Bridgeport Shelter A
$130,000 Fact!

For the past five years a brave and determined little band of HSUS(CB) members in the Bridgeport area have campaigned for a new and adequate city shelter. At last their efforts have paid off in a signal victory. Bridgeport will have its shelter and a model one at that.

The struggle began when a previous Administration in Bridgeport turned a deaf ear on HSUS(CB) and its Bridgeport Committee who attempted to show that the pound was not only inadequate but, through neglect and mismanagement, was an inhumane institution. After HSUS(CB) met with city officials without success to explain the need for reform, we appealed to the public over the air and through large newspaper advertisements. The results were still discouraging.

Then came a new Administration and at once it became apparent that HSUS(CB) publicity and perseverance had been effective after all. Meetings were held with city officials in an atmosphere of concern and cooperation. As a first step, Mayor Hugh C. Curran hired humane-minded knowledgeable...
people to staff the pound. Modest physical improvements were made. Finally, victory came just a few weeks ago when the Board of Apportionment and Taxation approved the allocation of $130,000 for the construction of an all-new shelter to house stray and homeless cats as well as dogs.

We are grateful to the people who made this event possible — a picture of the groundbreaking ceremony featuring several of the people who made this happy event possible. Take a look at their names in the caption. What they have done too can do in your community if the need exists. We say Congratulations! — And God Bless you, one and all, who made this accomplishment possible.

HUMANE TRANSPORT OF ANIMALS BY AIR is subject of bill being introduced by Congressman Lowell P. Weicker, Jr., House Office Building, Washington, D. C. 20515.

Just as we were going to press we learned that Connecticut Congressman Thomas J. Meskill had joined with Congressman Weicker in sponsoring the bill for humane treatment of animals shipped by air. So in addition to thanking Mr. Weicker, please write also to Mr. Meskill in appreciation of his sponsorship. His address is the same as that of Mr. Weicker given above.

NATIONWIDE MILLIONS OF ANIMALS WILL NOT SUFFER because of the combined efforts of HSUS, HSUS(CB) and REA. These three organizations — our national headquarters, our Connecticut Branch and the Railroad Express Agency together relieved an animal-cruelty problem which previously seemed insoluble — namely the humane care and treatment of animals in transit.

The story is this. For many years complaints flowed continuously into HSUS national headquarters concerning suffering and neglect of animals consigned to the air for transportation. The complaints were not few or infrequent, and the complaints some reforms were made, none truly effective. Of these inflictions, admittedly, animal transport presents difficulties and dangers — problems of food, water, shelter, temperature, delays, shipment refusals and the like could lead to suffering amongst hapless creatures expressed around the country.

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Mr. Smith to the meeting, was Mr. Frank McMahon, Director of HSUS(Nationwide) Field Services. The conferees, all intent on correcting the situation, discussed ways and means at length. Out of the discussions emerged an entire new set of workable rules regarding animal shipments all reviewed and endorsed by both the REA President and the HSUS president — the value of Branch-National cooperation. This time it was a Branch official who pointed the way and opened the door. On another occasion, as in the past, it may be National spearheading a drive in behalf of the Branch. The tale also reveals what is often true — that executives in policy positions outside the humane movement often welcome guidance in animal welfare matters. A happy ending; unmarred by recrimination, court action or vast monetary expenditure.

HSUS(CB) HUMANE EDUCATION CENTER is an uppermost project in our minds. Architectural plans have been completed. The site has been surveyed. The Building Committee is formulating plans which it hopes will lead to a further partial utilisation of the property which the HSUS is under preparation to explain the project and enlist public support. We might repeat that contributions from our membership are most welcome, particularly if directed to the hsus(CB) Humane Education Center.

The Congressman's bill would require regulations for humane treatment with a $1,000 fine for violation. Currently there are no federal rules. A year ago came the break. At the HSUS National Conference Mrs. Alice

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Meanwhile we reaffirm our determination to eradicate the inhumanities which are part and parcel of trapping.

SHOOTING DOWN A TURKEY SHOOT was the intent of Mr. Allan L. Loeb, Honorary HSUS(CB) Director, and President of the Animal Welfare League of New Haven, Mr. Robert J. Terris who so generously donated the land recently sent in a memorial gift in memory of Wilbur Daniel Steele, leading American short story writer. In presenting her gift, Miss Terris observed, "Mr. Steele was not only a great writer for children but kind-hearted man who cannot forget HSUS also will not forget as his name is added to the roster of those whose lives have inspired such living memorials.

WHO SAYS TRAPPING IS FUN? Why, the trapping aficionados, of course. Yet listen to this, as quoted from the Hartford Times, an actual incident which occurred in Norwich: "Two high school students cornered a setter dog trailing a tarp and chain on her rear leg after a mile chase through the woods. They discovered her litter of six puppies in a shack, three of them dead from starvation. The live puppies were starving and the mother had lost three to the perils of loose from the chain pinion. The youths turned the mother and surviving five puppies over to the Deputy State Dog Warden Norman Horton who placed them in a shelter.

What's fun about that? The only satisfaction we derive from this sad affair is affirmation of our faith in the humanitarian instincts of the vast majority of our teen-agers. We salute Marty Ryczak and Arthur Vachon who made the rescue.

On the same topic, recall that a previous newsletter mentioned the interest of the Bra.nob. The tale also reveals what is often true — that executives in policy positions outside the humane movement often welcome guidance in animal welfare matters. A happy ending; unmarred by recrimination, court action or vast monetary expenditure.
would like to recognize and publicly thank some of the runners-up. All of they are worthy humanitarians and we only regret that all could not win.

They are: Patricia Bill of Plymouth, Kathleen Jones of Norwalk, Debbie Mojara of Sandy Hook, Deborah Negura of Monroe, Linda Suplinskas of Moodus, Ronald Swist of Shelton and Connie Tiberio of New Milford.

COOPERATION WITH HSUS NATIONAL was again illustrated, this time by the invited appearance of two HSUS(CB) officials as speakers at National Humane Education Seminars. HSUS(CB) Executive Director, Rear Admiral James C. Shaw, spoke on the public relations aspects of humane work. Mrs. Joseph Mercugliano, an HSUS(CB) Director, spoke on humane education. For each seminar the audience was assembled from all parts of the nation. As is the case in such events, the two officials while imparting valuable information based on their Connecticut experiences also returned home with reciprocal knowledge of value to our state's animal welfare program.

ADVERTISING HSUS(CB) PET TAGS is an annual good deed of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Laing. The ad, placed in the Chester Fair program, uses an eye-catching approach. On one page appears the appealing kitten drawing by Mrs. Laing. (Shown here) Under the drawing is the caption "Your Pet won't be among the missing if you read the advertisement on page 33." Turning to page 33 is another advertisement "Your pet can't talk" followed by a text urging the use of identification tags. HSUS(CB) state headquarters will be glad to furnish the entire ad to any member who wishes to use it in local, church, charity, community club, school or similar printed programs. Incidentally, Mrs. Laing is the artist who drew the original for our traditional Christmas Card and contribution-envelope illustrations.

POSTER CAMPAIGN AGAINST PET ABANDONMENT was conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert T. Smith who live along the Connecticut shoreline where callous vacationers abandon pets each summer. The posters, placed before the eye of the public, underscored the evil of abandonment and recited the penalty for this illegal act - $250 fine and/or one year in prison or both. Members who wish to conduct similar campaigns in their own communities, write or call state headquarters.

GREAT IDEA was that of HSUS(CB) Member Mrs. Donald Baker, who persuaded the owner of a lost dog which she had retrieved to apply the reward as a contribution to the state's animal welfare program.

FINDING AND FEEDING are two contributions to animal welfare made by the Arnold Bakers in Greenwich. The well known Connecticut firm sponsors lost pet advertisements for domestic animals on the Greenwich radio station. For wildlife, Arnold's furnishes feed for ducks and other birds. As will be noted in our Directory, Mr. Dean Arnold is on the HSUS(CB) Advisory Board. Congratulations and thanks to him and all in his organization for distribution in pet shops and by subscription. Devoted almost exclusively to animal welfare subjects Pet Gazette is performing a fine service in behalf of humanitarians. HSUS(CB) furnishes material for each issue. We wish the Editor, Mr. Roger Elia all success.

SALE OF BABY RACCOONS TO COMMUTERS PROMPTS THIS ITEM. As if the harassed Connecticut train riders do not have enough troubles with cranky cars and delayed arrivals, they were recently offered baby raccoons for sale at the same trouble. The care, feeding and rearing of a wild animal means just that. Besides, the place for a raccoon is in the woods. And for those who persist and want to have a go at being a raccoon person, according to law, obtain a permit from the State Fish and Game Department. By and large, we urge our members to discourage ownership of wild animals as pets.

FLIGHT OF SURPLUS ANIMALS is mathematically dramatized by figures gathered by Carl Shippy of Pet Shop Management. In shelters in the Washington, D.C. area only 10% of the animals are reclaimed or adopted, the remaining 90% euthanized. Safe to say these figures are representative for the rest of the nation. Spay and neuter. Spay and neuter. The only solution.

IN MEMORIAM: Sybil Copp, beloved wife of William C. Copp. Mrs. Copp was a co-founder of our organization who, during its early and difficult years, gave of her heart, mind and personal effort devotedly and unstintingly. The humane movement has lost a great worker and ardent crusader. Though she has left us, her memory will continue to serve as a wonderful inspiration.

HSUS(CB) DELEGATES AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE at Warren, Ohio, included state President Ernest Smith, Mr. Vice President K. W. Wiseman, Secretary Mrs. K. W. Wiseman, Humane Education Committee woman Mrs. Joseph Mercugliano, Executive Director Rear Admiral James C. Shaw and Mr. Shaw. All delegates participated in a wide range of animal welfare seminars. Additionally, Mr. Smith as Vice Chairman of the HSUS National Board presided at several meetings. Much was learned that can be put to effective use in helping Connecticut's distressed-animal population.

HSUS(CB) LOST DOG REWARD NOTICES have been instrumental in recovering lost pets. If you or anyone of your acquaintance loses a dog, please call HSUS(CB) headquarters! Regarding notice procedure. Incidentally, this service is also being made available to cat owners whose pets disappear. Distribution of notices covers a wide range of addresses including dog wardens, chiefs of police, conservation officers, veterinarians, shelter operators and highway maintenance offices.

NEW FOUND DESPERATE NEED IN OLD LYME so say State Canine Control Officer Norwin Norton and HSUS(CB) Executive Director Rear Admiral James C. Shaw. Inadequate, poorly located, difficult to clean and generally run down is the pound. Old Lyme dog owners are urgently urged to write to First Selectman Merle S. Bugbee with copies to Mr. Frank R. Smith, Chairman, Town Planning Commission. Tell Mr. Bugbee you support efforts to locate and build a new pound shelter as quickly as possible. Write also to HSUS(CB) headquarters volunteering your services on the Old Lyme Pound-Shelter Committee. Ask your friends to volunteer also. Act now!
ALL BY THEMSELVES a dedicated direct animal-welfare group in Cornwall managed to run a shelter and to place 425 dogs and cats last year in this small rural community. Mrs. James E. Warfield, member of the group's Board reported that, in addition to shelter and placement they operate a thrift shop to provide funds. That this group has succeeded prompts both our admiration and respect since sheltering and placing are two of the most difficult and expensive areas in the whole animal welfare field. A word of warning to our readers, however. Before embarking on such a venture in your town, please call or write HSUS(CB) headquarters. There are many pitfalls and we know them all from past experience. Our counsel can help. Furthermore, we can introduce you to others in the state engaged in this exciting work.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT? We do. Sen-Sen, a Siamese cat in California who escaped from the family car on a trip trekked by herself 800 miles home. We believe it because so many such remarkable returns have been reported. Never underestimate the intelligence of your pet.

SOME PEOPLE PREFER to give securities rather than cash to HSUS(CB) animal welfare. To learn the advantages to you of this type of giving and the procedure therefore, write or call our state headquarters.

SNOWMOBILES CAN BE hell on skis for wild life when in the hands of sadistic operators. Fortunately, Connecticut has a law to prevent the bedeviling of wild animals. We quote: "Carrying a loaded firearm in a snowmobile is prohibited. Using a snowmobile in any manner which would cause the harassment of any game animal is prohibited." With winter at hand members should keep the law in mind and be alert to note violations.

GOING ABROAD? Remember that HSUS(CB) is a member of the World Federation for the Protection of Animals and that we have correspondences with humane societies worldwide. We have found that getting in touch with the officials of such foreign organizations can be both pleasant and rewarding. Humanitarians are good people, kind people, hospitable people whatever their race or nationality. Before leaving ask our headquarters for names and addresses in countries you are visiting. And upon your return if you have learned anything that might be useful for Connecticut animal welfare, let us know.

ANNUITIES - An 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 income after taxes to 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. Write for details if interested.

BEQUEST FORM - I give and bequeath to the Humane Society of the United States, Connecticut Branch, Inc., the sum of to be used for the humane purposes of the Society.

CONTRIBUTION FORM - To: HSUS(CB), P. O. Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423 Enclosed is my gift of $ for use in behalf of animal welfare. (Mr.) (Mrs.) (Miss) _______ Street _______ City _______

TAGS FOR CATS AND DOGS, Identification can save your pet's life, good brass tags $1 each (proceeds for animal welfare). To: HSUS(CB), Box 98, East Haddam, Conn. 06423

Pet's name _______ Your name _______

Address _______ Phone _______
DIRECT ANIMAL WELFARE SERVICE BY HSUS(CB) is provided by our volunteer committee members in communities across the state. The service and the cost thereof are provided by the volunteers. HSUS(CB) headquarters organizes the volunteer committees, advises them and assists them with their fund-raising and recruitment. Most importantly, headquarters acts as a telephone clearing house for animal distress cases statewide. In situations beyond the capability of the volunteers, assistance is provided by state headquarters. Humanitarians can be grateful to these wholly dedicated, completely compassionate HSUS(CB) members who care for large numbers of all kinds of homeless, suffering or endangered animals.

HSUS NATIONAL PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING. Mr. John A. Hoyt, National HSUS President, recently addressed a special membership meeting at the Holiday Inn in Darien. Speaking to an enthusiastic audience Mr. Hoyt reviewed the progress of HSUS animal welfare programs with particular emphasis on Federal legislation now before the Congress. He expressed optimism that an effective law providing for humane care of laboratory animals may be enacted. He also urged humanitarians to support any measures which will save the world environment and the creatures therein. He referred specifically to warnings from leading ecologists to the effect that if pollution of the air, water and soil continues unchecked all life on this earth could be extinct by the end of this century.

In addition to his talk to the membership Mr. Hoyt visited state headquarters in East Haddam and the site of the projected Norma Terris Humane Education and Nature Center. He believes, as do we, that the Center offers tremendous possibilities for effective humane education in Connecticut.

DUES CHANGE VOTED AT MEMBERSHIP MEETING. At a special membership meeting held in Darien on October 3rd, a change in dues was voted affirmatively and unanimously. The new dues will be $10 for an individual membership, $18 for a dual family membership.