



humane education happenings

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A NEW CLASS OF COMPETITION.....

...has been added to the Humane Society of Tampa Bay's annual Canine Classic dog show - "Cutest Stuffed Toy Dog." The new class for children seven and under turned out to be the highlight of their show. Paws, the society's own stuffed dog, (person in a dog suit) conducted the competition. After all the entrants were petted and examined at length by Paws, the judges decided they couldn't pick a winner; therefore, all were winners. Each child got a first place ribbon. For more information on this crowd pleasing event contact: Shelley Delperdang, Humane Society Tampa Bay, 3607 North Armenia, Tampa FL 33607.



HOT OFF THE PRESS.....

...and ready to use by those who are concerned with the biases, inaccuracies, and omissions throughout the Project WILD activity guides. The new NAAHE-produced "A Humane Teaching Guide for Project WILD" contains lesson-by-lesson suggestions for balancing and correcting Project WILD. "A Humane Teaching Guide for Project WILD" is available for \$3.50 per copy from this office or NAAHE, P.O. Box 362, East Haddam, CT 06423.

WHAT'S THE PURINA PETS FOR PEOPLE

PROGRAM? It is a program that allows anyone over the age of 60 to adopt a dog or cat free of charge from a participating humane society. All expenses for acquiring the pet are paid by the Ralston Purina Company, including the initial veterinary visit, spaying or neutering, collar, leash, meal bowl, and, of course, a starter supply of Purina pet food. For more information write: Purina Pets for People Program, c/o Quinn, Brein & Block, 1333 Lawrence Expressway, Suite 266, Santa Clara, CA 95051.

TRIVIAL PET-SUIT.....

...is an exciting game for 3rd grade and up developed by Lori Sechrist, The Humane Society of Pomona Valley, to help teach about animals. Lori tells us, "I found the student's enthusiasm to be incredible (almost scary!)." For information on how you too can put together a Trivial Pet-Suit game, send a SASE to the West Coast Regional Office.



Calling all bird lovers!

Here are some simple recipes for bird watchers.

- 1 medium apple
- 1/2 cup raisins
- 1 cup cooked noodles (spaghetti)
- 1/4 teaspoon sand
- 1 1/2 cups suet

Dice apple, including skin and seeds. Put into an 8 by 8 inch baking pan with raisins and spaghetti. Sprinkle sand over top. Set aside.

Put suet through a meat grinder, then melt down in a double boiler. Allow suet to cool and harden slightly. Reheat and, while in liquid form, pour over ingredients in pan. Refrigerate to harden, cut into pieces and serve on tray or ground feeder.

Chickadee Crunch

- Raw beef suet
- Pine cones
- Millet seed
- Sunflower seeds



Put suet through a meat grinder; then melt it down in a double boiler. Set aside to cool and harden slightly.

Attach string or wire to pine cones and spoon warm suet over cones until well-coated. Sprinkle immediately with millet, then push sunflower seeds under scales. Spoon warm suet over pine cones again, building up suet and securing sunflower seeds. Refrigerate until firm and hang from tree branches.



The card above was developed by PAWS, P.O. Box 1037, Lynnwood, WA 98046, for distribution to students. If you'd like a free sample of this handy way to spread the word, contact Lynne Smith at the above address.

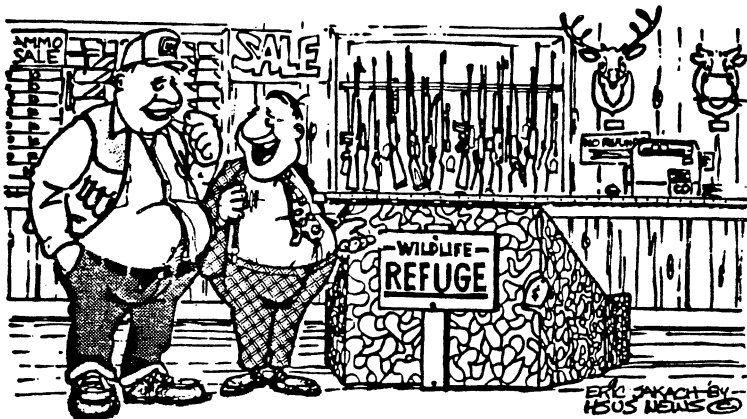
DON'T FORGET.....

...NAAHE also has materials dealing with dissection - "The Living Science: A Humane Approach to the Study of Animals in Elementary and Secondary School Biology" - for teachers, and "Does the Idea of Dissecting or Experimenting on Animals in Biology Class Disturb You?" - for upper secondary and high school age students. A single copy of each pamphlet is free. Send your request to NAAHE, Box 362, East Haddam, CT 06423.

HOW DO CATS PURR?



The Cornell Feline Health Center reports that there are three phases that occur in the larynx to produce the purring sound. First the larynx opening closes slightly creating increased pressure and air resistance. Then there is a rapid opening of the vocal cords, releasing the pressure. The rapid change in pressure causes air vibrations, thus resulting in the purring sound. The rapid and regular activation of muscles in the throat and diaphragm creates the initial air turbulence. The whole sequence occurs quickly - 30-40 milliseconds.



HUNTING BUNDS?! THIS ONE FOOLS 'EM EVERY TIME!

