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It will be reintroduced in January 1991.


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On June 19, 1990, agents from the Kansas attorney general’s office, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, police and animal-control officers, veterinarian Debbie Anderson, State Inspector Shon Koenig, and Midwest Regional Director Wendell Maddox raided a Topeka, Kansas, puppy mill and removed ninety-six animals. The owners of the kennel were charged with animal cruelty, a class B misdemeanor, and violation of the state’s 1988 Animal Dealers Act, a class A misdemeanor. This was the first instance of enforcement of the state’s 1988 Animal Dealers Law that led to the removal of animals.

Mr. Maddox also helped plan a raid of a kennel in Utica, High Plains Humane action investigator Pam Binder of Hays, Kansas, with veterinarian Steve Mossman, a animal-control officers, and the Ness County sheriff’s department, seized sixty-seven animals. Forty-four were saved; the rest were too ill to survive. The kennel’s owner was charged with cruelty to animals and violation of the Animal Dealers Act on July 3 by Ness County Attorney Tom Fiegel. This same owner had been convicted of animal cruelty two months prior to the raid by the Ness County District Court. She had been fined an undisclosed amount and given a jail sentence, to be waived if the kennel was cleaned and the dogs sold within sixty days. Attorney General Robert Stephan has also filed charges against a Rossville, Kansas, kennel operator and given a southeast Kansas kennel owner a choice of selling her dogs within sixty days or facing charges of cruelty.

SPAY/NEUTER BILL PASSES

Louisiana animal protectionists successfully lobbied into law a mandate that all animals adopted from public shelters be spayed or neutered. The new Louisiana statute, sponsored by State Sens. Willie E. Bennett and Larry S. Bankston, requires that adult animals receive the surgery thirty days after adoption. Puppies and kittens must be spayed or neutered at six months of age.

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