



HSUS President John A. Hoyt (left) and regional director Nina Austenberg join Pennsylvania State Sen. Stuart J. Greenleaf as he receives an award at the April conference.

CONFERENCE DRAWS HUNDREDS

In April nearly 400 people gathered at the Headquarters Plaza Hotel in Morristown, New Jersey, for three days of workshops, tours, demonstrations, and speeches, all part of a conference co-sponsored by the HSUS Mid-Atlantic and New England Regional Offices. Many participants had the opportunity to visit the Raptor Trust, a rehabilitation center for birds of prey that lies at the edge of the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, tour the Boehm Porcelain Studios, where The HSUS's James Herriot Award sculpture was created, or attend a seminar on rehabilitating oil-soaked birds. They were treated to an inspiring keynote address delivered by HSUS President John A. Hoyt (the text of which appears on page 23) and given the opportunity to sit in on sixteen workshops

led by members of the society's staff and experts from all over the country. Two in particular, "Problems with Human Animals" and "Almost Always Controversial Cat Licensing," drew standing-room-only crowds. An awards banquet, an animal-imagery art show, held at St.

Hubert's Giralda in nearby Madison, and a humane and environmental education fair rounded out a lively and varied program of activities.

At the banquet, awards were presented to Jo Irwin of the Bucks County (Pennsylvania) Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Mildred Wien of the Noah's Ark Animal Welfare Association, Pennsylvania State Sen. Stuart J. Greenleaf, Connecticut State Sen. Amelia P. Mustone, and Dean Irwin, producer of ABC's "20/20."

A participant termed the conference "definitely one of the best" of the thirteen such HSUS gatherings he had attended. Another commented that one workshop alone was "worth the entire trip." Such reviews were music to the ears of the hardworking regional office staff members and the others responsible for putting on the meeting. It seems to have been nothing less than a smashing success. ■



HSUS Senior Vice President Patricia Forkan (left) describes the HSUS "Beautiful Choice" campaign to one of the participants in the regional conference.

SPEAKING ON THE PLANET'S BEHALF

Jan A. Hartke, HSUS vice president for the environment, was a featured speaker at the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors, held in Washington, D.C., on April 11. In his address, Mr. Hartke considered the environmental impact of President George Bush's new energy strategy. Mr. Hartke then called for a sustainable energy policy that would focus on renewable, efficient forms of energy, such as hydrogen, wind, and solar power.

"We need to set a goal, as we did to get to the moon, but this time we need to develop an energy strategy that will save the planet and the diversity of animal and plant life from catastrophe," Mr. Hartke said. "The so-called greenhouse effect could greatly accelerate the rate of extinction, which is already at an unprecedented level. There is no question about the need to develop non-polluting energy sources and clean fuels; it is high time for leadership."

The lieutenant governor of Pennsylvania, Mark Singel, who has taken a central role in making his state an innovator in the kinds of energy technologies supported by environmentalists, commended The HSUS for its contribution to the national debate on a vital issue.

GROUNDING WILD BIRDS ABROAD

Birds that are captured from the wild and transported to the United States for sale as pets suffer tremendously during the process. In 1989, 14 percent of the birds imported died either during transport or shortly after arrival. Over the past



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six months The HSUS and its activist members wrote to airlines around the world and asked that they stop shipping wild-caught birds. We were victorious in November, when Lufthansa airlines, then the largest shipper of wild-caught birds to the United States, agreed to honor our request. In announcing the company's decision at a Brussels press conference, Graf Henckel von Donnersmarck, general manager of Lufthansa, said, "We have a moral obligation to avoid this immense animal suffering caused by the transport of exotic birds."

Next we turned to KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, currently the largest shipper of wild-caught birds to the United States, and asked it to discontinue the practice. After receiving hundreds of letters from concerned HSUS members and others, KLM invited representatives of The HSUS and European organizations that protect

birds (including the Environmental Investigation Agency, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, and the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) to a meeting at its headquarters in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. That representatives of several European governments joined us in attending the meeting reflects the growing international concern about the trade in wild-caught birds and the cruelty inflicted on such birds during transport.

At the meeting, HSUS representatives provided extensive information on wild birds' in-transit mortality and its causes. We again asked KLM to stop shipping wild birds, and, to our disappointment, the company rejected our request. However, KLM agreed to work with The HSUS and other organizations to generate a list of bird species that have high rates of mortality during transport and said that it would stop shipping birds of those species. That falls far short of the precedent set by Lufthansa airlines, which put animal welfare before profits and stopped shipping all wild birds.

Please help The HSUS apply pressure to KLM. You can do so by writing to Mr. Pieter Bouw, President, KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, PO Box 7700, 1117 ZL Schiphol Airport, The Netherlands. Insist that KLM has a moral obligation to stop shipping wild-caught birds. Contact The HSUS for the names and addresses of other airlines that ship wild-caught birds or more information on the issue, including a description of our current efforts to win the passage of a federal law that would end the importation of such birds for the pet trade. ■



(From left to right) HSUS President John A. Hoyt, Dr. Jane Goodall, actress Ana-Alicia, and HSUS Senior Vice President Patricia Forkan enjoy the festivities during "Gombe 30."

A STELLAR ANNIVERSARY

On May 6, 1991, a star-studded crowd paid tribute to Dr. Jane Goodall at "Gombe 30," an evening of music, ritual, and food in Beverly Hills, California. John A. Hoyt, Patricia Forkan, and Jan A. Hartke of The HSUS were among the guests.

The occasion was the thirtieth anniversary of Dr. Goodall's undertaking research on the behavior of wild chimpanzees in Africa. Dr. Goodall was awarded the HSUS Joseph Wood Krutch Medal in 1988 and is a member of the society's board of directors. She oversees the Gombe Stream Research Center in Tanzania. ■



(From left to right) actress Betty White, ABC's Roger Caras, Ana-Alicia, John A. Hoyt, and actress Loretta Swit take part in the tribute to Dr. Goodall.