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endangered species bill signed into state law


THE BILL WILL BAN FUR SALES ---

Recently the Legislature passed and Governor Meskill signed the bill supported by HSUS(CB) prohibiting the sale in Connecticut of skins or any part of...
animals such as leopard, snow leopard, tiger, cheetah, alligator, crocodile, red wolf, polar bear, Atlantic hawkbill turtle, mountain lion or cougar, jaguar, ocelot or margv. The new law is timely and essential since the fate of many rare and endangered species is in precarious balance. Most particularly animals and plants possess commercial value have been faced with extinction and attempts to protect these animals by law in their own habitat have failed. Poachers who know that a leopard pelt, for instance, will sell for a high price in the American retail market pay no attention to their own laws while some of overseas' officials neither make nor enforce laws. The only way to stop this slaughter-to-extinction is to cut off the market and that is exactly what happened in Connecticut this year. With New York and Massachusetts joining in similar legislation and other states expected to follow, it is the poacher, not the animal, who will be phased out of existence.

HOORAY FOR OUR SIDE: 3.

we win again. no sunday hunting

This year, as happened two years ago, the hunters loosed a massive barrage at the state legislature aimed to legalize Sunday bow-and-arrow deer hunting. And this year, as happened two years ago, the incitement of a multitude of HSUS(CB) humanitarians and friends fended off the assault on Connecticut's age-old prohibition on the Sunday slaughter of our wildlife. Thus children, nature lovers, hikers, photographers, leaf watchers, and pioniers along with deer will enjoy one day a week of woodland peace. Despite the fact that those who sought the bow-and-arrow hunting in order to promote gun hunting have suffered a setback we should not rest easy. Like some biennial noxious weed, a renewed attempt for the Sunday shoot surely will take root again in the near future.

In the same vein a bill to authorize Sunday gun-shooting of waterfowl and migratory birds died in Committee, praise be to goodness and the humane movement.

no more bounties on connecticut wildlife

was the verdict of the legislature and the Governor on still another HSUS(CB) supported bill. Henceforth Town Clerks will not dole out bounty hunting permits to poachers. Wildlife killers, such as rattlesnakes, bobcats, copperheads, weasels, woodchucks, porcupines, wild German hare and wild Belgian hare. In this instance we were happy to see human-minded children as well as adults express their opposition to killing wildlife for blood money.

anti-cruelty law is strengthened

by elimination of legal loopholes through which violators squirmed free. Henceforth bounties on predatory animals will not be paid to those who killed them, but culprits could not. The changes, initiated by HSUS(CB), will be welcomed by all who abhor cruelty and the perpetrators thereof.

NATIONAL ISSUES CONCERN US. Customarily these are comprehensively covered by our National Bulletins, however, we do maintain extensive files and endeavor to keep abreast of the subjects. Members with questions or suggestions about such matters as animal trapping, predator poisoning, rodeo cruelties, laboratory animal care, humane transport of animals should feel free to call us.

Pertinently you should know that Connecticut Senator Lowell Weicker is sponsoring two beneficial animal welfare bills; one for the humane transport of animals by air, the other to preserve wild horses. We suggest you write to him expressing your approval and your thanks for his action.

His address: Senator Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20015.

NATIONAL HUMANE EDUCATION LEADERS spoke at the Annual Meeting held recently at the Mermaid Tavern in the Stratford Motor Inn. The event attracted a large and enthusiastic audience who heard Miss Phyllis Wright, Director and Miss Donna Truslow, Assistant Director, of the National Humane Education Center, the HSUS-sponsored institution located in Waterford, Virginia.

Miss Wright who is known to thousands through her television appearances emphasized that humane education is today the single most important avenue toward curtailing the destruction of wildlife. She stated her belief that activation of the HSUS(CB) Humane Education and Nature Center will provide a powerful vehicle for traveling forward on that avenue. Miss Truslow in her turn described the establishment and operation of the Spay Clinic at the Center, that it is a stroke to alleviate the aching problem of surplus animal populations. The speakers were assured that HSUS(CB) is giving high priority to both projects.

Additionally, it was agreed that the National Center conduct a seminar-type workshop in Connecticut in the future.

make room for the animals, the unique humane-education adventure in the theater, sponsored by HSUS has now played to enthusiastic audiences in East Haddam, Hartford and Westport. Portions of the production have been staged in schools in New Haven repeatedly. Hundreds of children, and adults too, have been captivated by the lively musical show which has been created from puppets and puppets blended together for fine professional entertainment. Best of all, the story carried the lilting message from the animals "We've got to share this world with you" and it is up to man to see that the animals receive their fair share. Gratifying to HSUS(CB) was the fact that much of the action occurs on a set built to resemble and named for our own projected Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center.

At the HSUS(CB) Annual Meeting it was our pleasure to award the Connecticut Humaneitarian of the Year Award jointly to the two producers, Mrs. Irma Goldbloom and Mrs. Nancy Renfro. Their citation reads in part: "Over a period of years Irma Goldbloom and Nancy Renfro have dedicated themselves to the treatment of our children to the ideals of humanitarianism through the vastly effective mediums of teaching and the theater.

"As teachers and authors they have by voice and example guided our students toward a true reverence for life in all forms. As producers of puppet shows and of multi-media musical shows they have conveyed to children -- and to adults as well -- the theme that animals must be protected and treated with kindness at all times.

"Their actions have been an inspiration to all humane-minded people."
ADMIRAL SHAW AND THE ‘ANIMALS’ who packed the Goodspeed Opera House last weekend for four hilarious performances of an original musical for children, “Make Room For The Animals” staged for the benefit the Humane Society of the United States, of which Rear Adm. James C. Shaw of East Haddam is Executive Director for Connecticut, the production of the Puppet Tree Players promoted kindness to animals and preservation of their environment. If youngsters in the audience had anything to do with it, probably not a tree would be cut down, not a bulldozer show its face, not an airport dare rise. Gathered in the Goodspeed steps after a prolonged autographing session with youngsters are Stanley Shaw, Porky Porcupine, Granny Racoon and Snappy Snake. Flashing the admiral is the Wicked Bulldozer Man and Mr. Tree. On either side are the two ladies who created and directed it all, Nancy Renfro and Irma Goldblum. A three-man crew hand produced original music to which cast and puppets cavorted.

NEW ERA, (News Photo by Ruth Thayer)

HSUS(CB) wishes to express appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mercugian and Mrs. Matthew Griswold, Hamilton Hicks, and Mrs. Beatrice Holt Rosenthal. Directors reelected for the first time was Alfred G. Sheffield. Additionally, Mr. K. W. Wiseman was named member of the Advisory Board.

Mr. Morton J. Newburger, a former HSUS(CB) President and a Director since the Society's inception was elected Honorary Founding Director with acclaim by the membership. Mr. John H. Roos, Chairman of the Nominating Committee had this to say of Mr. Newburger: "He is a gentleman with wisdom and foresight who guided and advised on many of the Society's programs. Lending his prestige and knowledge to the humane cause he assisted our projects immeasurably. He set an outstanding example for practicing common-sense humanism.

The above officials as humanitarians from various parts of the state and directors share in common, devotion to the cause of animal welfare; not maudlin sentiment but a practical dedication to work in which they have all been involved as volunteers over a long period of time.

For a complete list of Directors, Advisors and their residences consult the first page of this News Letter.

By the membership. Mr. John H. Roos, Chairman of the Nominating Committee has studied the humane ethic voluntarily and diligently through extensive reading and faithful attendance at HSUS meetings. He has imbued in others the spirit of giving of one's self in behalf of the less fortunate of God's creatures.

"Ronald's interests in promoting kindness and eliminating cruelty have included ministering to distressed animals and concern for the welfare of all living creatures. He has prepared school papers in behalf of humane education, has disseminated information on humane topics to schoolmates and friends, has studied the humane ethic voluntarily and diligently through extensive reading and faithful attendance at HSUS meetings. He has imbued in others the spirit of giving of one's self in behalf of the less fortunate of God's creatures.

"Daniel's dedication to the cause of animal welfare has been evident in both speech and action. His teachers and classmates know and respect his dedication. At home and at his after-hours work with a veterinarian he has been instrumental in saving and ministering to all kinds of animals both wild and domestic. On one occasion while rescuing an animal injured by a car he was severely bitten yet persisted with the rescue and subsequent care of the injured animal.

Both winners will enter college this fall, Ronald in a liberal arts course and Danny in pre-veterinary medicine.

Members are reminded that contributions specifically for the Scholarship Fund are both welcome and needed.
HSUS(CB) Vice President John H. Roos presenting scholarship award to Daniel Munch. Also shown are HSUS (CB) Director Mrs. Frederick Cunningham and Dr. J. H. Nickerson, DVM, with whom Daniel has been employed.

Ronald W. Gordon, Jr. holding "Omar of Bradley" a beautiful full grown Persian found at Bradley Airport when a kitten in summer of 1969. Two other cats found by "Ron" are Omar's playmates.

HSUS(CB) COMMEMORATION TO HIGH SCHOOL JOURNALIST. At a recent meeting of the Northwestern Connecticut Dog Club Rear Admiral J. C. Shaw, Executive Director of HSUS(CB) presented a commendation from our Society to Miss Colleen McLean (pictured at right with friends) of Litchfield. The award was in recognition of Miss McLean's care of animals and humane-oriented columns in the Torrington Register. Her commendation read in part: "Miss McLean has demonstrated compassion by her solicitous care of large numbers of animals placed in her charge at a combination kennel and cattery near her home. As a columnist for the Torrington Register, she has on her own initiative published animal-safe advice, humane-education material, lost-and-found notices, and plea to the public to be kind to animals."

Wilton 'AID' wins shelter campaign

"AID" in Wilton stands for "Aid to Animals in Distress", an organization operating as a committee for HSUS(CB) whose principal objective in the past three years has been the establishment of a pound-shelter in Wilton. Now AID has achieved its goal and shortly Wilton will open a shelter. In print it sounds easy, in fact, it has been a long and oftentimes discouraging struggle involving meetings, mailings, letters to the editor, assistance from HSUS(CB) and overall recruitment of public support.

Through it all AID has not forgotten its other vital mission --- direct animal welfare. Scores of hurt, homeless animal waifs have found haven at the homes of AID members.

We commend AID President Mrs. Seyburn Anderson and her loyal membership on a task well done. We hope other communities will gain heart and strength from this example of dedicated group action.

Norma Terris to star in annual benefit

October 2nd.

This year's HSUS(CB) Benefit at the Goodspeed Opera House in East Haddam will be a musical show starring our own Norma Terris. Members who have seen her perform at either the HSUS(CB) Annual Meeting or her previous Benefit will vouchsafe that an evening of high-spirited first-rate entertainment is in store for the audience. Watch for our special invitation and set aside the date, Saturday, October 2nd.

Newcomers in our membership should know that Norma Terris, in addition to being a superlative stage and screen star, is the generous benefactress whose gift of land is making possible the HSUS(CB) Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center.

Placement of animals can be difficult and discouraging but not to Miss Gladys Steeg of Bridgeport who cheerfully inserts appealing pictures of impounded homeless animals in area papers along with catchy little poems about the waifs --- and the line to adopt pets forms to the right.

Westport bans hunting, trapping, thanks to determined effort of HSUS(CB) members and friends in that community. The ordinance prohibiting these cruel and dangerous "sports" within the city limits was passed by the Representative Town Meeting and should make the community safer for both animals and humans. We would like to emphasize here a truism seldom voiced in humane work, namely that measures to prevent cruelty and promote kindness to animals almost always benefit humans as well. In this instance, the killing-for-fun cruelties inherent in shooting and trapping animals are outlawed. At the same time householders, parents and other concerned residents are assured that their children, pets and property have the protection of the law.

HSUS(CB) members in other communities should check local ordinances with Town Clerks to see whether similar legislation is on the books of their towns. If not, they may obtain a copy of the Westport ordinance from our headquarters and press for its enactment in their locales.
A word of caution on this topic. More passage of a law does not ensure enforcement. In a recent Connecticut case, the attorney for a man charged with deliberately killing a neighbor’s cat succeeded in having the case dropped despite the evidence. In all anti-cruelty complaints, make sure the facts will stand up in court.

THE DEADLY DEATH OF MINI-GABE. Mrs. Seyburn Anderson, HSUS (CB) Director and President of Wilton Aid (Aid to Animals in Distress), cherishes and succumbs all kinds of anyone who has visited her pleasant home will attest. A particular love was held for her young cat, Mini-Gabe, a rescued waif as are most of her pets. When Mini-Gabe was shot by an unknown killer, Mrs. Anderson acted with deliberate killing a neighbor enforcement...

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A word of caution on this topic. The Board of Directors advises that enforcement. In a recent Connecticut case, a neighbor deliberately killed a horse and burned the carcass in a dumpster. The horse was unsatisfactorily cared for. The owner was later sentenced to prison. This case highlights the need for humane education and how to intr...
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WHETHER IT'S EAST COAST OR ETHIOPIA, HSUS(CB) Director Mrs. Matthew Griswold is always alert to note and help animals in distress. A leader in our Connecticut HSUS(CB) humane education program, she recently took time off to enplane for Ethiopia where she observed that cart horses in outlying towns were in sad shape indeed. Upon her return she wrote a gracious letter to the Emperor with a copy to the U.S. Ambassador asking for royal intercession in behalf of the horses. It is too soon to predict the outcome but judging by Mrs. Griswold's previous success in pointing out and effecting cures to animal suffering in places remote from Connecticut, we predict that life in the traces will be a bit easier for the Ethiopian ponies ere long. Once again we urge our globe-trotting members to emulate her example. And if you wish to meet fellow humanitarians abroad, we can give you introductions through our affiliation with the World Federation for the Protection of Animals.

a great opportunity is yours to attend the annual HSUS NATIONAL CONFERENCE to be held at NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND on October 15, 16, and 17. This will be the first time ever for the meeting to be held in New England. At the Conference you will meet and confer with the nation's outstanding authorities embracing the entire spectrum of humanitarianism --- experts in humane education, wild life preservation, live stock protection, shelter operation, legislation, law enforcement, public relations. Knowledgeable ones will be there for speeches, seminars and relaxed after-hours conversation covering topics from seals to Sealyhams. You will talk with humanitarians from coast to coast, hear of their problems, learn of their solutions. You will absorb more of what the humane movement is all about than you would in a long period of solitary study.

Furthermore, it's fun. Humanitarians, despite the seriousness of their cause, enjoy life, people and a good time. The setting, the Newport Hilton, on an island just off the shore from the renowned colonial town of Newport in Narraguansett Bay, affords you scenery, sightseeing and unsurpassed facilities.

A new bridge has made Newport easily accessible by highway from any spot in the State. If you would prefer to come by train or plane that's easy too. And for the seafaring humanitarians, marina facilities are available at the hotel.

A great opportunity indeed but only if you avail yourself of it. Shortly an invitation and an application will reach you from HSUS(National). When it arrives, don't delay. Remember you are competing for space with all 50 states and beyond.