NEW ANIMAL CONTROL PROGRAM

Don't be discouraged because you have not yet received the new ordinance and other material relating to animal control discussed at the Regional Directors' meeting. Because of some changes in the ordinance (nothing major, however), we have not had the time to do the necessary rewriting and retyping. The material should get to you probably by the end of May.

"WHY PROTECT ANIMALS?"

The film, "Why Protect Animals?", has just received a first place award at this year's U.S. Industrial Film Festival in Chicago. It is a high honor since that festival is one of the top four in the country. It means also that the film will be plugged in some of the trade publications which, of course, is much to our advantage.

The film, incidentally, is also moving ahead on bookings. A considerable number of prints is currently circulating among television stations.

An interesting sidelight is that the International Rodeo Association requested a print from Alpo and the producer, Walter J. Klein Company of Charlotte, North Carolina. Both requests were passed along to us. Knowing the real purpose behind the IRA's request, we politely declined to supply a print at this time.

HSUS POLICY - EUTHANASIA

Q. What does The HSUS recommend for euthanizing animals?

A. Injection of sodium pentobarbital by a qualified veterinarian or trained technician.

Q. If a society cannot afford a veterinarian and has no one trained in the technique of using a hypodermic needle - or if state or local law forbids anyone other than a licensed veterinarian to do this - what do you recommend?

A. Installation of a properly constructed carbon monoxide chamber with water filter and stationary, properly maintained and constantly checked engine. This is relatively inexpensive to construct and HSUS is always happy to help with suitable plans and specifications. Carbon monoxide, however, is only our second choice.

Q. Do you recommend the carbon monoxide method to municipal officials for their local animal control program?

A. Yes, but only if the officials will not go along with the recommendation that sodium pentobarbital be used.

Q. What about the oral administration of sodium pentobarbital?