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HSUS OPENS REGIONAL OFFICE FOR SOUTHEAST

Donald K. Coburn - Regional Director

On the first of March, 1978, The Humane Society of the United States established a regional office located in Orlando, Florida, to further the cause of animal welfare by its presence, influence, and action in the southeast.

Our purpose, with several programs, is to implement the primary and motivating concern of The HSUS: the prevention of suffering and cruelty to all animals.

The regional office will not only initiate programs directed toward the concerns of animals, but will respond to regional concerns from animal welfare organizations, as well as individuals.

The regional office is an extension of our Washington based headquarters. For this region that simply means, the resources and expertise of The HSUS’ Staff is available through the regional programs for the benefit of our major concern... ANIMALS.

The HSUS is active in virtually every area of animal protection, fostering the humane ethic and philosophy through educational, legislative, investigative, and legal channels.

WORKSHOP

A two day ANIMAL CONTROL WORKSHOP for the Southeast Region will be held in Montgomery, Alabama, November 3 and 4.

Here is an opportunity for all humanitarians, who are actively involved in animal welfare, to receive professional information and to share your concerns with others.

A brochure and registration form will be mailed to your local society soon. OR, pre-register by writing to HSUS-Southeast Regional Office, 3165 McCrory Place, Suite 215, Orlando, Florida 32803.


Put these important dates on your calendar NOW!!!

NOVEMBER 3 AND 4... MONTGOMERY, AL.

MEET THE STAFF

Ginnie Stripling is the Executive Secretary and manages the daily office affairs. Ginnie will receive your calls and direct your concerns to the proper area for response and answer. Often, as a matter of office policy, she will suggest a letter with pertinent information from you so we may effectively respond to your need. Ginnie’s background and concern for the rights of animals has effectively prepared her for this position in The HSUS Regional Office.

Bernie Weller, is our Field Representative/Cruelty Investigator. Bernie has many years of experience in the animal welfare field. His time as a police officer and early association with local humane societies, and later as a California State Cruelty Officer, provided credentials necessary for his present position. The HSUS recently transferred Bernie from our Gulf States’ Regional Office, where he served for six years in the same capacity, as he will in this region.

Don Coburn, Regional Director, is responsible for the management of the regional programs. Don’s background, as a United Methodist Minister, supplies him with qualifications and skills that enhance his roles of public relations, membership association, group meetings, administration and the varied roles, for which this position is responsible.

The entire staff at the Southeast Regional Office has pledged themselves to the welfare of animals, and promoting the humane ethic and philosophy through our regional programs.
TO PUERTO RICO

Our Regional Field Representative, Mr. Robert Curry was the only commissioner that presented this proposal in the Hillsborough County Courthouse in Tampa, Florida, on August 8th. The commissioners were heard members of the El Faisan Dorado Club and a representative or the veterinarian. We are primarily concerned with the cruelty perpetrated against the birds. We are as much involved in this issue as the mayor, to solve the financial difficulties. Please make a will and provide for animals in it. The HSUS will send you, without obligation, an information outline of contracting the best use of your will.
BERNIE WELLER SAVES FRED TURTLE

Driving South on Route 41, through Bradenton, on our way to a meeting with county commissioners, a voice from the rear seat brought me to a controlled stop—“don’t hit him!”

The Field Representative of The HSUS stepped quickly from the car and waved traffic to a halt. Threading his way between cars, Bernie deftly retrieved the street crosser from the congested road and placed him safely on a nearby lawn. Upon Bernie’s return to the car, he was asked, “did he say thanks?” “No,” responded Bernie, “but his name was Fred”.

Fred is a turtle. Apparently Fred was not experienced in the ways of modern traffic patterns. He had not crossed at a light or cross walk, and his meandering style left him vulnerable to the ceaseless, careless machines of man. Even though Fred was well equipped for his own domain, he had almost made the fatal mistake of invading civilization. Had there not been a seeing eye and a sensitive hand, Fred’s family would have experienced the loss of husband and father.

Fred’s experience is all too often the experience of many of our animal friends. And without the concern and protection of a caring humanity, we can lose these friends, many who are irreplaceable.

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