TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

We are pleased to name as the 1989 National Humane Education Teacher of the Year Stephanie Franke, a dedicated educator who has promoted and implemented the values and concept of humane education as a teacher for twenty-six years.

Ms. Franke is a science teacher of grades seven and nine at the Nixon School in Chicago, Illinois. Her innovative lessons and activities give her students the opportunity to learn about various animal issues and to act upon what they learn. Last school year, she produced a series of plays and skits that addressed the care of injured animals, animals in literature, and pet responsibility. Her annual Valentine Poster Contest (“Have a Heart for Pets”) promotes the concept of pet care and compassion.

In addition, Ms. Franke’s students wrote numerous compositions relating to animal welfare and encouraged legislative action on such issues as the seal hunt in Canada, the porpoise killing in Japan, bear hunting with dogs in Michigan, and the United States Navy’s use of porpoises. An excellent role model for her students, Ms. Franke not only encourages responsible pet ownership (emphasizing spaying and neutering) but also has adopted several strays herself.

Ms. Franke’s actions speak of kindness, compassion, respect, and love for all living things; her attitudes have created in her students feelings of self-confidence and an awareness that what they do and say matters in this world.

Honored as runner-up for NAHEE’s Humane Education Teacher of the Year Award is Thomas G. Bickleman, who, for thirty years, has promoted and implemented alternatives to dissection in biology curricula.

As a senior high school biology teacher in York, Pennsylvania, Mr. Bickleman has demonstrated outstanding leadership. Mr. Bickleman has accepted a position as science consultant for NAHEE and will be employing his expertise on a national scale to promote alternatives to invasive procedures in the classroom.

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On June 10, thousands of compassionate people from throughout the United States will assemble in our nation’s capital to send a simple message to Congress:

We stand together united to ensure justice for animals.

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