“The Shame of Fur” Is Launched in Five Cities

On October 3, 1988, The HSUS kicked off its “Shame of Fur” campaign. HSUS billboards brought the “Shame of Fur” message to commuters in New York, Chicago, and several other major cities.

At a Chicago press conference, HSUS Vice President for Wildlife and Environment Dr. John Grandy said, “Each year, the fur industry ultimately is responsible for the deaths of approximately 27 million animals…. We hope to make the wearing of furs as unacceptable as is the smoking of cigarettes in elevators.” Dr. Michael Fox, HSUS vice president for farm animals and bioethics, says, “The widespread acceptance of the physical and psychological trauma that an animal caught in a leghold trap must endure so that humans may profit from the sale of its fur is one of the many tragic signs that humanity has yet to mature and treat all of God’s creatures with respect and compassion.”

Protesters Turn Out at Great Swamp

“Protesters plan to keep pace with deer hunt,” read the banner headline of the Daily Record—and so they did. For the fifteenth year, representatives of animal-protection groups, organized by the HSUS Mid-Atlantic Regional Office and Deer, Inc., gathered at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge in New Jersey in December to protest its annual deer hunt. More than 60 protesters greeted hunters on opening day, and a smaller contingent was on hand the other two days.

Light snow and bitter winds made the three days difficult, but protesters marched and chanted, “Put the blame on fish and game!” Lou Martinez, representing a consortium of hunting groups in New Jersey, said about 50 pro-hunt demonstrators would be on hand to show their support for the deer kill. “Before the hunt began, many deer were starving,” he said. “Since the hunt began, the deer on the refuge are in better health.”

Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Nina Austenberg countered Martinez’s remarks by pointing out, “If the deer are so healthy, continued on page 2
Nina Austenberg speaks to reporters during last December’s protest against the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge’s annual deer hunt.

“Nina Austenberg during last December’s protest against the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge’s annual deer hunt.

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why is their average life span only 2 years

"If sports hunting kept the deer population down, there wouldn’t be more deer," said Austenberg. "The state is in the business of deer hunting. It makes money by selling licenses, and, the more deer there are, the more hunting seasons they can create."

The Mid-Atlantic Regional Office would like to extend thanks to Animals Need You, Mr. Pleasant Animal Shelter, Jersey Shore Animal Center, New Jersey Animal Rights Alliance, and other supporters who made the trip to New Jersey from Pennsylvania to participate in the protest.

Drug Ban Allows More Humane Death

Legislation sponsored by New Jersey Assemblman D. Bennett Mazur outlawing the use of paralyzing drugs for euthanasia passed both houses unanimously and was signed into law by Governor Kean on November 17. “Using this kind of drug to put an animal to sleep is to evaluate which “be a PAL” kit are the more humane, seasonal way they can create.”

Mazure noted that the legislation was introduced at the suggestion of The Humane Society of the United States and other humane groups. Barbara Cassidy, HSUS director of animal sheltering and control at the Washington, D.C., office, testified last spring on behalf of the bill.

Nina Austenberg told Lois Stevenson of the Star Ledger, "When an animal has to be euthanatized, it is our collective responsibility to see that death is as swift and humane as possible. Mr. Mazur, the New Jersey legislature, and our governor have put on the books another law to make sure that this happens."

Seminar in Long Island

In December 1988, the first humane-law enforcement course ever offered in Long Island provided police officers with special training on the laws protecting animals. Organized by Bide-A-Wee Home Association, Inc., and featuring, among others, HSUS Investigator Bob Baker and HSUS Director of Education Services at Bide-A-Wee Home Association, Inc., Dr. Randy Lockwood, the two-day seminar was a tremendous success. Sheri Trainer, the director of education services at Bide-A-Wee, commented, “I think that, as the seminar progressed, the attendees became aware of the complexities of an animal abuse case. They became much more knowledgeable about all the intricacies and implications involved in animal abuse.”

Join the “Be a P.A.L.—Prevent A Litter” Campaign

Join us again in our national effort to combat a problem we all face daily: pet overpopulation. Our most ambitious and comprehensive campaign to date continues this year, addressing pet overpopulation and offering solutions to it. You can work with us to offer sound, factual information about spaying and neutering pets to your community.

Across the United States, animal-welfare organizations, animal shelters, and communities have promoted their own “Be a P.A.L.” efforts. The work continues just as strongly in 1989.

This year, we are again offering the colorful “Be a P.A.L.—Prevent A Litter” kit. The “Be a P.A.L.” kit contains a wide array of promotional materials to spread the spay/neuter message, as well as information about promoting April as “Be a P.A.L.—Prevent A Litter” Month. The kit includes the following:

- Posters:
  - “There aren’t enough homes for them all. Spay or neuter your pet.”
  - buttons that you can order.
- Pamphlets:
  - “Be a P.A.L.—Prevent A Litter” campaign
  - "Be a P.A.L.—Prevent A Litter" T-shirts, bumper stickers, and buttons that you can order.

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City, State, Zip: ___________________________

Clip and mail to: Be a P.A.L., The Humane Society of the U.S., 2100 L Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

Please make checks payable to The Humane Society of the U.S.

Protesters line up at the entrance to the Great Swamp Wildlife Refuge. More than 60 protesters greeted deer hunters on opening day despite cold and bitter winds.

Grandy Gives Testimony

HSUS Vice President for Wildlife and Environment Dr. John Grandy branded New York’s winter cold on January 5 and 6 to testify at the U.S. court house in Brooklyn against the Fire Island deer hunt. Grandy, an expert in urban-wildlife problems, testified regarding shrub damage and the proposal to shoot 100 or more deer.

Grandy emphasized, “The Humane Society of the United States advocates compatible and compassionate ways of alleviating problems that leave the deer drive and are aesthetically pleasing and helpful to the people as well.”

In a later interview, Grandy said, “The deer hunt on Fire Island made a mockery of these principles and humane standards. The hunt was wrong and its justification as ‘research’ was nonsense. This was an in-humane, poorly considered sport hunt which should never have been held.”

Award for New Jersey Senator

Representatives of many animal-protection groups were on hand as New Jersey Senate President John F. Russo received The Humane Society of the United States’ Certificate of Appreciation on Tuesday, January 31, 1989, in the senate caucus room of the state house. A reception followed the presentation.

“Senator Russo has demonstrated a commitment to help create respect for all life by his major efforts in legislative leadership,” according to Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Nina Austenberg. “Not only has Sen. Russo introduced legislation to expand the Animal Population Control Fund to include dogs and cats adopted from shelters, but he also has introduced bills to abolish the cruel Draize test and a bill to prohibit black-bear hunting. He has shepherded through the senate important bills dealing with pets in housing, the banning of any substances that act as neuromuscular blocking agents in pet euthanasia, and increasing fines for animal fighting.”
DIRECTOR'S COMMENT

by Nina Austenberg

As a rule, I like to save this column to talk about animals that seem to me often overlooked in animal welfare, such as the bee, the lobster, and the bat. Today, however, I'd like to use the column to say thank you and good-bye to a champion of mercy, Dick Kenly.

Dick Kenly worked as a volunteer New Jersey coordinator for the Fund for Animals for nearly 20 years. On the national scene for the Fund, Dick was in charge of a goat rescue on San Clemente Island, made necessary by the U.S. Navy's plans to shoot the goats because it was using the island for target practice. Locally, he worked hard for legislation to ban the decompression chamber for euthanasia and steel-jaw leghold traps. He and I were together when New Jersey Governor Kean signed the ban on the cruel steel-jaw leghold trap on April 27, 1984. More recently, Dick served on the endangered and non-game council.

Just two weeks before his death I spoke with Dick by phone, and we talked about next year's protest against deer hunting at the Great Swamp National Wildlife Refuge and possibly expanding the protest to cover the other three wildlife refuges in the area.

On January 10, Dick died while undergoing surgery for cancer. He was forty-eight. Dick leaves the world a little better, a little kinder. God must be very proud of him.

Plan to Attend Regional Workshop in June

Plan to attend a workshop on June 7, 8, and 9 at the Quality Inn, East Brunswick, N.J., sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office and the New Jersey State Department of Health. The three-day workshop will feature noted national and state experts. The focus of the first day will be the “Mid-Atlantic Region Rabies Update: Animal Bites, Reporting, Treatment and Medical Practices.” On days two and three, New Jersey Consumer Affairs Director James Barry will discuss “The New Jersey Pet-Shop Regulations: How They Came About—How They Are Working,” and HSUS Director of Higher Education Programs Dr. Randy Lockwood will address problems of animal behavior and vicious-dog legislation. HSUS Vice President for Companion Animals Phyllis Wright will lecture on shelter procedures, and a workshop entitled “Santeria, Satanic Rituals, and Cults” is planned.

This workshop will provide an important educational opportunity as well as a chance for HSUS members to meet staff from the Washington, D.C., office and others who are interested in animal-welfare issues. A get-acquainted social is planned for Thursday evening. This conference is open to animal-control officers, humane-society workers, HSUS members, and the general public. For further information and a brochure, call the Mid-Atlantic Regional Office at (201) 927-5611.