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Dr. Michael Fox, animal behavioral psychologist and author, recently visited Klein's Eggland Farm in Madison, Connecticut to study the behavior of chickens as part of his research into "factory farming" techniques and alternatives.

Dr. Fox is Director of The Institute for the Study of Animal Problems, a division of The Humane Society of the United States. John J. Dommers, Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, accompanied Dr. Fox and his research associate, James Cohen, on the two day study.

According to Dommers, "Dr. Fox's work as part of our new Institute is to seek 'definitive solutions' to several of the major problems that occur when man and other animals meet. One of the increasing problems we are seeing today is a result of large 'agribusiness' taking over small farms. People are treating animals more as machines than the sentient creatures they are."

"Klein's Eggland Farm represents the kind of small farm operation that is in danger of becoming extinct very shortly. Kleins' chickens are not stuffed into small cages in crowded conditions as are so many on large poultry farms where intensive farming techniques are used.

"Dr. Fox is studying the behavior of chickens and other farm animals under relaxed and stressed conditions. His studies are expected to show that animals kept in overcrowded conditions produce far less than 'happy' animals in a more open setting. Dr. Fox will make national farming technique recommendations based on his studies. These should ultimately make the farming operation more profitable for the owner and more comfortable for the animals."

While in Connecticut, Dr. Fox spoke to a major gathering of humanitarians at the annual meeting of Animals In Distress (A.I.D.) an organization based in Wilton, Ct. Over 170 people attended the meeting to hear Dr. Fox's illustrated presentation titled, "Between Animal and Man", based on his latest book.

Dr. Fox, who often appears on the Johnny Carson show, graduated from the Royal Veterinary College and London University. He has a regular "Pet Care" column in McCall's magazine. His books include "Understanding Your Dog" and "Understanding Your Cat".

Other facets of Dr. Fox's studies focus on experimental animals used in laboratories, slaughter techniques, dog and cat population control, and euthanasia techniques and practices for animals.

Dr. Fox will be continuing these studies in New England later this year.

Dr. Fox and Mr. Cohen also studied the problems associated with veal calf farming. Professors from the University of Connecticut Agricultural School assisted the animal behavior experts. Veal calves are confined to small wooden stalls and are kept in almost total darkness during their short lives. Their liquid diets contain antibiotics and other supplements.
SAMANTHA (THE FERRET) MAKES HER DEBUT

As a first grade teacher

Samantha, submitting graciously as Jane Mercugliano tells us, Ridge Road School First Graders’ Samantha’s own story.

She was an instant hit with the Ridge Road Elementary School in North Haven.

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As we go to press, the Governor vetoed a deer “jacking-off” bill, citing that the technique was not humane.

National Association Headquartered at Humane Education Center

John Hoyt, HSUS President, recently announced the appointment of a new Executive Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education. The new NAHAH program is designed to respond to the needs of classroom, animal welfare organizations, humane centers, and youth group educators.

The activities of this new umbrella organization are:

1. Publishing a teacher's magazine that provides ready-made, practical material on how to conduct humane education programs and where to get materials.

2. Developing and conducting workshops for school teachers and humane society educators nationwide.

3. Training and publishing humane education materials such as tillsheets, brochures, records, tapes, and educational TV programs. Some materials will be available to schools at a discount.

4. Working with Organizations and individuals interested in joining NAHAH or subscribing to the new Journal, HUMANE EDUCATION.

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Samantha at Wilbur Cross High School in New Haven.

No one knows where Samantha came from when she was picked up a few years ago in a street in West Haven,

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individual distressed animal at the same time as she sat in the highest councils of HSUS planning the long-term approved and Governor Mehlom Thompson signed it into law House Bill 324 which makes illegal any hunting or trapping of bobcats or fisher in the state of the next two years. The bill was introduced by Representative Fritz Sabbow of Laconia for the statewide antitrapping group, Advocates of Controlled Trapping, New Hampshire now joins New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Illinois, and Pennsylvania in at least temporary protection for Lynx rufus, a species rapidly becoming threatened or endangered in many parts of the United States.

Director's Message
Hello, New England! It's good to be with you. We are now happily settled in the new location of the Regional Office here in West Hartford. If you would like to stop in and say hello, my secretary, Ms. Barbara Fuller, and I would be happy to see you! Although our office is modest, we do have a vast amount of technical information which we'd be happy to share with you for use in your society's work. If you'd like to talk with me personally, I recommend that you call ahead just to be sure I'm not out on a field assignment.

As I know, my immediate predecessor, John Dommers, has been reassigned as Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, a job for which we all know that he is well qualified. I will be attending to matters having to do with:

1) Animal sheltering and control problems and trapping problems.
2) The training of animal control officers and shelter employees.
3) Legal, regulatory, and investigatory reports of animal abuse.
4) Legislative matters.
5) Your society's structural, organizational, and programming problems.
6) And, perhaps most important, membership development and financial support for the great programs currently being carried on by our HSUS staff.

Over the past six years under the eminent leadership of President John Hoyt, we have seen The HSUS grow significantly in size, stature, and effect. We are making an impact. Our staff members are being sought after for appearances on educational and public interest programs, and animal welfare societies from all over the United States. I am proud to be assigned to New England. I look forward to many stimulating meetings and look forward to meeting the rest of you in the days ahead. Rear Admiral Shaw and John Dommers have established a firm foundation on which to build. I am looking forward to working with you in new ways. We are humble, we are learning, and I would be happy to see you at our next meeting. If you would like to participate a lot of hard work, a lot of progress, and a lot of pleasure, as we HSUS members together speak out for the animals who cannot speak for themselves. I look forward to meeting you, hearing your stories, and learning about your work.

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HSUS Appoints New Regional Director

John W. Inman, Jr.

New England Regional Office
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Mr. John Inman was appointed Director of the New England Regional Office of The Humane Society of the United States effective February 1, 1977. He succeeds Rear Admiral James C. Shaw in September 1971. Located in Fort Wayne, Indiana, that office served the Great Lakes Region of the nation to state legislatures on numerous animal protection matters. He has given, upon invitation, information in various quadrants throughout the region. In collaboration with the staff from The Humane Society while on a non-resident term in her junior year. Working to increase the public's awareness about the plight of our wildlife, pet overpopulation and our attitudes towards all animals, Sue presents audiovisual programs to schools, colleges, library groups, a citizen action organization throughout New England.

In an effort to expand the HSUS animal awareness program, a student from Goddard College in Vermont has joined the staff at the Norma Terris Humane Education Center.

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Sue is particularly interested in endangered species as well as working with wildlife to a rehabilitation center helping injured animals and preparing them for release.

NEW ENGLAND FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES ANNUAL MEETING

The Humane Society of the United States participated in the 1977 Annual Meeting of the New England Federation of Humane Societies on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10. The Society was represented by New England Regional Director John Inman and Director of the National Association for the Advancement of Humane Education, John Dommers.

During the course of the meetings, presentations were made on the following subjects: rescue and care of orphaned wildlife; rescue and care of unwanted cats; education; legislation; and racing of both dogs and horses. John Walsh, Field Director of The International Society for the Protection of Animals, reported on his “Operation Noah II”, a rescue program of several hundred animals of a variety of species from a flooded river in Panama in 1976.

Perhaps the most provocative discussion took place over the issue of the racing of dogs and horses. The New England Regional Office has resolved to take a stand on this action to stop the abuses resulting from racing. The steps to be taken will be determined by the Federation’s Board of Directors at a later date. The horse racing interests were presented by Paul Wheeler, President of the Horsemen’s Benevolent Protective Association. The presentation was well received and was apparent from their presentations that as these racing activities prosper and expand, many animals are suffering abuse because of the profit motive. The New England Federation of Humane Societies of the United States has already been involved in these matters elsewhere in the nation, and Regional Director Inman hopes to bring the resources of the HSUS to bear on the situation in New England.


A PROPOSAL: THE TUFFS-NEW ENGLAND SCHOOL OF VETERINARY MEDICINE

On Thursday evening, June 16, Dr. George Whitney (DVM) invited a number of Connecticut citizens to hear Dr. Whitney present a report on the development of the first veterinary medical school in New England since the Middlesex College at Waltham, Mass. closed in 1947. Dr. Whitney is a member of the Connecticut Advisors of the HSUS New England Regional Office. Regional Director John Inman and Connecticut Advisor Allan Loeb were among those in attendance. The HSUS wholeheartedly endorses this proposal and will support it in every way possible, primarily by dissemination of information to its members about the school. It’s exciting and here are some facts:

Overview

The Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine is envisioned as a regional school serving the New England states. Current plans call for the first two years of the program to be held on Tufts University’s Bromfield’s Boston University School of Veterinary Medicine and the second two years at one or more clinical campuses, some of which will be operated in partnership with regional veterinary universities in New England. The use of the existing facilities at Tufts and the land-grant schools will minimize the amount of new

WELCOME TO KATHY SAVESKY

The New England Region welcomes Kathy Savesky, newly appointed Director of the American Humane Education Department based at the Massachusetts SPCA in Boston. Kathy is the former Director of Education for the Indianapolis Humane Society. Both Jack Inman and John Dommers have worked closely with Kathy in setting up several cooperative programs in Indiana. Kathy is replacing Mathilde Keamy who is moving to Australia.

STUDENT JOINS HUMANE SOCIETY FOR SUMMER WORK TERM

In a consortium of local animal interest groups in his own community. Named the “Alliance for Animals,” it became a council made up of the Fort Wayne Humane Society, The Allen County Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, the Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers Association, the Northern Indiana Humane Society, the Fort Wayne Obedience Club, the Fort Wayne Veterinary Medical Association, and the Fort Wayne Zoological Society. The purpose of the Alliance was, and still is, to coordinate the humane education programs of these member organizations and to provide financial assistance to nonprofit pet owners for the medical care of their pets (especially sterilization). It is believed to be the first consortium of its kind in the nation.

Although born and reared in the Midwest, Mr. Inman is no stranger to New England. He is a native of Michigan City, Indiana, and a graduate of Denison University, Granville, Ohio. He attended the Colgate Rochester Divinity School, Rochester, New York and was graduated from the Episcopal Theological School, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Artwork by Robert Proto

f. Inman
construction required for the program and will serve as a model for public-private cooperation in higher education.

Curriculum
A standard four-year veterinary curriculum is planned. Students would begin with a thorough study of the biological principles of veterinary medicine and gradually begin to work with animals in clinical situations. The School, through its post-graduate programs, would specialize in nutrition, public health, aquatic medicine, equine medicine, laboratory animal medicine and toxicology. Each clinical campus would have a specialty area determined by the needs of its immediate area and the need for a balanced curriculum.

Admissions
The School would be a regional resource. Therefore, most of the positions will be reserved for New England residents. Contracts would be negotiated with each of the New England states to secure a set number of vacancies in each entering class for that state’s residents. Decisions about admissions will be made by a faculty committee and be based on undergraduate academic record, personal characteristics, scores on standardized tests and other significant factors. The projected date for the first entering class is 1979.

Class Size
A total enrollment of 400 students pursuing the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree is planned with 100 students per class. During the first years, the enrollment will be limited, with the first class size tentatively set for 35 and then gradually increasing as facilities and faculty are acquired. A student to faculty ratio of approximately 4:1 is projected.

Affiliations
In addition to formal affiliations with the land-grant universities of New England, the Tufts School would probably have agreements for education and research with institutions such as Angell Memorial Animal Hospital, the New England Aquarium, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, the Marine Biological Laboratories, the New England Primate Center and public and private animal hospitals throughout the six-state region. Students would serve externships and take elective courses at these sites.

Development Timetable
If the project proceeds according to schedule, planning will continue through 1977. By early 1978, the Tufts University Board of Trustees will be asked for final approval for the School, and construction of new facilities should begin. The first class will be admitted in the Spring of 1979 and classes should start that summer.

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