LET'S OUTLAW POUND SEIZURE

The time has come to do away with pound seizure—an outdated practice where dogs and cats are released from animal shelters at minimal cost to be used in research.

Since the Metcalf-Hatch Act was repealed last year in New York, almost every state has had an uprising of citizens tired of animal control being used as a cheap or free source of animals for dealers and research institutions. Animal control is for the protection of the health and safety of the public. It was never intended as, nor should it be, a source of cheap animals for scientists.

HSUS members in Spokane and Seattle, Washington have been in touch with the WCRO to seek their help in doing away with pound seizure in their state.

In Oregon citizens are trying to stop universities from relying on this method of obtaining animals.

In California Senator Paul Carpenter introduced SB 1270 to outlaw the release of animals from shelters to research. The bill was defeated in the Senate Agriculture and Water Resources Committee. Not one of the committee members was willing to move to pass this bill.

All of us worked hard on this legislation. Obviously we will have to publicize this problem to educate all of the public. Senator Ayala said he received more mail on this bill than any other except Proposition 13.

The HSUS has been working diligently to upgrade animal control programs with free expertise and advice on everything from funding to how to build a proper shelter. People do not want to turn animals into shelters that supply them to research.

The excuse that animal control needs the money from selling these animals is ludicrous. In a survey completed recently, only 14 shelters out of 116 in California were releasing animals. In 1978-79, 17,855 dogs and cats were released. Over 5,000 of them went to a single dealer who purchased them for $2.50-$3.00 each. He also got over 3,000 free. These animals were then sold for $32-$40 to universities and hospitals. The 14 shelters that released impounded animals received only $116,000 compared to a combined total budget of over 15 million dollars.

Let your state legislators know your feelings about pound seizure. The public needs to be educated and letters to the editor of your local paper will help inform them.

If you'd like to know the cities and counties in California that are releasing animals for this purpose and the dealers and research labs they are going to, send a SASE to the WCRO.

The Hidden Cost of Factory Farming

Most veal calves are kept immobile and in darkness (except at feeding time) in order to prevent them from "wasting energy."

What the eye doesn't see, the consumer doesn't grieve: rows of eggs in styrofoam cartons, cuts of meat in neat plastic containers, and shelf after shelf of packaged food without the price paid in animal suffering stamped on the label. Each year this country produces 3.3 billion broiler poultry, 85 million pigs, 112 million beef cattle, 9 million sheep; and our milk and eggs come from a total of 11 million dairy cattle and 280 million battery hens. The level of unnecessary suffering and cruelty inflicted on these animals is difficult to conceive and accept. The Humane Society of the United States is fighting these abuses.

There are solutions. Find out what the solutions are and help us to inform the public by sending your name and address to: "Factory Farming," The Humane Society of the United States, 1713 J Street, Suite 305, Sacramento, CA 95814. We will send you an informative report free of charge. Additional copies are ten cents each.
**Usda Gets Tough**

“Marine Mammal Standards for Housing” has been added to the Federal Animal Welfare Act.

This spring a Marine Mammal Training Session was co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Commerce, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Department of the Interior, and USDA-APHIS in San Diego.

**Dr. Dale Schwindaman** set the tone of the meeting when he told the compliance officers, “These standards do give you a latitude on interpretation. When you see something in your good conscience that is wrong, be brave about doing something for the animal. Animal welfare includes behavioral needs. The authority is there for you to use it in the Animal Welfare Act. Society is calling for the raising of standards from minimum for a better protection of animals. We will review the present standards and propose amendments to raise the bar this spring.”

The Humane Society of the United States was the only humane organization represented at this training session. I attended classrooms ranging in topics from “How to Inspect and Exhibit” to zoo nutrition by Dr. Phil Robinson of the San Diego Zoo.

Many of the compliance officers made suggestions for higher standards and were challenged to add to the Animal Welfare Act Amendments.

This meeting was one of the best organized and educational efforts I’ve attended. It was encouraging to hear compliance officers being told that they must do more, not less, for the animals.

WCRO received a request to do the training in Pensecola, Florida on April 15-16.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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**Animal Fighting Ventures Subject of Presentation Before LAPD**

By invitation, a member of The HSUS investigations team gave a presentation on the investigation of animal fighting ventures before detectives of the Los Angeles Police Department in January. The program was well attended, interest was high and topics included intelligence gathering, objectives in undercover operations, interstate transportation of animals for fighting purposes, and evidence.

The HSUS is happy to conduct programs of this nature when local law enforcement agencies are concerned enough to request input to develop better cases. This cooperation will go a long way toward eliminating these cruel spectacles.

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**The Needs Of The Animals Will Continue…**

The Humane Society of the United States is committed to the goal of ending animal cruelty and suffering. Your membership increases the Society’s ability to stamp out cruelty through legal, legislative, and educational avenues. Unfortunately, man’s cruelty and irresponsibility to animals will not end during your lifetime. But a bequest through your Will will be a lasting contribution to the fight against these abuses.

Your request for information about Wills will be treated in the strictest confidence by our General Counsel, Carol J. Williams. Please send your request to Carol J. Williams, Vice President/General Counsel, The Humane Society of the United States, 2001 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.
WHEA Meeting in Santa Barbara . . .

Charlotte Moore hostess of the WHEA meeting with Barbara Westerfield, H. E. Director of Central California SPCA.

In-service teaching or “How to Teach Old Teachers New Tricks” was the format for the Western Humane Educators’ Association meeting in Santa Barbara in February.

Barbara Westerfield and Joyce Malone from Central California SPCA presented a mock five hour in-service teaching program for the humane educators.

Liz Kaye, Humane Education Director of the Oregon Humane Society in Portland, came the furthest distance to share with the group the new programs at OHS, including using prisoners on probation for volunteers.

Kathi Prevost, new Information Officer from Sonoma County Animal Control, attended with her supervisor, Mike McFarland.

Another addition to humane education on the West Coast, Pat Kampe from Marin County Humane Society, came to get acquainted with her new West Coast colleagues.

The day prior to this meeting, a Steering Committee met to plan the October 15, 1980 meeting at the Golden Gate Holiday Inn in San Francisco. WHEA will host the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education on the first day of The HSUS National Conference. Featured speakers will include John Dommers and Kathy Savesky from NAAHE. Humane educators from all states in the West Coast Region will be hosts and hostesses.

The program will include presentations by the most professional of the humane education directors in the West Coast region. Topics will vary from “The Effective Way to Use Volunteers” to “How Animal Control Organizations Accomplish Humane Education.”

Because of space restrictions, this WHEA meeting will have to be limited to the first 100 who sign up. Humane education directors, teachers, administrators and animal control personnel shouldn’t miss it. Mark the date and let the WCRO know if you want to attend.

Opposition to Decompression Chamber Growing on West Coast

The cities of Las Vegas and Reno, Nevada, have stopped using the decompression chamber for killing of unwanted animals thanks to local humanitarians. Nevada will have a bill in the coming session of the legislature to outlaw the device statewide and the WCRO will help. The Nevada Humane Society in Reno has offered to donate a carbon dioxide chamber for euthanasia of small animals and train Reno animal control personnel to inject sodium pentobarbital at no cost to the city. The WCRO has also supplied information about the decompression chamber and more acceptable methods to Spokane, Washington, and Anchorage, Alaska. Decompression has been banned in Idaho most recently.

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