A PERSONAL THANKS

In July, John A. Hoyt, president of The HSUS, pre­
sented Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada and Rep. Barbara Boxer of California with bush­
kets of cruelty-free products donated by several companies which produce cosmetics and personal-care items without using animals for testing. Rep. Boxer is the sponsor of H.R. 1676, the Consumer Products Safe Testing Act, and Sen. Reid is the sponsor of S. 498, the senate version. The bills would eliminate animal suffering by prohibiting the use of the L.D.50 Test and the Draize Acute Eye-Irritancy Test for determining the safety of prod­
ucts. Nearly 100 members of Congress were also given smaller baskets of donated items to thank them for their support of these bills. The HSUS thanks the following companies for providing samples of their products: Body­
ing, Dr. Bronner’s of Germany, Aveda Corporation, Tom’s of Maine, Paul Mitchell Systems, Cailyn Inc., Banana Corporation/Nature Cosmetics Inc.

BACK-TO-BASICS FARMING BILL

Low-input agricultural sys­tem advocates point out that growing food in a way that limits or eliminates the use of chemical pesticides or other inputs that are not essential to produce a healthy food product has many benefits. These benefits range from the protection of human health and the environment, to the encouragement of sustainable agricultural systems.

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A PROPOSAL FOR ANIMALS AT SEA

In 1990, Florida Rep. Bob Livingston introduced H.R. 1556, the Tuna Law Enforcement Act of 1990, which introduced legislation that would provide for the humane handling of dolphins while protecting public health.

Let your senators know that you support this bill and that you believe low-input sus­tainable agriculture can foster better conditions for farm animals while protecting public health.

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NEW NOBEL PRIZE ASKED

Global warming, ozone de­pletion, and loss of rain forests are just some of the in­ternational crises confronting the planet. In an effort to focus greater international attention on these and other solutions to these problems, Sen. Albert Gore of Tennessee has introduced S. 1023, which calls upon the Nobel Commit­tee to offer a Nobel Prize for outstanding efforts on behalf of the environment. HSUS Presi­dent John A. Hoyt recently sent a personal note to the senator praising him for this creative idea and expressing our strong support for en­
vironmental issues as an inter­national priority.

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TUNA: READ THE LABEL

Ever since the HSUS and others in the animal protection movement have been urging consumers to avoid products made from animal sources, we have been encouraged by the growing numbers of humane-conscious consumers who take the time to read labels. Now, the commitment to animal welfare and health has been taken a step further with the introduction of a bill that would require companies to provide consumers with a clear indication of how and where its products were obtained.

In June, the House Agriculture Committee held a hearing on H.R. 1556, titled "Tuna Law Enforcement Act of 1990," which would require companies that ship tuna to the United States to label their products with information detailing how they were obtained.

Sen. Stenholm introduced this important legislation to the Senate Agriculture Committee and urged his colleagues to support this measure.

The next step toward passage of this important legislation is for Rep. Robert Kastenmeier of Wisconsin to offer a Nobel Prize for outstanding efforts on behalf of the environment.

Thank you to all those who have written to their representatives urging support for this bill. Please continue to write your representative and ask him or her to support this important legislation.

Thank you for your support and please consider making a donation to the HSUS to help us continue our work on behalf of animals.

Protecting Kangaroos

A kangaroo is a marsupial that lives in Australia and is the largest living species of Macropodidae, a family of mammals that also includes wallabies, pademelons, and cuscuses. Kangaroos are herbivores and are typically found in grasslands, woodlands, and savannas.

Hunting for kangaroos is illegal in most of Australia, but there are exceptions. In some areas, kangaroos are hunted for sport or sport killing. The killing of kangaroos is regulated by state and territory governments, and there are limits on the number of animals that can be killed.

The HSUS is working to protect kangaroos by advocating for the protection of their habitats and by opposing the hunting of kangaroos for sport. The HSUS has been working closely with Rep. Robert Boster on this legislation and is pleased to announce that the bill has been introduced and will be considered in the future.

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Protecting Turtles

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DRIFTING NETS OF DEATH

High seas drift nets kill countless whales, dolphins, sea birds and other creatures that become enmeshed in the nylon filaments. Thirty to forty miles long and thirty to fifty feet deep, these nets are often allowed to drift endlessly, literally strip-mining the seas of marine life.

Rep. Jolene Unsoeld of Washington has introduced H.R. 2958. The Marine Resources Protection and Drift-net Use Cessation Act of 1989, which would direct the U.S. Secretary of State to secure an immediate international ban on the use of drift nets.

ENIRONMENTAL LITERACY

Concern for the environment should be a life-long priority. With this in mind, Sen. Quentin Burdick of North Dakota has recently introduced S. 1076, the National Environmental Education Act, which would establish an environmental education and training program to increase public understanding of environmental issues and to train educational professionals in providing environmental education and training programs and studies.

This legislation would also establish an Office of Environmental Education under the Environmental Protection Agency. The HSUS has proposed amendments to this bill to incorporate "respect for all living creatures" as part of the curriculum development put together by these educators. The HSUS will also submit written testimony to amplify our interest in broadening the educational objectives to include humane education. Let- ters to your senators asking them to call for an expansion of this curriculum to include humane education will help our efforts.

LAB BREAK-INS: A FEDERAL CASE

Sen. Howell Heflin of Alabama has introduced legislation amending the Animal Welfare Act (AWA) to make laboratory break-ins a federal violation, and Rep. Charles Stenholm of Florida has introduced H.R. 1746, the Wetlands Preservation Act of 1989, to preserve and protect wetlands and help restore those on the brink of being lost to development or other activities. The Bennett bill would establish a national policy on wetlands and a Wetlands Preservation Trust for the purpose of acquiring ownership interests in wetlands and restoring or creating them.

The HSUS has had a long-standing and firmly held view that the Heflin bill, in its attempts to eliminate isolated acts of violence, will also cut off legitimate scrutiny of whether laboratories are adhering to the AWA. This bill could also impede efforts by whistle-blowers and anti-cruelty investigators to bring to light illegal or inhumane treatment of animals or even scientific fraud. We have urged Sen. Heflin and Rep. Stenholm to include provisions to hold harmless from federal prosecution laboratory employees who obtain and release information indicating violations of the AWA. The HSUS has also proposed an amendment that would open to public review the activities of animal-care committees, required by law to make decisions on how animals are being used in the laboratory. We believe it is im-
portant to include the provision proposed by Rep. Charlie Rose in H.R. 2345 giving individuals the right to sue the U.S. Department of Agriculture for failing to enforce the AWA. With these amendments, the legislation would protect legitimate public interest in laboratory animals. Urga your senators and members of the House to seek in- clusion of these important amendments. If this bill passes without them, scientific fraud and inhumane treatment of animals could go unchecked.

TIDES TURNING ON WETLANDS

In an effort to halt the elimi- nation of the nation’s wetlands, which provide habitat for fish and wildlife, Rep. Charles Bennett of Florida has introduced H.R. 1746, the Wetlands No Net Loss Act of 1989, to preserve and protect wetlands and help restore those on the brink of being lost to development or other activities. The Bennett bill would establish a national policy on wetlands and a Wetlands Preservation Trust for the purpose of acquiring ownership interests in wetlands and restoring or creating them.

The HSUS has been working with Rep. Bennett and his staff on the bill’s phrasing and lan-
guage to strengthen it and pro-
vide maximum protection for wetlands.

Please note: letters to senators should be addressed: The Honorable
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510.
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FIVE MINUTES

I all it takes to write a letter that can save animals’ lives. The newly redesigned Animal Activist Alert supplies all the in-
formation you need to publicize or protest against the treat-
ment of animals nationwide—and it’s free to HSUS members upon request.

Take Five Minutes to write The Humane Society of United States, 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20007 for infor-
mation on how to receive the AAA.

Starting October 15th
Watch Television Help the World.

Tune into Earthbeat—the first weekly interna-
tional television program to address the physi-
cal, social and economic ecology of our planet. Earthbeat will promote the solutions and constructive actions that are essential to build-
ing a sustainable future. 11 pm Eastern; 10 pm Central; and 8 pm West Pacific Time on Superstation TBS.

Reflect for a moment... how can I help animals even when I no longer share their world...?

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Naming The HSUS demonstrates your lasting commitment to animal welfare and strengthens the Society for this task. We will be happy to send information about our animal programs and material which will assist in planning a will.

Please send: Will Information
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City __________________ State _______ Zip ______
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