Solving Animal Problems Is Workshop Theme

“Solving Animal Problems in Your Community,” is the theme of the upcoming annual workshop sponsored by the Gulf States Office of The Humane Society of the United States.

The workshop will be held February 23-25 at the Incarnate Word College in San Antonio, Texas. Humane society leaders, animal control agents, municipal officials, shelter workers, educators and all interested persons are invited to attend the three-day event.

There will be opportunities to discuss recommended techniques in many aspects of humane work, including sterilization, educational programs, animal control operations and humane society organization. In addition to helping humane society and municipal personnel, the sessions will offer basic instructions for persons interested in a variety of careers working with animals.

Opportunities will be provided for all participants to share their “trade secrets” as well as seek answers to “impossible problems.” All workshop attendees will receive a packet of informative materials to take home.

HSUS Professionals conducting the workshop include John Hoyt, president of the Society; Frantz L. Dantzler, director, field services and investigations; Phyllis Wright, director, animal sheltering and control; Sue Pressman, director of wildlife protection; Bill Smith, accreditation associate; Barbara Smith, education consultant; Douglas M. Scott, director, Gulf States Regional Office; Richard D. McCracken, field representative, Gulf States Regional Office; Dr. Amy Freeman Lee artist and member, HSUS Board of Directors; chairperson, Incarnate Word College Board of Trustees.

All meetings will take place at the Incarnate Word College, Second Floor Lecture Hall of the Nursing Building, 4301 Broadway, San Antonio, Texas.

Fill out the registration form on page three and send it to The HSUS Gulf States Regional Office,

5333 Everhart Rd., #209-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78411. Information about available lodging will be sent to those registering for the workshop. To allow adequate time to make hotel reservations, register for the workshop as soon as possible. For further information, call the Gulf States Regional Office at (512) 854-3142.

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HSUS Investigators Stop Jackrabbit Roping Contest

HSUS investigators Marc Paulhus and Richard McCracken were responsible for stopping the World Championship Jackrabbit Roping Contest planned this past October in Odessa, Texas.

The object of the event is to rope jackrabbits with a lasso in the shortest time possible. The event takes place inside a 40 square-foot fenced arena.

Paulhus, an investigator from HSUS headquarters and McCracken, field investigator, first contacted Ector County attorney Michael Atkins informing him the event was inhumane and illegal according to Texas law.

Atkins said he felt the event might be a violation of the Texas Penal Code, Section 42.11, which prohibits a variety of cruelties to animals. He indicated he might refer the case to the grand jury for consideration.

Secondly, investigators Paulhus and McCracken informed the local sheriff’s department of its obligation to enforce all state laws. Sheriff’s officials said they would be on hand at the fair grounds to assist.

Paulhus and McCracken then got in touch with the Ector County-Permian Basin Fair and Exposition Association the day before the contest and stated that charges would be brought against any and all violators of Texas animal cruelty laws.

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The ANIMAL AID OF TULSA, INC. annual Charity Dog Show was a tremendous success this year. Fifty-four breeds were represented among the 242 entrils and the final tabulation showed $1,142.95 raised to benefit Animal Aid.

They also report that a Tulsa television news-caster, Doug Dodd with Channel 6 aired a letter from a viewer about the animal over-population. He made strong editorial comments in regard to responsible pet ownership.

The HUMANE SOCIETY OF AUSTIN AND TRAVIS COUNTY has a benefit fashion show recently starring HSUS Director Amanda Blake and local TV personality Cactus Pryor. Director Blake was made an honorary citizen of Texas by the Governor’s office. Likewise, the Austin, Texas City Council also made her an honorary citizen and presented her with a key to the city. The fashion show was termed a great success for the humane society and everyone hopes “Miss Kitty” will return again in 1979.

The COLLIN COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (McKinney, Texas) reports that their building fund is now close to $3000.00. The goal they hope to reach is $30,000. They are also holding garage sales and fund raising and publicity materials, and TV and radio releases.

THE WILLBARGER COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY (Vernon, Texas) reports that their building fund is now close to $3000.00. The goal they hope to reach is $30,000. They are also holding garage sales and selling “Endangered Species” wildlife calendars to raise money for operating funds.

New HSUS Logo

Man’s inter-relationships with animals is the emphasis of the new HSUS logo used here for the first time in the Gulf States Regional Report. The four animal silhouettes are representative of the diversity of the animal kingdom. The human hands convey the commitment of HSUS to protect, defend, help and care for man’s fellow creatures. The motion element represented by the circular design indicates continual progress and change. Through this new logo, the HSUS declares its commitment to the principle of reverence for life, and to its obligations and responsibilities.

Remember Animals In Your Will

There’s only one way to make sure you can help animals after you’ve gone…make a will and provide for them in it. HSUS will send you an informative booklet without obligation about how to make the best use of your animal bequest. Write in complete confidence to: Murdanga Stuart Madden, Vice President/General Counsel, The Humane Society of the United States, 2100 L. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037.
Graduate Credit Offered In Humane Education

Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches, Texas, will again offer a course in humane education for graduate credit this summer through its School of Education.

The course, “Methods and Techniques in Humane Education,” is number 578 and will be offered June 19 through July 3, 1979. Persons who completed the course last summer may return for three additional hours credit. Those not previously enrolled in the course are also invited to attend this year.

Undergraduate credit may be received with special permission. For further information write: Dr. Grady Willingham - Professor, Elementary Education, Box 3017, SFA Station, Nacogdoches, Texas 75962, Telephone (713) 569-2904.

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SATURDAY - continued

3:00 pm
Accreditation: Who Needs It?
Bill Smith

3:45 pm
Sharing Time: Ideas, Methods, Techniques, Opinions, Etc.
Your time for interchange and interaction.
All speakers and participants.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am
Texas Humane Information Network meeting

The Humane Society of the United States
Gulf States Regional Office
5333 Everhart Road
Bldg. A, Suite 209
Corpus Christi, TX 78411

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At that time, they were informed the event was still scheduled. On Sunday, October 1, local newspapers carried a front-page story citing HSUS’ opposition to the event which was still planned for 5 p.m. that day.

At 2 p.m., McCracken again checked with the fair office and was told that promoters had “plenty of rabbits” and the contest would be held as scheduled. Paulhus, McCracken and several newspaper and television reporters were waiting for the event to begin when they learned it had been cancelled. While being interviewed by the media, fair officials said the contest was called off “because they couldn’t find enough rabbits.”

The proposed 1978 contest was a revival of the event first held in 1932. That event, too, received considerable negative publicity and angry letters from citizens. Newspaper accounts credit the efforts of John Ben Sheppard, a former state attorney general and Odessa lawyer, with the 1977 revival of the contest.

Odessa claims to be the jackrabbit capital of the world. A ten-foot statue of the western jackrabbit stands in the center of town, perhaps the only monument in existence that has a commemorative plaque with a recipe on it.

According to local newspapers, Bill D. Hicks, president of the fair, claims the event will be conducted in 1979.