our society and a guiding force for much of our population. There are literally hundreds of millions of people in the United States and around the world who would be more concerned about conservation and animal-protection issues if they realized that the underlying tenets of their religions teach the sanctity of the Creation, of the Earth and the land, and the "swarms of living creatures" all around us.

Unfortunately, most people are unaware of this Biblical message, and it is our intention to educate them about it through this new affiliate organization. We believe it is important that organized religion stop ignoring environmental problems, if for no other reason than the fact that it is itself at the root of so much of today's massive suffering and exploitation worldwide.

We invite you to support our efforts to enlist members of the religious community, especially the leaders of the various denominations and faiths, to accept their moral and spiritual obligation to work for the protection of animals and the natural environment. Write for more information to Lewis G. Regenstein, Executive Director, The Interfaith Council for the Protection of Animals and Nature, 4290 Raintree Lane, NW, Atlanta, GA 30327.

We believe that both the Center for Respect of Life and Environment and The Interfaith Council for the Protection of Animals and Nature are important and vital extensions of the efforts of The HSUS to promote the concept that the human species has no right, either divine or otherwise, to exploit wantonly creation for its own benefit. We salute the excellent work being done by these two organizations and are proud to welcome both as co-workers with The HSUS. ■



John A. Hoyt, President

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