

Around the Regions

DOUGLAS M. SCOTT, GULF STATES

Doug and Bernie made presentations again this year to the Texas Animal Control Association's meeting at Texas A&M University in November. They were joined by John Dommers and Amanda Blake.

Bernie also spoke before the Oklahoma Animal Control Training Seminar. His presentation was on animal handling.

The GCRO advised The Humane Society of Nacogdoches County, Texas, to file a complaint against a hatchery owner under the state anti-cruelty laws prohibiting abandonment of animals and requiring persons have custody of animals to provide them with necessary food, care and shelter. The man pleaded guilty.

Investigator Weller called the coon dog show in Guadalupe County, Texas "downright inhumane and cruel to these animals". Weller hopes a suit can be filed on several counts against both fairground owners and participants. Weller has vowed to follow through until these events cease and desist.



Charlene Drennon
Director



John W. Inman
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Douglas M. Scott
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CHARLENE DRENNON, WEST COAST

HSUS members are using the new Hotline to report dogfighting activities.

The Vancouver Leadership Seminar in Washington State resulted in many new HSUS members. Any West Coast humane societies which would like to learn more about The HSUS should send their names and addresses to WCRO and free information will be sent to each one.

March 4 and 5, 1977 are dates worth saving. The WCRO will co-host with Animal Care Center, Rancho Santa Fe, a Humane Education Happening at the Vacation Village, San Diego. John Dommers and other leaders in humane education will be featured.

Humane societies needing fundraising ideas should contact the WCRO. Don't forget to report any cruelties you observe at circuses or zoos. The HSUS office in Sacramento now has an investigator, Eric Sakach, on staff.

The Central California SPCA has awarded Charlene Drennon a Certificate of Appreciation for her work with them in humane education and the County of San Diego has also awarded her a Certificate of Appreciation for serving on their review board to select a new County Animal Control Director.

JOHN J. DOMMERS, NEW ENGLAND

HSUS encouragement and assistance enabled the New Haven Schools' Nature Center program to conduct a fall program focusing on responsible pet ownership. It is one of the first inner city programs of its kind. Dommers plans to document the methods and materials used so they can be used as models.

Although no arrest warrants were sought for the Old Saybrook Bicentennial Committee members who allowed two greased pig contests to take place against HSUS protest, the county prosecutor said "future events such as this could result in prosecution".

The Connecticut Humanities Council awarded the New England office a grant to plan a public symposium titled "Is the Hunter a Dying Species?" The statewide symposium was held in December and featured national experts on all sides of the issue plus special input from humanist professors.

Humane educators throughout the five state area have been contacted in an effort to form an association. Dommers hopes it will avoid duplication of effort.

JOHN W. INMAN, GREAT LAKES

Jack Inman's consultations with the Kent County Commissioner since 1974 has resulted in the appointment of an Animal Control Advisory Committee for Grand Rapids, Mich.

Inman responded to a call last summer regarding a possible violation of Indiana's Burn Statutes. His investigation found approximately 220 sheep badly in need of shearing crowded in an old barn in Noble County trying to escape the summer's heat. Inman's action resulted in an order from the sheriff to the owner of the sheep to have them shorn.

This region is indebted to the many efforts of the Williams County humane Society, especially for their humane education programs on the elementary level.



John J. Dommers
Director



Cindy Clarke
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Eric Sakach
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