MATTY, SCOTT, KELLEY AND BABS MATTHEWS, HSUS(CB) HUMANITARIAN FAMILY OF THE YEAR, AND SOME OF THEIR BEFRIENDED ANIMALS. ALL OF THE DOGS ARE RESCUED WAIFS.

Humanitarian of Year Award to Matthews Family shown above was innovation at Annual Meeting. Always previously winners have been individuals. This year an entire family who work with absolute dedication on both direct animal welfare and humane education were named. Mrs. Babs Matthews, daughters Matty and Kelley, and son Scott were all declared as winners. Their citation read in part as follows: "Over a period of years members of the Matthews' Family have dedicated themselves wholeheartedly to animal welfare in many aspects such as direct animal rescue and care, humane education and..."
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continuing volunteer assistance to the Humane Society of the United States. "In direct animal care, they have rescued, sheltered, brought back to health, and placed countless distressed animals. Their efforts have encompassed all animals from rabbits to horses, and even wildfowl. They have shown their neighbors how to be of kindness. Their actions have been an inspiration and an example for all human-minded people." Obviously, there is no generation gap in this fine family.

(Note: The Matthews' Family name was formerly Zarnes.)

HSUS OFFICER LEADS SUCCESSFUL DRIVE FOR ANIMAL SHELTER IN STAMFORD. Over a long period of time, HSUS has campaigned for a municipal shelter in Stamford, and with the help of the Mayor, Chief of Police, Finance Officer, and fellow Council members in providing a shelter.

Another major factor in the victory for animal welfare was the forceful presentation of arguments by Deputy State Canine Control Officer James Smith. Mr. Smith outlined the deficiencies of the present situation and insisted that state requirements be fully met. As a third voice in favor of the shelter was Stamford Canine Control Officer, Frank Spezzano, a man who has been carrying out with diligence a difficult task under severe handicaps.

The success of the campaign points up the value of HSUS members who, in public service positions, can work for the betterment of animal welfare.

Any Stamford area HSUS members who wish to undertake volunteer management and clerical work in the new shelter should call Mr. Roos at 323-5097.

GREENWICH HSUS MEMBER SAVES TOWN ANIMAL WELFARE PROGRAM. Mr. Everett Smith, Jr., HSUS member and President of our state branch, is also an elected member of the Greenwich Representative Town Meeting. At an RMT meeting, locally dubbed "a taxpayers' revolt," the proposed appropriation for the animal care and control program came under heavy fire. Smith literally rose to the occasion and delivered a hard-hitting, fact-packed defense of the program and its worth in terms of cost and public benefit. As a result the RMT voted overwhelmingly in favor of the amount requested. This vote was a victory for animal welfare not only in Greenwich but elsewhere in the State. The fine Greenwich program instituted two years ago under HSUS auspices and support has been observed carefully by other communities contemplating public animal care improvement or reform. We can now look forward happily to such communities following the Greenwich lead -- all to the benefit of animals.

JOHN H. ROOS

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD TO TWO WINNERS. Frances Nordasky lives on a dairy farm in constant contact with a barnyard full of livestock as well as assorted pet animals from Great Danes on down to kittens. John De Carlo lives in a city teeming with people, and with family poodles or pusses the only animals in sight. Frances likes all animals and has devoted her young life to demonstrating that liking. John likes all animals too but has been required by his environment to go out of his way to prove that liking -- by working in the Greenwich HSUS and for the Humane Society.

Both Frances and John have proved their dedication with hard work and compassion. Both are equally deserving of the HSUS Scholarship.

Their citations read in part: "They have exhibited from early childhood a sympathy and understanding for animals of all species. They have displayed reverence for life in keeping with the highest ideals of humanitarianism. Their actions have won the regard of all who know them. Their achievements are an inspiration to contemporary and a gratification to human-minded adults. We in the Humane Society of the United States look forward to continuing contributions to animal welfare from these talented and compassionate young people."

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER FRANCES NORDDASKY WITH HER PARENTS MR. AND MRS. JOHN NORDDASKY

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER JOHN DE CARLO WITH HIS MOTHER MRS. J. C. DE CARLO

Frances' citation relates specific good deeds as follows: "Her interest in promoting kindness and eliminating cruelty have included ministering to distressed horses, tending care for tiny calves and grown cattle, salvation of abandoned pets and concern for the welfare of all living creatures. She has imbued others, by word and example, the spirit of giving of oneself in behalf of the less fortunate of God's creatures."

John's specific animal welfare work is told as follows: "On a voluntary basis, on his own time, John has ministered to the needs of his school's animal colony consisting of rats, mice, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, rabbits, chickens, and a barnyard full of livestock as well as assorted pet animals from Great Danes on down to kittens."

WEST HARTFORD SHELTER PROGRESS. As reported in a previous newsletter, West Hartford's Mayor, Col. Rockwell and Rear Admiral James C. Shaw all met and agreed on the necessity for a pound-shelter in that city. We are happy to report now that the shelter will become a reality, $25,000 having been appropriated for the purpose. We are grateful to Mayor Grant for his efforts in securing the funds.

BILL TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES was signed into law by New York's Governor Rockefeller in May. The legislation will prohibit sale in New York State of animals or products therefrom; the species being leopard, snow leopard, tiger, polar-bear, cougar, jaguar and ocelot. Of interest is the fact that HSUS (CB) members at the Annual Meeting all signed a petition to Governor Rockefeller urging the legislation. We are grateful to the Governor for his action.

JOHNNY ROCKWELL AND REAR ADML. JAMES C. SHAW
monkeys, snakes, lizards, turtles, a skunk, coati-mundis, a parrot and various other species. In all weather and at all times he has fed, watered, cleaned and contributed to the comfort of all these animals. In his own home he has sheltered and nursed a variety of animals. On a voluntary basis he has worked closely with a local veterinarian learning all that he could about the care of the sick and the injured. He has personally conducted animal-care lessons at elementary school and has been of great assistance to his teacher in disseminating information about animals and the humane treatment thereof.

HSUS is happy to help these fine young people is glad to know that both hope to continue their dedication in veterinary medicine.

ANNUAL MEETING ELECTS DIRECTORS. HSUS members present at the Annual Meeting held in the Waverly Inn, Essex, reelected the following as Directors: Mrs. Edmund Anderson, Mrs. Warren Bradbury, Mr. Raymond E. Cummings, Mrs. Frederick Cunningham, Mrs. James H. Partington, Mr. John H. Roos, and Mr. Everett Saimond. Elected were Mrs. Joseph Kercugiano and Mr. K. W. Wiseman. Mr. Alfred C. Sheffield of New London and Hadlyme was appointed to the Advisory Board.

OFFICERS NAMED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS are: Everett Saimond, Jr., President; John H. Roos, Thaddeus G. Cowell, Jr. and K. W. Wiseman, Vice Presidents; Stanley C. Rockwell, Treasurer; Mrs. K. W. Wiseman, Secretary.

ALLAN LOEB FIRST HONORARY DIRECTOR. One of the state's most prominent humanitarians, Mr. Allan Loeb of New Haven, has been elected the first Honorary Director in HSUS(CB) history.

Rear Admiral James C. Shaw, Branch Executive Director commented on the election: "Mr. Loeb has contributed so much to the humane movement in New Haven and elsewhere in the State that this unique recognition by HSUS is indeed well deserved." Shaw cited Allan Loeb's background including such accomplishments as: founding and guiding the New Haven Junior Animal Welfare League for thirty years, serving as President of the Animal Welfare League of New Haven, working with the Mayor on the city's Animal Welfare Commission and having been named a "Connecticut Humanitarian of the Year". Shaw particularly commended Loeb for his successful efforts to unite the state's humane organizations for various animal welfare causes.

KINDNESS CLUBS WANTED. The National Humane Education Center of Waterford, Virginia, currently is forming Kindness Clubs throughout the nation. These clubs consist of boys and girls, each club under the leadership of an adult humanitarian. Directed primarily toward children ages 6 and 10, the material challenges the interest of children up to age 14. Anyone interested in starting a Kindness Club write to Connecticut State headquarters for details and sample Kindness kits. Kits are $1.00 each.

FOR THE LIVIA PET get that license number (Pet's, being anybody's pet dog who might be stolen). Time and again, particularly at this season, our office receives reports of stolen dogs in cases where the thief's car, or a suspicious car, is seen leaving the house of a neighbor or a passer-by. The witnesses will describe the car in considerable detail -- make, model, color, etc. But the most important detail, the license number, is almost never noted. The same problem exists with pet abandonment, namely, failure of witnesses to observe the car tag on a vehicle whose driver is tossing out a dog or cat. Remember, there are thousands of cars that look alike but no two license plates do. 

WHAT'S YOUR PET WORTH? Recently there crossed our desk a price list for Laboratory animals. If a dog weighs less than 50 pounds, the price is $16.00 -- or slightly over 50 cents a pound. If a dog weighs over 70 pounds, the price is $36.00. Cats sell for $5.00 to $12.00 depending on size. Price per pound goes from $1.00 to $3.40. To prevent your pet from entering this flesh market, order one of our Identification tags today.

STATE CANINE CONTROL OFFICER TO THE RESCUE. Recently an eight-month old dog was reported to its owners into a 98-acre tract of woodland. Terrified, the pet refused to emerge from the woods. A call from HSUS(CB) to Deputy State Canine Control Officer Norman Horton brought quick results, including a humane trap and instructions to the owners. The dog was recovered.

We mention the above for two reasons. The first is that the occurrence illustrates the fine cooperation HSUS(CB) enjoys with the state Canine Control organization. The second reason is that the incident underscores the willingness of these state law enforcement officers to perform humanitarian actions.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING PLANNED FOR EARLY FALL with an opportunity to meet and become acquainted with our National President Mr. John A. Hoyt. Watch for a forthcoming announcement of date.

ANNUITIES - An HSUS annuity plan can help you as well as helping animals. Under the plan, a fixed rate of income is paid regularly to you if you are an HSUS plan investor. Net income from entrance fees and proceeds of your annuity will be applied to benefit animals. In some cases after taxes you can be as much as 200% of income now derived from the same principal. Further you have the knowledge that eventually the principal will go to promote humane work.

REQUEST FORM - I give and bequeath to the Humane Society of the United States, Connecticut Branch, Inc., the sum of $_____ for use in behalf of animal welfare.

Pet's name: ___________________________ Your name: ___________________________
Address: ____________________________ Phone: _____________________________
City: ____________________________
REMINDER! HSUS(CB) BENEFIT JULY 18th. All members have been sent invitations to "Little Mary Sunshine" a sparkling musical comedy scheduled as an HSUS(CB) Benefit at 4:50 p.m. Saturday, July 18th, at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam. The show, with its all-Broadway cast, is a winner. And, don't forget that HSUS(CB) member Norma Terris is starred. Do come. You'll have fun and at the same time help our good cause. Send in reservation form or call 873-8671.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT AVAILABLE in limited quantity to HSUS(CB) members. This seven-page report, initially distributed at the Annual Meeting, describes recent activities of HSUS(CB) in detail which would require too much space in this newsletter. Any member wishing a copy should write to HSUS(CB) Headquarters, P.O. Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423

VETERINARIAN BECOMES HSUS(CB) ADVISOR. Dr. George D. Whitney, well known and highly regarded veterinarian from Orange, has joined HSUS(CB) as an Advisor. Dr. Whitney brings to us skilled professional knowledge and a true humanitarian spirit. We are fortunate.

HUMANE EDUCATION CENTER INTEREST INCREASES. The projected HSUS(CB) Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center has brought a flood of favorable comments and enthusiastic inquiries. A committee has been named to initiate a state-wide fund-raising campaign.

PLANNING A TRIP? Remember that HSUS(CB) has world-wide affiliations. If in your travels, you observe an animal abuse and do not know whom to call, phone or write our East Haddam office. We in turn will inform HSUS National or the World Federation for the Protection of Animals. A humane organization in the vicinity of the trouble will then be requested to take action. Recent investigations instigated through our Connecticut office have concerned problems in several states.

LIKE TO WRITE FOR PUBLICATION? Try a "Letter to the Editor". If current cruelties such as surplus breeding, abandonment, highway slaughter, wildlife destruction, or animal exhibitions bother you, write to your local paper or your favorite magazine pointing out the evils of the abuse and the remedies therefor. Such letters are published, are read and do help. As an example, a recent letter to the Rotarian by the HSUS(CB) Executive Director objecting to bull-fighting may have been read by more than a half-million influential people world-wide.

CARRYING THE HUMANE MESSAGE is a prime obligation of HSUS(CB). Material will be furnished to members wishing to speak on HSUS before their local organizations. Non-local speakers can be requested for such organizations by calling or writing HSUS(CB) headquarters.

DO YOU HAVE A FRIEND who is interested in animal welfare but does not belong to HSUS(CB)? Send us his or her name and we shall be happy to send literature and application directly to that friend.

BE SURE TO SEE THE HAPPINESS PLAY "LITTLE MARY SUNSHINE"!

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