Investigators Find Sored Show Horses

Despite pressure from The Humane Society of the United States and the American Horse Protection Assn., investigations by the two organizations have revealed that the Horse Protection Act of 1970 is not being adequately enforced by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA).

The law, which HSUS has actively supported since its introduction in Congress, outlaws the use of blistering agents, chains, tacks, and other cruel or inhumane agents for the purpose of affecting a horse’s gait. Such a practice is known as “soring.”

The law was written to make owners, trainers and horse show promoters liable for any sored horses under their responsibility. (Continued on next page)

HSUS Annual Conference Honors Wild Horse Annie

The Humane Society of the United States has awarded its second annual Joseph Wood Krutch Medal to Velma B. (Wild Horse Annie) Johnston for her 20-year crusade to save the wild horses and burros of the West from the mustangers who brutally pursued and captured them to sell to pet food manufacturers and rendering plants.

The medal was presented to Mrs. Johnston during the Awards Banquet of the 1972 HSUS Annual Conference in Salt Lake City, Utah, last month.

Honors Naturalist

The medal is given in honor of the late naturalist Joseph Wood Krutch for “significant contribution towards the improvement of life and environment.”

In accepting the award from HSUS Board Chairman Coleman Burke, Annie, as she likes to be called, said she thinks of her efforts as a “gift to the generations of Americans unborn, not only to be able to see a proud stallion and his harem high on a windswept hill, or a patient little burro contentedly browsing away safe from man’s depredations, but also as the proof that ours is a country in which we, the people, can fight for that in which we believe, can appeal to our lawmakers for that which is right and good.”

Horses Dwindled

Before Annie’s crusade culminated in passage of wild horse protective legislation in 1970, the number of wild horses and burros dwindled from an estimated 2 million at the turn of the century to only a few thousand today.

When Annie started her fight, she was almost totally alone. But, as she said at the ceremony, “I just happened to be out there first, but there are a lot of other people out there with me now.”

Somehow, Annie said, her successful fight for the wild horses was highly appropriate for the daughter of a man who

Vet Joins Staff

A veterinary medicine professor who has been recognized for his contributions toward the humane treatment of animals has been appointed to the HSUS staff.

Robert C. Bay, D.V.M., who has been a professor in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Colorado State University, will work with other HSUS staff members. (Continued on back page)
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bility. As a result, HSUS observers report, some show promoters have taken major steps to exclude sored horses from their shows. Owners and trainers have been much more reluctant to abide by the rules, according to HSUS investigators. The most dramatic example of action by horse show promoters was at the annual Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration, held in Shelbyville, Tenn., at the end of the summer. Horse show veterinarians disqualified so many sored entries, in the face of the threats by horse owners, trainers, and grooms, Mcmahon reported. After an angry mob made specific threats against the safety of show officials, Dr. Rodgers, McMahon, and Inman, state police and sheriff’s deputies were called to the show grounds to accompany the three men during their inspection. The anger mounted to the point that the owners of the grounds was threatened with having his barns burned to the ground, McMahon said. Although these experiences have reinforced HSUS’s belief that some horse owners will stop at nothing to continue their inhumane practices, HSUS President John A. Hoyt said he will continue to direct a major staff effort at making sure that the federal law is being enforced.

HSUS Honors Three

The Humane Society of the United States gave special recognition last month to a woman who has almost single-handedly established an animal shelter in her community and to two foundations that have provided major support for humane programs.

The three, which were recipients of HSUS Certificates of Appreciation, are: Mrs. Florence Thiele, Walden, N.Y., who for many years has pursued and prosecuted dog dealers and dogpuggers. The Thielts Foundation, New York City, Mrs. Robert W. Gilmore, president. The Earl C. Sams Foundation, Inc., Brownsville, Texas, Leonel Garza, treasurer, who has underwritten the work of HSUS Gulf States Regional Office, serving Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas.

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Joe the Bear Moved to Refuge

Joe the Carolina bear has finally been freed, but his route to freedom led like the script for a Walt Disney movie.

Last June, after HSUS had worked for more than six months to get him freed from a cage at a South Carolina bar and grill, Joe disappeared. His former owner indicated he had enough of the protests and threats arising from publicity given Joe by HSUS and WBTV newswoman Mike Pillar in Charlotte, N.C.

HSUS members had besieged South Carolina officials, including Sen. Strom Thurmond, and U.S. Dept. of Agriculture officials with demands that the bear be freed.

Then last month Pillar, who had vowed to search the state for Joe, learned that Joe was residing at a Charlotte massage parlor, where he had become a sort of mascot.

But massage parlor life was quiet compared with Joe’s previous service with a professional wrestling troupe. A wrestling promoter had bought Joe with the idea that he would be a great attraction in the ring between bouts.

Joe’s ring career was short-lived, however, because police told the promoter that Joe would have to be muzzled on two legs to be permitted in a public sports arena.

But show business is only a memory to Joe now. He is a permanent resident in the 50,000-acre Holly Shelter public refuge in Pender County, in eastern North Carolina, where he is the guest of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Div., which confounded him from the massage parlor.

HSUS zoologist Sue Pressman said she is satisfied that the refuge is a good home for Joe. And she credits thousands of animal lovers with getting him there.

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HSUS Forces Improvements In Chincoteague Pony Event

The Humane Society of the United States and the American Horse Protection Assn. succeeded in forcing major improvements in the handling of ponies during the Chincoteague, Va., pony swim and auction this year.

Officials of both organizations had been pressing for changes since observing the 1971 event and declaring it to be one of the cruelest activities they had witnessed.

Threatened Arrests

In 1971, it was a threat through the press that arrests might have to be made that brought the necessary improvements. Promoters of the tourist attraction had made no response to a long list of recommendations submitted by the two organizations last spring.

Six representatives of HSUS, including a veterinarian, and three representatives of the American Horse Protection Assn., attended the 1972 event last summer and reported that the following recommendations had been implemented:

Raided Sale Age

Exclusion from sale of the youngest colts—although the organizations had urged that only colts older than 4 months be sold, observers saw some sold under 6 weeks old. However, that was a major improvement over the previous year when several colts under 10 days old were sold.

Appointment and attendance of an official veterinarian, who, among other actions, had some of the youngest and weakest ponies and the pregnant mares excluded from the swim from Assateague Island, to Chincoteague, where the auction is held.

HSUS was critical of the fact that some ponies were left in a coral without care for as many as four days after the auction.

PONIES GET BETTER SHAKE—The Chincoteague (Va.) ponies were better cared for during the annual round-up and auction last summer, thanks to HSUS pressure. HSUS observers were pleased with changes such as the ban on tourists entering the corral (left), but they continue to be alarmed by the inadequate nourishment and care the ponies receive throughout the year, as evidenced by the pony in the foreground (right).
COCKLEBURR author, a resident of Nacogdoches, Texas, and environmental... this warm but poignant story. The youngest of a sister, Myrtis, and finds overwhelming responsibility for the care... Burr Street Kingdom of Heaven the beginning of a new awareness.

He houses them in a shack Dolph, realizing... "mammy" precludes half-blinded "mammy" describes a community where... "caring." From there on in the book, to bring the dogs home, so... Quarters is more-than a community. The book promotes the dog's best friend. dog's best friend.

Many useful suggestions and information are included, such as constructing a proper run and dog house, protecting dogs from injuries, and training your pet. The book is a reference section lists many of the popular breed clubs, dog magazines and journals, and sources of free literature. Totally new to all animal care books is a section on cruelty to animals and the need for every concerned animal lover to support their local and national humane societies. The illustrations by Sam Savitt are wonderful. This book is highly recommended for all young dog owners, and their parents, as well. Donna Truslow

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The popularity and success of a Saint Bernard owners associated with dogs and recently after HSUS learned that the owner had allegedly abandoned some 100 St. Bernards at his breeding kennel in West Virginia. The owner of Saint Bernard Chalet, David A. Dec, had ridden the short-lived puppies to Saint Bernards to a commercial peak by operating Saint Bernard puppy shops in suburban Washington, D.C., and Pasadena, Calif., as well as running a nationwide mail order business. His empire began to tumble, however, after some customers took him to court for selling puppies that lost their Saint Bernard characteristics as they grew. Continental, D.C., area Humane Society investigated the dog and found that the investigation team found two dead puppies, several sick animals, a dog with severe birth defects, crowded and dirty cages, and animals with insufficient food and water. Mahon said a warrant for Dec's arrest charging him with cruelty to animals by abandonment. At press time, the sheriff's office had still not located Dec to arrest him.

The American Dog Protection Act assisted HSUS by placing the dogs in good health with member kennels throughout the United States. 100 Saint Bernards Found Abandoned

HSUS President John A. Hoyt urged the American Kennel Club, Fish and Wildlife Service, and Interior Department to announce a new awareness.

Cocklebur Quarters is more than a story about a boy and his dog; it is a story about "caring." Young Dolph's concern for the well-being of his adopted dog generates an involvement on the part of a number of children and adults in the community. The book promotes the humane ethic, and clearly demonstrates the impact which a boy's concern for an animal can have on the total environment of a community.

HOW TO BRING UP YOUR PET DOG Kurt Unkelback, illustrated by Sam Savitt (Dodd, Mead and Company, 1970)

This is a delightful, informative book on dog care and training written especially for young pet owners. The author's common sense approach is obviously the result of many years with man's best friend and reflects a definite desire to be dog's best friend.

The book contains all the traditional information on feeding, health care, and training of puppies and adult dogs, but the author's perception understanding of the human/dog relationship gives an added dimension so often lacking in other works.

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Legislative Roundup

100 Saint Bernards Found Abandoned

The 92nd Congress, which adjourned in mid-October, enacted some significant animal protection legislation while water-downing or ignoring several bills considered necessary by The Humane Society of the United States.

On the House Side:

- Wild Horses—making it a federal crime to kill or molest any unbranded or unclaimed wild horses or burros on public lands.
- Shooting from Aircraft—ban on shooting or harrassing any animal from aircraft.
- Protection of Eagles—ban on killing, capturing, or selling bald or golden eagles, their eggs or nests.
- Marine Mammals—limited protection of marine mammals, weakened on behalf of sealing, whaling, and fishing interests.
- Responsibility to be shared by Commerce and Interior Deps.
- Anti-Pollution—legislation enacted restricting the use of pesticides, setting water quality standards, and regulating dumping in oceans, coastal, and interior waters.

On the Senate Side:

Legislation on the following subjects was not enacted and must begin from scratch in the 93rd Congress next January.

- Ban on steel jaw traps
- Regulation of animals in research
- Broadening of endangered species law
- Restriction on predator control methods
- Regulation of rodeos
- Regulation of animals in transit
- Withholding of federal funds to school districts for teaching animals in classroom experiments
- Establishment of zoo standards
- Chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs as synonymous," Hoyt said. He defined bio-politics as the... may be operating Saint Bernard's kennels.

Many were sick. At right, HSUS's Phyllis Wright and Frank McMahon (far right) talk with an employee who said the owner had not paid his staff for several weeks.

Hoyt Addresses Game Managers

HSUS's Phyllis Side: St. Bernards at his breeding kennel. His empire began to tumble, however, after some customers took him to court for selling puppies that lost their Saint Bernard characteristics as they grew. Continental, D.C., area Humane Society investigated the dog and found that the investigation team found two dead puppies, several sick animals, a dog with severe birth defects, crowded and dirty cages, and animals with insufficient food and water. Mahon said a warrant for Dec's arrest charging him with cruelty to animals by abandonment. At press time, the sheriff's office had still not located Dec to arrest him.

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HSUS President John A. Hoyt urged the International Assn. of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in September to resist being influenced by special interest groups in conducting wildlife management. Hoyt addressed the association's annual convention at Hot Springs, Ark., at the invitation of association officials.

"Be your own men and women," he said. "Don't be bought by the manufacturers, believe in insurance schemes that you, as professionals, know have little relation to the facts and still less to sound wildlife management." Hoyt defined bio-politics as the persistence of public hunting in the American society coupled with the politics that conservation departments are forced to play, "often to the detriment of good wildlife management."

"The day is long past when the titles "conservatism" and 'conservationist' can be widely held as synonymous," Hoyt said. "The "Don't be beguiled into believing that the high-powered and heavily financed hunting organizations, and lobbyists of the gun manufacturers accurately represent the increasing ecological and humane awareness of the American people."

Hoyt said that, while The Humane Society recognizes the need to reduce herds of wild animals in many cases, public hunts are frequently conducted when there is no documented need for reduction. The Humane Society would prefer to see over-population of wild animals curbed by the reintroduction of predators and the use of deterrents, but did think that when it is absolutely necessary to cull a herd, HSUS advocates the use of government marksmen rather than public hunters, who do not have to prove their skill to obtain hunting licenses.

"It is fanciful to suggest that the public is in any way indifferent to the fate of the eastern elk, the grizzly bear, the polar bear, the wolf, and the cougar," he said. "No one has yet succeeded in seriously equipped for the serious task of wildlife management," Hoyt said.
on a wide variety of animal concerns. His first project will be to make an in-depth study on current uses and abuses of animals in biomedical testing and research.

He will also continue to serve as chairman of the HSUS Veterinary Advisory Committee, a position he has held for the past year.

Dr. Bay has been active in national and local humane work for many years. He was the recipient of the first annual Albert Schweitzer Award for humanitarian service, given by the Animal Welfare Institute in 1955.

Last June he accompanied HSUS’s Frank J. McMahon to the Pribilof Islands to observe the annual harvest of fur seals, which HSUS has opposed for many years. He has also assisted HSUS in its campaign to eliminate the cruelty to animals that occurs at rodeos.

Dr. Bay has also served as consultant to the Marin County (Calif.) Humane Society and to the City of San Antonio on means of improving the city pound.

Speaking at the HSUS Annual Conference in Salt Lake City last month, Dr. Bay said, “I frequently have to hang my head in shame because of the lack of cooperation given humane activities by my colleagues.”

On the other hand, he said some humane groups have not set good examples of animal care. “Some of the most deplorable shelter conditions I’ve seen have been in shelters run by humane societies,” he said.

**Spaying Promoted on TV**

This is a scene from HSUS’s new public service spots on the pet population explosion, which were mailed to all TV stations in the nation at the end of September. If you haven’t seen them on your station, call the public service director and urge him to use them. He should have received a 60-second spot and a 30-second spot, both on the same reel.

“But why can’t we get together and work for a common goal?” Dr. Bay asked. He said he had joined the staff of HSUS because he believes HSUS is objective, willing to listen, and ready to provide necessary leadership in bringing humanitarians and veterinarians together.

Dr. Bay will be working out of HSUS’s new West Coast National Office in San Rafael, Calif.