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SUNDAY BOW-AND-ARROW DEER HUNTING BILL DEFEATED! This controversial bill was squashed thanks to the concerted efforts of humanitarians statewide. As all HSUS(CB) members who read our "Urgent Bulletin" know, the bill's history was tumultuous. Passed in the House by four votes, defeated in the Senate by 20 votes, reconsidered and passed in the Senate by one vote, vetoed by the Governor, it finally died when the Legislature refused to override the veto in special session. As we said before, the bill would have been an entering wedge for future legislation permitting the use of firearms on Sunday. But this entering wedge was shot down by broadside after broadside of telegrams, letters, phone calls and personal visits to the Governor and legislators.

Dead and buried, we could hope the Sunday hunting bill would stay that way. Unfortunately, such bills have a way of coming back to life in each legislative session. We hope all humanitarians fight as hard and successfully next time around as you did this time.

OTHER ANIMAL WELFARE VICTORIES ON THE LEGISLATIVE FRONT WERE:

1. Defeat of a bill which would have put a bounty on raccoons.
2. Defeat of a bill which would have made the shooting of owls legal.
3. Passage of a bill establishing a bird sanctuary in Preston's Poquetanuck Cove.
4. Defeat of a bill to allow feeding of strychnine corn to pigeons.

Victories in each case were won, just as with the Sunday hunting bill, by concerted action of humanitarians statewide. Thanks and congratulations!

Three bills which we supported died in committee. One, the pet-food inspection bill, was a "money bill" and apparently was turned down for reasons of economy. The bill to prohibit the trapping of fur-bearing animals by children met with opposition and was rejected. We shall try again. The bill to modify the anti-cruelty law to make conviction of violators more certain never even received a hearing, having been buried in a mountain of legislation. We'll try this one again also.

ALL SIGNALS "GO" FOR STATE HUMANE EDUCATION CENTER. Planning and zoning officials of East Haddam recently gave approval for construction of the HSUS(CB) "Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center". Approval includes permission to build a headquarters to house offices and library-lecture-projection-room facilities. Also authorized is a model shelter to be installed adjacent to the headquarters.

NORMA TERRIS GIVES MORE LAND FOR CENTER. Miss Terris has added another 15 acres to her original gift of land for the education center bringing the
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texts in the fields of mortgage and installment lending. In the humane field Mr. Cummings, a long-time member of HSUS(CB) has wholeheartedly lent his skilled and articulate support to HSUS(CB) projects. Mrs. Cummings, a well known interior decorator, also a HSUS(CB) member shares her husband’s dedication for animal welfare.

RETIRED ADMIRAL AND KENNEL CLUB OFFICIAL have been named to the HSUS(CB) Advisory Board. Rear Admiral W. N. Godson comes to the Board with a long record of achievement, mostly overseas, in both the Navy and in civilian engineering. He and Mrs. Godson have been humanitarians for as long as either can remember. A second new Board member, Mr. Richard F. Steiner of Ridgefield brings to HSUS long experience both as a ranking kennel club official and as a man actively interested in animal welfare. Mrs. Steiner shares his interest.

FIFTH ANNUAL HSUS BENEFIT at the famed Goodspeed Opera House featured Tom Fiper, a bright new musical play, which was enthusiastically received by the capacity audience. Those who attended enjoyed not only the show but the opportunity to meet and talk with fellow humanitarians at the pre-curtain-time reception.

SHINGTON'S BACK ALIVE. TATTOO YOUR DOG! Regardless of how carefully supervised and restrained your dog may be, there exists always the possibility of inadvertent loss — through left-open doors, broken leashes, open car doors, venturing lady dogs, and, worst of all, theft. To assure complete protection you should tattoo your dog with your social security number and record the tattoo with the National Dog Registry (NDR) of Carmel, New York. In the past three months, five Connecticut dogs have been reunited because of tattooing and registration — and that despite the fact that only a few hundred pets are as yet tattooed in our state.

To facilitate such tattooing, HSUS (CB) is cooperating with the NDR in Connecticut communities. We need local assistance in establishing the clinics. Individuals or groups wishing this service for their community should write or call HSUS(CB) state headquarters.

Since there are a number of irresponsible imitators of the National Dog Registry, any person approaching you with an offer to tattoo and register your dog, should be cleared through HSUS(CB).

BRIDGEPORT BATTLE WON. For several years HSUS(CB) and its dedicated Bridgeport Branch have been working to obtain adequate pound shelter. Improvements have resulted in administration, staffing and facilities. The culminating achievement is the establishment of quarters for other animals than dogs in the local pound. All who like cats should be particularly gratified that the long neglected feline problem has been recognized and solved. Special credit goes to Mr. A. M. Murchie and Mrs. John No Garry of the Bridgeport Committee who spearheaded the effort.

SHELTER CONSTRUCTION is aim of HSUS(CB) in Wilton and Old Lyme. In Wilton Mr. Morton Kehlgaren, former HSUS(CB) President, and Executive Director Rear Admiral James C. Shaw have been advising with AID (Aid to Animals in Distress) and Kennel Club officials as to ways and means of building a much-needed combined pound shelter. In Old Lyme, Mrs. Charlotte Griswold, HSUS (CB) Director and Rear Admiral Shaw are consulting with and supporting First Selectman Kerle Bagbee in his laudable efforts to replace an obsolete and inadequate pound. We hope to report groundbreakings in both communities in our next news letter.

HOSE-JAY'S BILL FOR LABORATORY ANIMAL CARE has been explained excellently and in detail by HSUS(National) News Letters and Bulletins. Your Connecticut Branch wants to underline here the need for support of this fine Federal legislation. Read your national bulletins if you have not done so. Write your Senators and Congressmen if you have not done so. URGEPASSAGE OF THIS BILL (S. 2446) in letters to Senator Abraham Ribicoff and Senator Thomas Dodd. Address: Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C. Also, write the Congressman from your district. To him URGEPASSAGE OF THIS BILL (H.R.12286) Address: House Office Building, Washington, D. C. Do it now.

HSUS STREAMLINES ADMINISTRATION for efficiency, economy. National Headquarters as of August 1 adopted a computer system for membership records and mailings. As a consequence, our Branch will be relieved of such burdens as sending dues notices, preparing voluminous membership records, and addressing total membership mailings. Administrative savings made possible by the computers will enable the Branch to devote more time and money to Connecticut animal welfare. We would emphasize that dues and contributions by Connecticut members are still destined for Connecticut use despite the fact that they will be processed in Washington.

HSUS NATIONAL CONFERENCES this year will be held in Hershey, Pennsylvania, October 4 - 6. Conferences in the past have proved stimulating, informative and rewarding. Apply now to HSUS (Nat'l) for reservations.

JOEY WAS JILTED until HSUS(CB) came to the rescue. The terrified and exhausted hound puppy, pads sore from pavement pounding, either had been deliberately abandoned or, had escaped from his transient master's car. HSUS(CB) rescued the dog and made strenuous efforts to find the owner. No luck, next step was to find a new master. Matthew, not too many years older than Joey, came to the fore. Now boy and dog are inseparable. So Joey was in luck after all. Your dog may not be so fortunate when he is lost. Give him a break -- a tag and a tattoo.
CRUELTY HAS ALWAYS BEEN PRESENT - THERE MUST BE AN ANSWER - CHILDREN ARE THE NEXT. Thus ran the heading of a half-page opinion article by HSUS(CB) Executive Director, Rear Admiral J. C. Shaw. The article, appearing in the New London Free Press on May 12, was a scathing revolting dissection of animal cruelty committed by a gang of boys aged 10 through 14.

The child perpetrators, all from broken families on welfare, first wantonly and cruelly destroyed some $5,000 worth of chickens on a poultry farm, clubbing the chickens and then cutting off parts of their necks. After being apprehended by juvenile authorities, the boys next exhibited their wickedness at the Moran Nature Center in Waterford. Here they stuffed small zoo birds into the eagle’s cage and watched with relish while the eagle tore the birds apart. Turning their attention to the Center’s waterfowl, they killed ducks by twisting their necks.

The only redeeming feature of the entire ugly performance was the universal condemnation of citizens and visitors alike that the letters poured onto the newspaper editor’s desk and into the HSUS(CB) postbox.

The newspaper’s editorial editor, Mr. Ken Grube, and Admiral Shaw agreed that an educational program aimed at stopping such conduct and uprooting its roots is necessary. Fourteen advertisements sponsored by HSUS(CB) were published depicting cruelty causes and in each instance proposing the remedy therefor. These culminated in the half-page opinion article by Admiral Shaw on the prevention of such cruelty and ended with a strong plea to the public to join in a crusade for participation by all citizens in an anti-cruelty campaign.

The response was gratifying. Any repetitions of child sadism in the New London area should be met with swift retaliatory steps to be taken to prevent sadism by intelligent handling of potential offenders.

Admiral Shaw’s article, a philosophical historical treatment of child sadism and its effect on society, is too long for presentation in our news letter. However, copies are available for our members. Send stamped self-addressed envelope for single copy. Additional copies are 25¢ each.

NEW VOICE OF PHONE at HSUS(CB) headquarters is that of Miss Daryl Tracecki who has been employed to assist our Recording Secretary, Mrs. Gene Collins, in carrying out the ever-increasing duties that our expanded animal welfare program requires.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS is the new designation for dog wardens in Connecticut. The title was chosen to upgrade the status and whose state and municipal employees in the care of the public. Several communities, of their own volition, have gone a step further and designated wardens as "Animal Control Officers", and have set up procedures for the supervision and care of all animals, not just dogs. Some day we hope to see this practice statewide.

OBLIGATIONS AND RIGHTS OF CATS is the subject of this item. We can dismiss "obligations" very simply: a cat has no obligations. He is clean because he likes that way. He offers affection not because he must but because he chooses. He stays home or wanders at will. "Rights" of a cat are much more complicated. Time and again our headquarters is asked by a cat owner, a humanitarian or even a cat hater, what rights a cat claims. We could go into a lengthy and jargon-filled legal discussion filled with legal conclusions on cats. But instead we'll simplify the rights of cats under two legal principles:

1. A cat is the personal property of the owner.
2. A cat is covered by the State anti-cruelty law.

Since a cat is personal property, anyone molesting, abusing, stealing or otherwise tampering with somebody else’s Tabby is breaking the law. And this holds true both on and off the owner’s property. (In a recent case, a man, in his own yard, beat a neighbor’s cat to death and was convicted of destroying personal property.)

The anti-cruelty statute brings compassion into the "rights" picture by regarding a cat not just as a piece of property similar to your car or your chock-a-block with prohibitions against cat mistreatment, beating, mutilation, remember, these must-nots pertain not just to "owned" cats but to strays as well. The law has teeth too -- conviction of a violator may mean a $250 fine and or a year in jail.

In view of the above, cats, their owners and humanitarians have every reason to demand that cats be accorded their "rights".

FALL MEMBERSHIP MEETING at time and place to be announced later has two important purposes. First, there will be a detailed presentation of plans for will be conducted on proposed changes to our by-laws which are seriously in need of updating. Watch for the announcement. Plan to attend.

HSUS(CB) LOST DOG REWARD NOTICES are a continuing service of our Society. Members are requested to inform lost dog owners in their communities that we publish and circulate these notices.

VOLUNTEERS ARE WANTED to represent HSUS(CB) in their own communities in the field of direct animal care, humane education, and general liaison with interest.

QUOTABLE "If you have men who will exclude any of God’s creatures from the shelter of pity and compassion, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." St. Francis of Assisi.

ADDENDUM - HSUS annuity plan can help you as well as helping animals. Under the plan a high rate of income is paid regularly to you if you are an HSUS plan investor. Net interest further you have the knowledge that eventually the principal will go to promote humane work. Write for details if interested.

REQUEST FORM - I give and bequeath to the Humane Society of the United States, Connecticut Branch, Incorporated, the sum of $ for the purpose of the HSUS(CB), P. O. Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423

Enclosed is my gift of $ for use in behalf of animal welfare.

Street City

NAME (Miss) (Mrs.)

Pet’s name

Address Phone

TAGS FOR CATS AND DOGS. Identification can save your pet’s life, good brass tags $1 each (proceeds for annual welfare). To: HSUS(CB), Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423
INTEREST IN ANIMAL WELFARE in Connecticut is at the highest peak within memory. People do care. People do want to help. So sound out your friends as to their feelings about animal protection and humane education. Ask them to join with us in this ever-expanding and rewarding adventure of promoting kindness and eliminating cruelty. If you will send the names and addresses of potential members, we shall send literature. Or, if you prefer, we shall, upon request, send literature and applications to you for direct distribution. The more members we have the more projects we can accomplish.

NEWS CLIPPINGS ARE NEEDED by state headquarters. Since we have neither the staff nor the funds to maintain a statewide clipping service, we must rely on our members to send us news items about animals and animal welfare. Watch your local paper and clip from it anything you feel would be of interest or assistance to the humane movement in our state. In the past such clippings have enabled us to take action on animal welfare problems, to select candidates for humanitarian awards, to rebut or support opinions expressed in letters to the editor, to recruit new members, and to furnish material of statewide interest for our newsletters.

PEOPLE OUTSIDE THE HUMANE MOVEMENT (and sometimes those within it) have on occasion confused our Society with the Connecticut Humane Society because of the similarity of names. HSUS(CB) members talking with the public should make clear that we are the Connecticut Branch of the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and that we have no affiliation with the Connecticut Humane Society. Such explanations will serve to prevent possible embarrassment to both organizations.