PREVENT SUNDAY BOW AND ARROW DEER HUNTING! Read the following article in support of our recent Urgent Bulletin. If you have not taken action, do so now.

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Why this lust to kill is explained by Denton Hartley of the New Hampshire Fish and Game Commission who was quoted in the Boston Globe as blaming negligence and "almost unbelievable stupidity". He stated that eight of the dead hunters were mistaken for deer, two for bear, and one, before the deer season opened, was mistaken for a woodchuck.

Hartley continued, "The only explanation I can think of is that a hunter looking for deer will see deer. He's not going to recognize another hunter until it's too late because he wants the damn thing to be a deer. Hunting is something men have done since the beginning of time. For most people the product of hunting is now provided in a different way more efficiently. But there is still that chromosome or whatever that says 'hunt', 'bring home the bacon'."

The above from a Fish and Game official. Radio personality Barry Farber has a different thought. He believes it is an attempt by the hunter to prove his virility.

Whatever the reason, any wounded sentient creature suffers horribly as Purple Heart veterans, including your Executive Director, will attest. The hurt animal differs from the hurt person in that the human is knowingly in battle for a cause and is generally accorded almost immediate humane first aid. The animal isn't angry at anything and, furthermore, may linger on for days in excruciating pain. We label this cruelty regardless of what the rationalization.
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Which brings us to a point of this item. This year, once again, the hunters are striving to legalize Sunday bow-and-arrow deer hunting. HSUS is four-square against it. Currently, the archers can kill deer during November and December on certain state lands and, with owner permission on private lands every day except Sunday. We think this is bad enough. Sunday would make it worse.

Sunday hunting has been forbidden traditionally in Connecticut. And a good thing it is. The forests should be free of hazard to the non-hunting public. The lethal blow was anything but that. How can they explain the case of a Connecticut archer who hit and injured a deer one day and on another day found "his" deer wounded and suffering? How many deer hunters are going to wait to get in lethal range? And how many can shoot to hit and kill in a vital spot? Very few, we aver.

Propponents of the Sunday hunting aver that the bow is "humane," that the skilled archer stabs his prey to close range and delivers a lethal blow. How then can they explain the picture below which indicates that a deer hunter didn't know a deer hunter from a horse's rear end? How can they explain that the health of both pets and humans (particularly small children) against intestinal disease. (2) The elimination of bounties on bobcat, lynx, fox, weasel, woodchuck, wild Belgian or German hare, and porcupine. Reason: In accordance with present archaic laws, communities may (and some do) pay bounties for killing the aforementioned animals. As part of our diminishing wild life and to preserve the ecological balance these animals deserve protection.

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In fighting this bill, don't underestimate the strength of the opposition. HSUS efforts defeated the bill in the last session but it took a Governor's veto to do it.

wire or write right now if you have not already done so, to Senator Stanley J. Fas, Chairman, Environment Committee, State Capitol, Hartford, Connecticut 06103. Wire or write also to your State Senator and State Representative whose address you can obtain from your Town Clerk or political party headquarters. Or look for the opposite House bill (702). which would permit bow-and-arrow deer hunting on Sunday. If you don't like writing or telegraphing, phone your legislators or see them personally. But by all means, ACT NOW!

And while you are at it, ask the legislators to vote against Senate Bill 908 which would permit Sunday hunting of water fowl and other migratory birds with firearms. Reasons are similar to those given above in opposition to Sunday bow hunting.

Have your clubs, organizations, church groups, etc., do the same. Write a letter to your local paper.

PROPOSED STATE LEGISLATION includes bills for: (1) The inspection of pet food. Reason: Pet food is not inspected in Connecticut for lack of funds. Such inspection, common in other states, is essential to protect the health of both pets and humans. (2) In accordance with present laws, communities may (and some do) pay bounties for killing the aforementioned animals. As part of our diminishing wild life and to preserve the ecological balance these animals deserve protection. Furthermore, the bounty money, taken from dog-license fees is a diversion of the taxpayers' money to causes for which not intended. (3) Minor revisions of the anti-cruelty law to define offenses more explicitly. Reason: The anti-cruelty law is weakened by its present phraseology which the new legislation will correct. (4) Increase in dog-license fees to $5.40 for male or spayed female dogs, and from $7 to $10.20 for unspayed females with an additional 50-cent town-clerk registration fee. Reason: Additional income is needed to attract quality local dog wardens and to meet the demands of inflation in building, upkeep and pet food. (5) Licensing of Riding Stables. Reason: Such establishments will be required to have licenses which can only be obtained and held by stables meeting standards of shelter and care set by the State. Notify your legislators of your views on each of the above bills in which you are interested.

IF IT MOVES, SHOOT apparently is the credo of some Connecticut youths with a rocket launcher. An HSUS friend who flies a balloon reports that his balloon was fired on by the rocketeers. He added, that for safety's sake never flies in his balloon during hunting season. We think the hunters should devise a point system for their sport; so many points for a balloon, so many for a cow, so many for a road sign and a bonus if they hit a fellow hunter without provoking return fire.

ANY NUMBER CAN PLAY in informing manufacturers, advertisers and retailers of inadvertent promotion of animal abuses. In the latest instance HSUS Director, Mrs. K. W. Wiseman wrote the Toyota Company regarding a publicity article glorifying rodeos. She pointed out the cruelties inherent in rodeos and asked that the Toyota Company "avoid encouraging readers" to attend rodeos. As usually happens in such cases, the manufacturer thanked Mrs. Wiseman profusely for the information and assured her there would be no further articles on rodeos nor on bull fights either. Three cheers for Toyota and for Mrs. Wiseman. See what one person with one intelligent letter can do? Try it sometime. Or, if you wish, let HSUS know and we'll put the address.
Most Animal Shelters In Area Found Fair To Poor

Old Lyme's Said Worst Of The Lot

By Henry E. Josten

The animal shelters (dog pounds) of at least five valley-town towns are no more than "fairly adequate," and "totally inadequate," according to Norman Horton, state canine-control officer for this area, and Rear Admiral James C. Shaw, executive director of the Humane Society of the United States (Connecticut chapter).

(Note: The article, appearing in The New Era, continued for two long columns describing and recommending a new pound in Old Lyme.)

Such publicity and other measures will be repeatedly undertaken until a new pound becomes a fact.

Westport is another community deficient in pound facilities. Westport HSUS members will be approached shortly by a special local committee conducting a pound-shelter drive.

Wilton is on our list for a new pound too. Wilton HSUS members wishing to assist should phone Mrs. Seyburn Anderson at 762-7092.

RENOVATION OF THE MILFORD ANIMAL SHELTER was celebrated recently by a Milford Animal Shelter Commission Open House attended by Mayor Edward Koslowki. The renovation involved both physical and administrative improvements. HSUS wishes to commend the city, the Commission and Mrs. Billie F. Hestand, Mrs. B. G. Rose and Mrs. B. J. Davis, HSUS members who advocated the changes. (Additional congratulations to Miss De Ford who has just been appointed to the commission.)

The Milford project underscores the need for humanitarians to inspect, report and initiate all welfare operations from time to time regardless of how auspiciously they may have commenced. Just such an updating is underway in Greenwich, local HSUS people taking advantage of the lessons learned in three years under the animal-control officer system. Meanwhile, in Stamford HSUS Vice President John H. Roos has been authorized by the Mayor to observe and recommend with respect to the newly completed pound.

WHAT'S IN A NAME Something humane apparently if the name is "Milford". We've already told you about the great doings in Milford. Now we are happy to report what's going on in New Milford. There, the New Milford Animal Welfare Society has celebrated its fifth anniversary under the able direction of Mrs. Harry Bradbury and Mrs. Lee Pasqual. In that time nearly 1500 animals have been cared for directly, scores of cruelty cases handled and thousands of incidental good deeds performed. Congratulations, all, and best wishes for many years more of the good work.

SCHOLARSHIP NOMINATIONS ARE SOUGHT for the annual HSUS award to the secondary-school student who contributes the most to animal welfare in Connecticut. The award consists of tuition assistance to the college of the recipient's choice. In the event such recipient chooses to enter veterinary or other animal-care professions, the amount of monetary help is doubled.

Eligible nominations must be enunciated in a Connecticut public, parochial or independent school in grades 9 through 12. Actions meriting the award may be deeds of heroism in behalf of animals; dedicated long-term work of direct benefit to distressed animals; or exhibits, publicity or written articles on animal welfare.

Nominations may be made by any person to: HSUS, Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423 prior to March 20, 1971. Substantiating evidence should be included with the nomination. The award will be presented at the annual membership luncheon meeting this spring.

SPAY-AND-NITTER CLASSIFIED ADS are an added contribution to animal welfare by HSUS members in the Westport-Norwalk area. Inserted in the pet columns of local newspapers, the ads use catchy little phrases advising prospective pet owners of the need for surplus animal control. HSUS members elsewhere in the state who wish to adopt this procedure may write HSUS headquarters for samples such as: "ARE YOU PLAYING pussy wants a corner? You place your kittens, others are left without a corner. Neuter male and female cats."
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR constantly flow from our headquarters with information, advice, comment or admonition. Below are three typical recent letters:

**Harassing Game**

To the Editor of The Courant:

State Senator Roger Eddy’s labeling of snowmobiles as nuisances interests us particularly when he states that he has heard reports “of snowmobile operators running deer into a state of exhaustion and then clamping them to death.”

While we doubt that the moronic type of mind that perpetuates this kind of cruelty would or could read your columns, we would like to call the attention of the responsible and caring public to the fact that there already exists a law protecting wild animals from sadists in snowmobiles. We quote:

"...not only as illustrations of our activity in this field but also in the hope that more HSUS members individually will pen letters on animal welfare topics to their local papers. If you wish, our headquarters is prepared to counsel you on such letters or even write and originate letters from HSUS headquarters."

**Zoo Animals**

To the Editor of The Courant:

In your October 18th issue Author A.A. Sager advises readers on how to call muskrats to traps where they can be drowned or hit over the head.

He names this trapping practice as one of his “favorite sports.” Since when was trapping a sport? Mr. Sager has learned, through the years man has learned how to outrun animals that are either a danger to him or that offer food that he has determined upon consuming. Thus Mr. Sager should be either scared or hungry. Maybe a muskrat will bite him — he wouldn’t blame the animal for trying. Or maybe as a free lance writer regularly trying to perfect this kind of “sport,” he really is hungry enough to eat the muskrat.

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**Scooting Honors HSUS (CB) President**

Mr. Smith, received the distinction of 36 years of dedicated service to the Boy Scouts including several years as President of the Greenwich Council.

We have previously listed Mr. Smith’s numerous and dedicated achievements in all fields of community endeavor. This latest, however, deserves special mention in illustrations that dedicated leaders in this instance the leadership was demonstrated in an area crucial to the humane movement — that of building character in youth. We are sure that the humane ethic is presented well and forcefully in scout councils by Mr. Smith.

**Horse Scent**

The stable won’t reek and the horses will prance if other Connecticut communities adopt as ordinances the Greenwich town law governing “standards for horse care.” Instigated and enacted by HSUS (CB) President Everett Smith, Jr. and other members in Greenwich, the rule explicitly states a horse is not allowed to be starved or for. Copies may be obtained from HSUS (CB) headquarters by persons interested in establishing these rules in their community.

**We Like to Use Photographs**

but our printer does not if they are in color which causes reproduction difficulties, please, if at all possible use black-and-white film.

**News Clips Wanted!**

If, in your local paper, you see an article relevant to animal welfare, please clip and send it to HSUS (CB) headquarters. Such clippings serve a number of purposes. They inform us of opinion, incidents, law enforcement, heroism or brutality. They enable us to evaluate progress or its lack. They provide material for action, speeches and correspondence. They give us research data for files.

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BRING A CARLOAD OF KIDS to the HSUS(CB) gala puppet show MAKE ROOM FOR THE ANIMALS to be held at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam on March 26-27. The show's theme will be protection of wild life against the encroachments of urbanization. It is designed as an example of the sort of children's humane education project contemplated by our HSUS(CB) Humane Education Center. Half of the show will be performed by professional puppeteers, half by professional actors taking the parts of animals. While primarily beamed at elementary school children, the show will be appreciated by adult humanitarians. Plan to attend. Plan to bring children. East Haddam, on the Connecticut River below Middletown, is easily accessible from all parts of the state. For tickets, fill out and mail the enclosed application envelope. (Contributions will be appreciated from those who cannot attend.)

MARK THE DATE of the 1971 HSUS National Conference to be held in Newport, Rhode Island, October 14-16. Largely because of a request by our Branch, this noteworthy event will be in New England for the first time ever, and practically on our doorstep at that. The site will be the breath-taking new Colonial Hilton on an island in Narragansett Bay within easy walking or driving distance by causeway to historic Newport, and with a horizon-sweeping view of the Bay and its bustling water traffic.

Plan to attend either for the whole or a portion of the Conference. Via the new Jamestown-Newport bridge driving times are: from New London one hour, New Haven 2 hours, Hartford 2 hours, Stamford 2 3/4 hours.

Watch for details in the HSUS(National) news.

MARK THIS DATE TOO, Saturday, April 17th, 1971. Our annual meeting will be held on this date with speeches, awards, and an opportunity to meet your fellow humanitarians from all over the state. Meeting place: The Stratford Motor Inn, Stratford. A detailed notice will be mailed.

HSUS(CB) DIRECTOR IN HIGH EDUCATION POST. Dr. Richard K. Morris, a Director of HSUS(CB) and a Professor of Education, has been named Chairman of Trinity College's Department of Education. Since education is so much a part of HSUS activity, Dr. Morris' appointment should be particularly gratifying to humanitarians.

In the past Professor Morris has spoken and written on humane education topics and has lent the weight of his talent and prestige to the advancement of humane education projects including the state policy ban on harmful live animal experiments in schools.

GIFT AND MEMORIAL MEMBERSHIPS provide an opportunity to remember your friends and at the same time serve animal welfare. Gift memberships are usually presented at Christmas or on birthdays although one imaginative HSUS member presented the gift to a couple on their wedding anniversary. Memorial memberships or outright gifts are given in memory of a friend or relative or of a beloved pet. Whenever such gifts or membership subscriptions arrive, HSUS notifies the recipient with a personal letter, copy to donor.

KINDNESS CLUB SCHOOL PROGRAM available covering ecology, conservation and humane education. An inventive vehicle for inculcating HSUS principles amongst school children, the Kindness Club offers a complete ready-to-use curriculum and materials for classroom use. Interested HSUS members should write for details to: THE KINDNESS CLUB, National Humane Education Center, Waterford, Virginia 22190.

Sponsorship of the program by individual schools or by parents' organizations can be initiated by any HSUS members. Response throughout the country has been enthusiastic. A worthwhile program worthy of your effort.

In connection with this program your Executive Director has been consulting with school authorities.