



humane education happenings

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EDUCATION AND CONTROL

Sonoma County Animal Regulation Department has four programs (divided into four age groups - K-8) they are offering for the 1979-80 school year. This is a good example of the increasing interest by animal control in humane education. Write Richard McJilton, Animal Regulation Dept., 2555 Mendocino Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95401 to share ideas on humane education as an animal control tool.

FREEBIES - Just for the asking and a SASE (Self Addressed Stamped Envelope) sent to HEH

100 HSUS "Save Our Animals From Hunting and Trapping" flyers - may be used as handouts, newspaper ads, or post cards.

The Marin County Humane Society's quiz "Home Sweet Habitat" that deals with animals and their homes. Excellent for elementary age.

What do you do until help comes? Send for "First Aid for Animals" (a reprint from the San Francisco SPCA's newsletter Our Animals) and find out.

DON'T FORGET TO USE KIND

The Board of Directors of the Stanislaus County Humane Society has purchased 125 one-year subscriptions to HSUS's KIND magazine. They plan to make KIND available through the Stanislaus Public Library and each of the school libraries in the county. You too can put KIND to work, even if you're on a tight budget and can't afford subscriptions. For a limited time you can have as many as 30 free back issues to pass out to teachers, libraries, parents, and children. Write KIND Sample, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Be sure to indicate the number of issues you want and whether you want them all the same or a mix of several.

WELCOME BACK!

Ann Brice has returned from her European vacation and is now the new President of the Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, P.O. Box 3007, Walnut Creek, CA 94598. The Council will send free informational literature on their organization for meetings you are sponsoring or attending. Write them direct for particulars.



SHARING.....

...was the order of the day when Barbara Westerfield and Joyce Malone (Central California SPCA) accepted the HSUS, West Coast Regional Office's invitation to come to Sacramento and assist a local group of animal agencies, teachers, veterinarians, and the Sacramento County Dept. of Education design a humane education program for Sacramento County schools. Barbara and Joyce freely shared their materials, background, and tips for dos and don'ts when contacting and working with teachers. Thank you Barbara and Joyce!

FREE EDUCATION PACKETS

Using an idea borrowed from the British Columbia SPCA the Whatcom County Humane Society has compiled packets of materials that they deliver to local pet shops and veterinarians free of charge. For a sample write: Whatcom County Humane Society, 3825 Williamson Way, Bellingham, WA 98225.

SNAIL AND FRIEND.....

...is a new preschool film Andrea Taylor showed at the last WHEA meeting. The only audio the film has is music and all those attending felt it would be excellent used for retarded, non-English speaking, and behaviorally disturbed children as well as for preschoolers. The cost of the film is \$200. For details write: Andrea Taylor, Monterey County SPCA, P.O. Box 3058, Monterey, CA 93940.

"If an animal does something, they call it instinct. If we do exactly the same thing for the same reason, they call it intelligence. I guess what they mean is that we all make mistakes, but intelligence enables us to do it on purpose."

IF YOU HAVE A CAR WITH A BUMPER...

...we have a new bumper sticker for it. "Roaming Pets Cause Regrets" is the slogan of the attractive sticker you can now order from The HSUS, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037 - \$1. each, \$5. for 20, or \$10. for 50. Great for windows, displays and bikes too!

SAVE \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ IN POSTAGE

Contact your County Dept. of Education and ask if they will allow you to use their mail drop service. Most counties have a truck that goes out periodically to deliver films, mail, etc., to the schools and are willing to include a small quantity of outside materials.

SCHOOL DAYS, SCHOOL DAYS - DEAR OLD GOLDEN RULE DAYS

California Humane Educators! Don't miss this opportunity to take the golden rule of "reference for all forms of life" into your local schools. Many schools already have School Site Councils and others are in the process of forming them. The councils (set up and funded under AB 65) are comprised of school personnel, parents, and community leaders. Their purpose is to review current curriculum and make suggestions for its improvement. If you are unable to get appointed to a council, you can offer to speak to them about the importance of humane education to the development of children and the fact that it is mandatory under Section 13556.5 of the California Education Code. If you'd like a copy of the Code Sec. or need assistance write: Judi Kukulka, HSUS West Coast Regional Office.

Will Cuppy

THE HARBINGER FILE.....

...is a directory of citizen groups, government agencies, environmental education programs, and businesses concerned with San Francisco Bay Area environmental issues. It is hoped that through the Harbinger File project, sponsored by the Peninsula Conservation Center, a dynamic communications network can be created among environmental groups and agencies. The project is more than a listing of groups active in the environmental field. It uses a computer system to provide a base of information that is easy to update and can be organized for dissemination in a variety of ways. If you wish to obtain a current copy send \$3.50 to: Harbinger File Project, c/o Peninsula Conservation Center, 1176 Emerson St., Palo Alto, CA 94301. The expanded 1980 edition will sell for approximately \$5.

PET SAVER

The Animal Care Center, P.O. Box 64, Rancho Santa Fe, CA 92067 is introducing a new Pet Saver program. For a donation of \$2. you receive two brightly printed stickers reading "Animal on Premises" and a pet owner's wallet identification card. The stickers have a space to list all your animals and are posted at the entrances of your residence to alert firefighters or other rescue workers to the animals being in the house. The identification card provides pertinent emergency information on you and your pets should something happen to you while you are away from home. The stickers have received the endorsement of Chief James A. Fox of the combined Rancho Santa Fe-Solana Beach Fire Dept.



GOOD IDEA.....

...for those who choose to use a flea collar on their pet. Your phone number or other information can be written on your pet's collar with a ball-point pen to give an additional source of ID.

RACCOONS ARE A PROBLEM

This office is receiving complaints from all over our region concerning the problems caused by keeping raccoons as pets. We are planning to seek legislation next session to outlaw their sale. Please send any information you feel would be helpful.

IS YOUR PET MISSING?.....

...is a handout used by the Santa Barbara Humane Society, 5399 Overpass Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93111. The handout gives people searching for their pet easy to follow pet-finding hints. Write the Society for a copy.

HEROIC ACTS BY ANIMALS.....

...will receive recognition by the Sacramento SPCA, 2117 Front St., Sacramento, CA 95818. The Red Cross and other agencies will nominate the animals for the awards. A special presentation of a commemorative medal, designed to be attached to the animal's collar, will be given in honor of each animal chosen.

HELP TEACHERS IN YOUR AREA WITH INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS ON THE CRUELTIES
OF THE STEEL JAW TRAP

□□Recommend pertinent reading materials to them such as:

Traps and Trapping: Furs and Fashion. Argus Archives, 228 East 49th Street, New York, New York 10017. Revised 1977, 113 pages, \$2.50. Examines trap design, the fur industry, and the trapping reform controversy.

Scott-Garrett, Martha. A Contemporary Analysis of Animal Traps and Trapping. The Institute For the Study of Animal Problems, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037. Copyright 1977, 192 pages, \$10. A technical analysis of the major facets of the trapping reform controversy with major emphasis upon the role of trapping in regulating wildlife diseases.

Vinter, Dr. F. Jean. Facts About Furs. Animal Welfare Institute, P.O. Box 3650, Washington, D.C. 20037. Revised 1978, 106 pages, \$3. An overview of trapping and trapping reform.

Bateman, James A. Animal Traps and Trapping. Stackpole Books, Cameron & Keller Streets, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17105. Copyright 1971, 286 pages, \$8.50. The definitive historical reference to traps and trapping methods.

□□Supply them with teaching and campaign aids available from The HSUS, 2100 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037:

Trapping: Facts and Fallacies - 24 page booklet describing the cruelties of trapping...50¢

Awareness Kit on the Cruelties of Trapping - produced to help those desiring to conduct anti-trapping campaigns. Each kit includes buttons, bumper stickers, flyers, posters, newspaper ads with repro photos, and public service radio scripts...\$4.50

HSUS flyer Save our Animals From Hunting and Trapping...\$1/100 - See the Freebies section of this newsletter for a special offer.

