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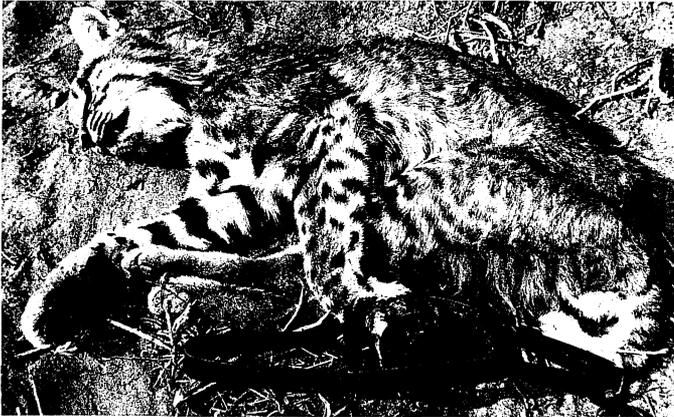




REPORT

SUMMER/FALL 1979

HSUS ON THE MOVE AGAINST CRUELTY



TORTURED FOR ITS FUR—This bobcat was tortured and killed for its fur. Last year millions of animals died a slow, agonizing death in the powerful jaws of steel jaw traps such as this one.

The season when stores display fur coats is rapidly approaching - the products of cruel fur ranches and the steel jaw trap. But fur sales are declining despite propaganda from the fur industry. More and more people are deciding against wearing furs. Among the reasons for this decline, though not the sole reason, is that much of the cruelty is being exposed to the public by humanitarians. The Humane Society of the United States has a number of publications that you can use to help us continue the fight against cruelty for profit. TRAPPING: FACTS and FALLACIES is a 24 page booklet priced at 50¢ that describes the cruelties of trapping. Please help us to inform the public. Send your name and address to: "Don't Buy Furs," The Humane Society of the United States, 1713 J Street, Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95814. We shall send you 50 informative flyers free of charge. Additional copies are \$1.00 per 100.

Let's Stop Pound Seizure

The Humane Society of the United States is categorically opposed to animal shelters releasing unwanted animals to research laboratories, pharmaceutical houses, training institutions, and other facilities that use animals for experimental, teaching or testing purposes. The Society is convinced this practice contributes to a breakdown of effective animal control programs through abandonment

of animals by owners who rightfully fear such animals may be subjected to painful use. The HSUS also believes animal shelters should not be a cheap source of supply for laboratories, and will oppose any measure, administrative or legislative, that would make this practice mandatory.

Pound seizure will be a major issue in California in the months ahead. In June of this year, the city councils of San Juan Capistrano and the city of Placentia voted unanimously to halt the sale of live impounded pets from their cities to research facilities. Humanitarians are becoming more upset over shelters that release animals to research and ordinances requiring them to do so. Mercy Crusade, a humane organization based in Los Angeles, has just called on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to repeal the county ordinance requiring the LA County Department of Animal Regulation to release animals for laboratory experimentation. During the last session of the legislature, Assemblyman Henry Mello authored AB 3165 to outlaw such practices in California. However, the bill was amended due to pressure from researchers and some animal control agencies. Animal shelters in California must advise citizens surrendering animals that the animal may be used for research if that shelter releases animals for research. At the present time, eight states actually prohibit "pound seizure". In addition, researchers often find animals from pounds or shelters to be unreliable research subjects and therefore unsuitable for use.

The HSUS and other animal welfare organizations were recently instrumental in getting the pound seizure law repealed in New York where the Metcalf-Hatch Act (enacted 1952) required tax-supported shelters to turn unwanted cats and dogs over to laboratories. Mercy Crusade is also starting a petition drive for state legislation to outlaw this practice in California.

The West Coast Regional Office receives calls daily from people who don't want to take animals to shelters for this reason. Pet owners cannot be reunited with their pets unless people have enough confidence in their shelters to take an animal there.

Is your animal control agency releasing unwanted pets for research? Call your County Board of Supervisors or City Council. This office is now compiling data on numbers of animals released and revenues earned by this practice across the state. Unless the people who care stand up and fight, legislation will not be passed. Express yourself. Write to your legislators. If you don't know who your representatives are, contact this office for a list.

Investigators' Workshop Shows Concern and Need

In June, Eric Sakach, investigator for the West Coast Regional Office of The Humane Society of the United States and Captain Dan Qualls of the Monterey County SPCA presented a training program for humane investigators at the Humane Society of Marin's education center. The presentation was organized at the request of Russ Turver, the Director of the Humane Society of Marin. More than twenty officers and representatives from four agencies attended the program. Topics covered during the four hour evening session included basic report writing, courtroom demeanor, objectives in cruelty cases, and undercover operations. The HSUS believes that the response to this program indicates humane officers in California are indeed concerned with animal welfare. They want the training afforded others in law enforcement fields so they can do a better job.

The HSUS is involved in a number of programs to help professionalize the animal control officer and humane officer through leadership workshops, publications, local sessions such as the one in Marin, and HSUS's new National Animal Control Academy housed at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa. We are hoping to work with directors of local agencies to develop a standardized training program for humane officers in California. It is something not only badly needed, but deserved by those people who care enough to seek a career in animal welfare.

A FIRST!



Yosemite students interview a NPS employee.

At the invitation of the California State Department of Education HSUS and the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education (NAAHE) participated in the 1979 Environmental Merit Award Program. The Merit Award Program was begun several years ago to make students aware of the importance of various areas of ecology. Each year organizations are asked to sponsor one or more awards in their own field of interest. HSUS/NAAHE consented to give awards for the two statewide winners who designed and produced an animal related awareness project based on the humane ethic. It was the

first time a humane organization had agreed to sponsor animal awareness awards.

HSUS/NAAHE, assisted by Rudolph J.H. Schafer, Program Director of Environmental Education for the State of California, set the requirements to be met and encouraged all California schools and teachers to enter the contest.

The West Coast Regional Office offered background information and guidelines for faculty advisors needing ideas and help in preparing projects. Humane organizations around the state helped provide assistance to educators in their own areas.

After the projects were judged at the local and county levels, they were submitted to the Superintendent's Advisory Committee. The Committee evaluated the 41 finalists and chose the 10 merit award winners. HSUS/NAAHE was represented on the Committee by Judi Kukulka of the West Coast Regional Office who served as one of the 7 judges.

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GOVERNOR BROWN'S SIGNATURE NEEDED!

As we go to press, AB 475 by Assemblyman Jack Fenton has passed both houses and is waiting for the Governor's signature. When this bill is signed, it will outlaw the importation of Rocky Mountain Elk for commercial purposes. A legal case filed by The Humane Society of the United States and the Marin County Humane Society is still pending. The Writ of Mandate calls for the California Department of Fish and Game to require Environmental Impact Reports prior to issuing permits, such as the one it issued to Jung T. Wang. Mr. Wang is going to import and raise Rocky Mountain Elk in order to amputate the antlers while in the extremely sensitive velvet stage. The horns would have then been powdered and sold for aphrodisiac purposes. Our thanks to all of the humanitarians who worked so hard on this to prevent an unneeded and cruel industry from starting up in California.

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE SURE YOU CAN HELP ANIMALS AFTER YOU'RE GONE . . .

Make a will and provide for them in it. The HSUS will send you an informative booklet without obligation about how to make the best of your animal welfare bequest. It contains procedures on how to write your will.

Write in complete confidence to:
Murdaugh Stuart Madden, Vice President/General Counsel, The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.

DIRECTOR'S DESK



California is the first state to pass an Animal Rights Resolution and we're happy to have helped its passage. However, there is important legislation coming in January. Be sure your name is on our legislative list to get our special mailing.

The West Coast Regional Office is indeed on the move against cruelty. Hard facts and figures will win the battle. We've put together lots of information and are being called daily by officials wanting detailed information about various animal issues.

The credibility of the humane movement has increased tremendously in the past several years. I'm proud of what our staff is doing because all of us are working as hard as we can. Your contribution is really needed now if we are to accomplish the high goals we've set for the coming year. Please renew your membership today. Won't you ask your friends to join? If you send us names and addresses of people who care about animals, we'll send them information.

This year one of my priorities has been meeting HSUS members face to face. If you'd like to host a membership meeting in your community, do let me know. When HSUS members get together in groups of 15 or 20, I'm able to tell them more fully about what we are doing and it's also an opportunity for you, our members, to tell us your thoughts and concerns.

Remember your donations are tax deductible and HSUS has clearance from the National Information Bureau, the toughest charity clearance agency. I'm personally grateful to every one of you who is willing to help.

Char Drennon
DIRECTOR

ANIMAL SHELTERS IN THE NEWS

KINGS SPCA

A study with recommendations was conducted at The Kings SPCA sheltering facility in Hanford, California by Eric Sakach of this office.

The Humane Society of the United States was formally requested to inspect this shelter by the Kings County Board of Supervisors and the County Veterinary Associa-

tion. The inspection was conducted with the cooperation of the SPCA and a report of findings was sent to local officials with recommendations for improvements.

CLARK COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY

The Clark County Humane Society in Las Vegas, Nevada has notified the West Coast Regional Office that the organization has formally adopted the HSUS's Statements of Policy in their entirety. Director Char Drennon of WCRO said, "It is always good for a local society to have policies spelled out on such issues as trapping and other animal problems. Involvement of local societies in major animal welfare issues is imperative to solving national concerns as well as local problems."

HSUS Statements of Policy, assembled in a loose leaf notebook may be obtained by sending \$2.00 to: HSUS Statements of Policy, 1713 J Street, Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95814.

ALASKA HUMANE SOCIETY

The newly organized Alaska Humane Society in Anchorage reports it has been very busy in its first months of operation. In addition to rescue operations, handling stray animals, locating owners, and performing euthanasia when necessary by injection of sodium pentobarbital, the society is working on education programs. The AHS has also joined with Anchorage veterinarians in establishing a low cost spay and neuter program and is pushing for legislation to reclassify the crime of dogfighting from a misdemeanor to a felon.

Leadership Workshop In Northwest a Success

A "Solving Animal Problems In Your Community" workshop was held in Vancouver, Washington on September 7 - 8, 1979. Sponsored by The Humane Society of the United States and the Greenhill Humane Society, the workshop was attended by humane society leaders, animal control agents, shelter workers, municipal officials and educators from all over the West Coast states. Featured participants included HSUS staff members John Hoyt, President; Frantz Dantzer, Director of Field Service and Investigations; Phyllis Wright, Director of Animal Sheltering and Control; Sue Pressman, Director of Wildlife Protection; and West Coast Regional Director Char Drennon. Other noted humane officials featured were Doug Fakkema, Executive Director of the Benton Humane Society and President of the Northwest Association of Animal Welfare Agencies; C. Jack Homes, Secretary-Manager of the Vancouver Branch of the British Columbia SPCA; and Alan Thomas, Executive Director of the Greenhill Humane Society.

DON'T FORGET

The 1979 HSUS Annual Conference will be held November 8 - 10 in Orlando, Florida.

For Conference information write to:

HSUS Conference

2100 L Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20037

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The 1979 California Merit Awards were presented at a banquet held in Sacramento. Many organizations and prominent people were on hand to congratulate the students and their faculty advisors. Char Drennon and Judi Kukulka were in attendance to personally meet the winners and offer HSUS/NAAHE's appreciation for their outstanding programs.

The HSUS/NAAHE animal awareness awards went to the fourth, fifth, and sixth grade class of Yosemite Elementary School and the fourth grade class of Chadbourne Elementary School in Fremont.



The Chadbourne class demonstrating the many uses of Jojoba.

The Yosemite children, under the direction of their faculty sponsor, Dolores Doyle, addressed the problem of people visiting the park and being uninformed about animal life there. The students designed and produced a slide tape show to tell visitors the ways in which they can share the park with the animals without harming or being harmed by them. The slide program ran all summer in the visitors' center.

The Chadbourne class was concerned with the disappearance of the sperm whale and learned jojoba wax, made from jojoba beans, could be a viable substitute for

sperm whale oil. Under the guidance of their teacher, Pat Borer, they contacted numerous agencies and gathered information and samples of jojoba wax products for their displays. They planted jojoba seedlings on the school grounds and succeeded in getting local farmers to agree to look into growing jojoba as a crop. The children became quite expert on the subject of jojoba wax versus sperm whale oil; they entered and won first prize of \$100 for the project at a local Mentally Gifted Minors Fair. They were also invited to put on a short course at a science meeting at Lawrence Hall of Science in Berkeley. Through their presentations and the newspaper coverage they received, many people, young and old, were educated about the importance of jojoba and the sperm whale to our future.

The HSUS West Coast Regional Office is proud to have been involved in this program and urges others to encourage their states to offer a similar learning experience to their young children.

Hearing Dog Bill Signed

Governor Jerry Brown has signed legislation giving deaf people with hearing or "signal" dogs all of the same legal advantages now afforded to people with dogs trained to guide the blind. Senator Milton Marks, (R), San Francisco, introduced SB 548 at the request of the San Francisco SPCA. The SFSPCA trains signal dogs to alert the deaf to specific sounds. Formerly unwanted and abandoned at animal shelters, the dogs are placed at no charge with individuals who have severe to profound hearing disabilities. This legislation becomes effective on January 1, 1980.

The HSUS West Coast Regional Office serves California, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington. Requests for assistance should be addressed to Charlene Drennon, West Coast Regional Director, 1713 J St., Suite 4, Sacramento, CA 95814 (916-447-3295). All contributions made to the HSUS West Coast Regional Office will be used for regional purposes and are tax-deductible.

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