



WFPA—

Promoting Animal Welfare World Wide

Note: Because of HSUS' membership and active participation in the World Federation for the Protection of Animals, Dr. Frucht was invited to submit an article explaining WFPA's activities to readers of The Humane Society News. HSUS President John A. Hoyt is currently serving as vice president of WFPA.

**By Karl Frucht, Administrator
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Familiar with the animal welfare situation in most parts of the world, the World Federation for the Protection of Animals (WFPA) has consistently attempted to do what was most useful for the moment and most promising for the future. Founded at The Hague, Netherlands, in 1950, WFPA, with its Secretariat in Zurich, Switzerland, represents today the interests of 275 animal welfare societies in 55 countries and keeps thousands of individual members informed about progress in the various fields of animal welfare and protection.

WFPA, in its efforts towards an international solution of animal welfare problems, proceeds by (1) endeavoring to supply extensive information on animal welfare problems, varying greatly from country to country and closely related to the attitudes of the population in those countries or regions, and (2) basing animal protection on a scientific foundation in order to obtain factual knowledge and to be able to supply data and other relevant assistance to governments and national animal welfare organizations.

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Development Officer and Program Coordinator Join Staff

HSUS President John A. Hoyt recently announced the addition of two staff members to serve in capacities not previously designated. Paul G. Irwin, vice president in charge of development, will work to broaden the impact of HSUS through membership cultivation and financial support. Ms. Patricia Forkan, program coordinator, will direct and coordinate the ever-growing number of humane issues confronting HSUS.

Irwin, a former United Methodist minister, has broad experience in fund raising and membership development projects. He has provided leadership for two YMCA capital fund campaigns and other community action programs. He appeared regularly on two Boston, Mass., radio programs and one of Boston's commercial TV channels. He served on the hospital ship Hope in northeast Brazil and has conducted tours in Israel and Greece.

Irwin will be awarded a doctorate from Boston University upon publication of a professional education project.

Ms. Forkan, for the past 6 years the national coordinator for the Fund for Animals, has a wide range of talents to bring to HSUS. She is knowledgeable in all aspects of the humane movement and has served the cause of animal welfare both in this country and abroad. One of her most successful campaigns was on behalf of saving the whales.

Ms. Forkan was an originator of the boycott against the products of countries which have persisted in slaughtering whales. She has represented the World Federation for the Protection of Animals at the International Whaling Commission's meetings in London since 1973.

Legislation has always been an important aspect of her responsibilities. She has on numerous occasions responded to requests to appear before legislative committees on a wide range of topics including marine mammals, trapping, and greyhound racing. Ms. Forkan believes that teaching and living according to a humane ethic is one of the most valuable contributions anyone can make to all life. These feelings and interests are not surprising, since her parents were the founders of an animal shelter in their hometown.

As part of her work with the Fund for Animals, Ms. Forkan hosted her own radio talk show, "All About Animals" last year in Palm Beach, Fla.

In welcoming Ms. Forkan and Irwin to the HSUS staff, Hoyt said: "I am confident that through the leadership of these outstanding persons HSUS will expand and increase its effectiveness in preventing cruelty and suffering to animals. Both bring to us a rich heritage in helping to create a society in which animal life is accorded a place of respect and compassion."



HSUS President John A. Hoyt (center) is pictured with new staff members Paul G. Irwin, vice president for development, and Patricia Forkan, program coordinator.