

CANADIAN FEDERATION OF HUMANE SOCIETIES

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President's Message

David G.L. Buffett

"Some people are uncomfortable with the idea that human beings belong to the same class of animals as cats, cows and raccoons. They're like the people who become successful then don't want to be reminded of the old neighborhood."

- Phil Donahue, US Talk Show Host

Welcome to the 48th Annual General Meeting, seminars and semi-annual committee meetings.

I first wish to extend words of appreciation for the hospitality that is being extended once again by our host society, the Ottawa Humane Society. They are hosting our AGM for the second time in just three years.

From the founding of the Federation in 1956 Ottawa has always been a stalwart member society and once again in a very short time period it has kindly agreed to assist us with hosting the AGM in Ottawa.

Many of you will be surprised that I have not opened this message with a quote from a profound thinker or a literary giant as opposed to an American Talk Show Host. I do not pretend to know Phil Donahue's philosophy or where he would fall on the spectrum that has animal users at one end and animal rights on the other. However, I believe that there is something instructive in the quote and it is probably illustrative of why many of us gather at these AGMs and become involved in the animal welfare movement despite being from sundry different backgrounds and in many instances having little else in common. We are not afraid to be reminded of the old neighborhood. We recognize in many ways that we are not that much different from our animal friends and are not afraid to remind others of the fact. At the same time we recognize and appreciate the differences, something which often times distinguishes us as animal welfarists from animal rights people.

I do not wish in this report to upstage the Committee Chairs and others whose reports will be included in this Annual Report. Much more of what the Federation has undertaken throughout the past year will become apparent on reading their reports. Consequently, my report will not be lengthy. I do however wish to touch on some highlights.

This past year has seen CFHS continue with the struggle on the national stage to

have the long sought-after amendments to the *Criminal Code* become a reality. I am pleased to report that the Liberal Government in the current Parliamentary session reintroduced *Bill C-10B* as *Bill C-22* and sent it promptly once again to the Senate. *Bill C-22* has precisely the same language as did the former *Bill C-10B*, which died on the order paper when the previous Parliament prorogued.

It is my firm belief that it was only through the efforts of our determined CFHS staff and the outpouring of messages from member societies to those in the political arena that the Bill was restored to the position it had in the last Parliament.

Our efforts to revitalize the Federation continued throughout the year with the production of draft by-laws and a Governance Manual.

In November the Board established priority areas. Emerging from those meetings was the fact that greater emphasis needed to be placed on member services. With that in mind a Member Services Committee has been established. Its task will be to identify ways in which CFHS can improve the services it already delivers and perhaps more importantly, to identify other areas in which it can deliver services to member societies. It will concern itself with developing ways in which the Federation can become a more useful resource to member societies and also with devising ways in which products can be delivered to member societies at advantageous costs thus enhancing the value of membership.

CFHS continues its efforts with PetLynx to develop a national pet registration system which has associated benefits, both financial and otherwise, to member societies and obvious benefits to the pet population. I am pleased to report that as of late there seems to be a renewed interest shown in PetLynx by some of the larger member societies who previously for various reasons were unable to consider adopting the PetLynx program. I wish to thank Larry Evans and the other people at PetLynx for their ongoing support and patience.

The "Barn Fires" project got underway this past year and links have been made with the horse racing community and with other sectors to carry that project forward. It has as its ultimate goal the development of standards which will result in safer housing for agricultural and other large animals.

I wish to thank all of the Committee Chairs for your work in this past year and to thank our CEO, Bob Van Tongerloo and his staff for their tireless efforts on behalf of the CFHS. It has been my privilege to serve as President in the year 2003 and I am grateful to have been able to work with so many fine people.

I would be remiss in failing to note that three long-time Directors will be no longer with us in this coming year. Don Laughton and Dr. David Wooldridge from British Columbia tendered their resignations. Both were well known to most in the movement and I wish to formally acknowledge their contributions over the many years

that they served. You will note that David has served for a number of years and during this past year as the Chair of our Animal Research Issues Committee. I am very pleased to note that he has agreed to continue to serve on that committee and that he has also agreed to continue to serve on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Council on Animal Care. It is reassuring to know that his contributions will continue in that forum. As well Sharon Miko from Ottawa, resigned in order to take up a position with the Ottawa Humane Society. Sharon served as Treasurer and was active on a number of fronts including Animals in Entertainment, Humane Education, and Governance. We are pleased to know that Sharon's presence will continue to be felt in the animal welfare movement through her work with Ottawa and through her continued preparedness to work on Committee issues.

Chief Executive Officer's Report*

Robert Van Tongerloo

In 2003, the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies (CFHS) faced not only another challenging year, but also one of dynamic expansion in program and development capacity.

Highlights

Changes to the *Criminal Code of Canada*

The end of 2003 marked four years since the Bill to change the animal cruelty provisions of the *Criminal Code* was initiated. While the outstanding work of so many humane society volunteers and staff to obtain the long-standing and badly-needed changes is not yet finally successful, much credit goes to them that the critical changes have survived in the proposed legislation and that the Government is still determined to see it through.

Nationally Branded Programs

The CFHS engaged member organizations in a number of mutually advantageous programs and projects during 2003. Some of the most notable among these, in terms of realized and potential value and mutual advantage to the CFHS and to humane societies are the national web-based lost & found system and the shelter database system, in partnership with PetLynx; a national *Be kind to Animals Week*; pet insurance with Petplan, including royalties to participating members; and free flea and tick topicals from Hartz.

National Companion Animal Coalition

As a member of the National Companion Animal Coalition, the CFHS was involved in developing tools regarding aggressive dogs, puppy mills and setting microchip/database standards, among other initiatives.

A Few Other Noteworthy Initiatives

- implementation of a strategic planning process for CFHS
- development of a variety of governance tools (By-laws, Manual, Rules and Regulations)

* CFHS office activity is reported in greater detail elsewhere in this Report

- initiation of priority setting and reporting to the CFHS Board and Members
- new national livestock codes of practice/on-farm standards
- introduction of an enhanced focus on member services, including a new standing committee dedicated to that purpose

We give thanks once again to our hard-working CFHS volunteers: Jocelyne Lachance, Emma O'Connor and Lori Snyder who give generously of their time and energy.

A huge vote of thanks goes to Cathy Thomas, her staff at the Calgary Humane Society and their Board of Directors for their outstanding work in launching the national lost & found system and the national shelter database system, in partnership with Larry Evans and the PetLynx Corporation. The CFHS and all humane societies in Canada owe them a great debt for what they have done!

We are, once again, grateful to the CFHS Board of Directors, standing and special committee chairs and their members for their significant contributions during 2003.

And very special thanks go to Pat LeGrow for the mostly thankless but critically important work of leading and doing most of the painstaking labour to prepare the CFHS By-laws/Governance Manual/Rules and Regulations; and to Dr. Ernie Olfert for doing the same for the Shelter Operations Manual. Congratulations to them both!

I am also pleased to acknowledge the work of our own staff: Shelagh MacDonald, Eric Adriaans, Tania Beriau, Pat Sample, Margaret Campagna, Tanya O'Callaghan and Dorothy Bender, who make up a team without which I would be helpless. We welcome the members of our agricultural unit, who are with us thanks to an agreement with Human Resources Development Canada: Shaeney Cybulski and Danielle Tremblay.

My final acknowledgement is to President David Buffett, whose very able leadership has brought us through another demanding year; and the Board of Directors, without whose admirable skills and efforts we would not be here today.

2004

We face many important challenges, heading into 2004. There are, in my opinion, two which are critical to the CFHS and to each SPCA, at this time: (1) the proposed changes in the *Criminal Code* and; (2) in this time of increasingly difficult fundraising for all organizations, our direct competition with provincial and local societies for the same potential donors.

There is, again in my view, a need to find a new way to survive and thrive. It translates into the CFHS developing and providing labour-saving and/or financially

advantageous value-added tools that will benefit all participating organizations, including the CFHS itself. We hope and anticipate that our stakeholders will embrace these opportunities, so that competitive fund-raising may be replaced by opportunities of mutual advantage. This will also permit us to continue our national advocacy role and that of finding, developing and brokering ways to assist in improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the participating organizations.

If we do not proceed in this way, supporting one another, the CFHS will fail and all will suffer, including the most needy animals in Canada.

Development Director's Report

Eric Adriaans

Last year, I reported that a dwindling supporter base was CFHS' greatest fundraising challenge. I also reported that this dwindling support would be an issue requiring investment and attention. For 2003, I am pleased to report that we have made significant gains in recapturing the attention of our supporters and recruiting new supporters to our mission to promote compassion and humane treatment for all animals in Canada.

In 2003, CFHS issued approximately 8000 income tax receipts. This is an increase of almost 7% over 2002 levels. Our methods to initiate these changes have been to:

- 1) update our direct mail presentation with more pictures and colour
- 2) educate supporters about a broader spectrum of animal welfare issues on which we are active
- 3) engage in new and innovative donor recruitment activities
- 4) deliver faster and more personalized service to donors on each contact

The details of this report represent the changing expectations of animal welfare supporters in Canada. Better service and a deeper engagement of our supporters has been vital to our operations in 2003.

Joint Campaigns

For 2003, the Warm Hearts campaign, in partnership with the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS), was severely cut back in scale, taking the form of a direct mail appeal to only 5000 individuals. CFHS continued to be the appeal manager and results were very strong with \$34,699 raised. As in 2002, net proceeds were divided 36% to CFHS and 64% to OHS. We are pleased that Ottawa residents continue to maintain an interest in supporting local and national humane initiatives through the Warm Hearts campaign.

CFHS also collected funds from the 2002 joint campaign with Saskatoon SPCA. This campaign suffered a net loss of approximately \$5000 but we expect to gain long-term gains, as those who did give become loyal supporters of CFHS.

Direct Mail and Telephone Campaigns

Direct mail continues to occupy the greatest importance to CFHS fundraising. In 2003, nine appeals were sent to known donors and targeted prospects. For the first time, CFHS committed entire appeals to issues of wildlife and farm animal issues. These targeted campaigns to small groups of supporters have been very successful. In

addition to targeted direct mail initiatives, CFHS has also increased the visual appeal of our communications through the use of pictures and colour to a greater extent than in previous years.

In the latter part of 2003, CFHS made a commitment to terminate all “list trade” practices. By withdrawing from the list trade practice, we intend to protect our supporters from unsolicited requests. We expect to be in a position to report to donors that CFHS no longer engages in list-trade practices by the close of 2004. In place of list-trade practices, CFHS will increase its supporter base through public relations campaigns such as the new *Be Kind to Animals* program, affinity products and sales such as the new Smarter Than Jack book and a scrap-vehicle donation program in partnership with the Clean Air Foundation, plus market research for geographic concentrations of prospective supporters.

Canadian Livestock Emergency Fund

In 2002, CFHS established the Canadian Livestock Emergency Fund to allow Canadians an ongoing method to contribute to the prevention or alleviation of suffering of livestock animals in distress as a result of natural disasters.

As a follow-up to the creation of this fund, CFHS successfully negotiated a grant through Human Resources Development Canada to recruit three staff on a “Farm Animal Welfare Sustainability” project for CFHS. These staff will be primarily responsible for researching, writing and implementing a plan for CFHS to be active in farm animal welfare projects in 2004 and into the future.

Affinity and Corporate Programs

A great deal of progress was made in the area of corporate sponsorships and affinity relationships in 2003. Throughout the year, CFHS announced relationships with corporations offering products and services to member societies as well as the public. These programs included:

- **Doggone Crazy!**, a new humane education-themed board game was brought to market with an affinity fee paid to CFHS for every game sold.
- scrap vehicle donations in Ontario in partnership with the **Clean Air Foundation**
- pet health insurance products in partnership with **Petplan Insurance**
- National Lost and Found in partnership with **PetLynx**
- **Hartz** Flea and Tick topical available to member societies at no cost
- **Iams** sponsored *Be Kind To Animals* campaign (to be launched in 2004)
- **MBNA** and CFHS continue a relationship for affinity MasterCard products
- **Iams** and **Hartz** offered reduced prices to member societies on their products
- **Pets Quarterly Magazine** continued to support CFHS with a free column each edition

- **PetLynx and PetSmart Charities Inc.** sponsorship of our Annual General Meeting in 2003

These relationships enabled CFHS to serve member societies and discover new ways for people to financially support animal welfare in Canada.

Membership

In 2003, a new formula for calculating membership fees was launched. This new structure effectively removed a cap on membership fees, allowing member societies to pay fees reflective of their operational scale. While there was no significant difference between 2002 and 2003 fees paid to CFHS. CFHS is very grateful to Ottawa Humane Society, Calgary Humane Society and Alberta SPCA for recognizing the value of CFHS membership by paying increased membership fees in 2003.

CFHS hopes and expects that more and more humane societies will participate in a variety of mutually beneficial, nationally-branded humane campaigns in the months and years to come.

Planned Giving

During 2003, CFHS was the grateful recipient of bequests from June M. M. Husky, Caradoc Jones, E. Joyce Harris and Helen Roy.

In 2003, CFHS was in contact with more than 50 individuals expressing an interest in making a planned gift to CFHS.

Conclusion

It is only through the support of the thousands of individual and organizational donations that CFHS is able to continue working to promote compassion and humane treatment for all of Canada's wild-, farm-, research- and companion-animals. Our deepest and most heartfelt thanks go to each individual that made a contribution to the humane movement in Canada.

Animal Research Issues Committee

David Wooldridge, Chair

Dirk Dekens, Vice Chair

CFHS Representation on the Canadian Council on Animal Care (CCAC)

During 2003, the CFHS was represented on the CCAC Council by Dr. David Wooldridge, Dr. Dirk Dekens and Bob Van Tongerloo. The CFHS is the only animal welfare organization represented on Council and the only organization to have three representatives. The Council and its Committees meet twice a year to discuss various aspects of the Canadian system of oversight of research animals. Dr. Wooldridge also sat on the Assessment Committee of the CCAC during 2003, Mr. Van Tongerloo sat on the Policy and Philosophy Committee and Dr. Dekens served on the Guidelines Committee.

Assessment Panels

Since the establishment of the CCAC Assessment program in 1968, the CFHS has provided community representation on assessment panels of research facilities in Canada that use animals. These representatives, usually from local humane societies and SPCAs across Canada, volunteer a substantial amount of time, sometimes three or four full days, in addition to preparation time in reviewing documents to prepare for the assessment visit. The CFHS acknowledges this extremely valuable contribution to ensuring the acceptable and responsible use of animals in research institutions. We also thank our member societies for making their inspectors or other staff members **and volunteers** available to participate in assessment panels.

In 2003, due to liability concerns, the CCAC and the CFHS reviewed the system of naming CFHS representatives to assessment panels and have made some revisions that streamline the process but still ensure that the CFHS is appropriately involved.

The CFHS and the CCAC have been working to expand the list of representatives on assessment panels and Animal Care Committees, by cross-referencing the lists and inviting ACC community representatives to consider participating in assessment panels, and vice versa.

Use of Animals in Schools

There is growing concern among students regarding the use of live animals for dissection in schools. The CFHS opposes dissection and vivisection in elementary and secondary schools and encourages the use of computer simulations, models, etc. The committee will be exploring the development of a position paper on the use of animals

in schools. Such a position paper would serve as a starting point to seek funding to help more schools phase out the use of live animals in favour of computer models and other alternatives.

The CFHS sincerely thanks Dr. David Wooldridge for his dedication and hard work in chairing this committee for the past several years. Dr. Wooldridge took a great personal interest in the issues this committee tackled, but has decided to cut back on his commitments to spend more time at home. We are extremely pleased that he has agreed to continue as a member of the committee, in addition to, very generously, agreeing to continue as a CFHS representative on the CCAC Council. Dr. Dekens has kindly agreed to take on the chairmanship of the committee.

Animals in Entertainment Committee

Sharon Miko, Chair January - August

Cathy Thomas, Current Chair

Rodeos

The committee is working on collecting information from humane societies across Canada that monitor rodeos. A standard reporting form will be developed and distributed to societies in 2004, along with a letter asking them to use the form when monitoring rodeos in their region and submit the forms to the CFHS. This will help us establish some Canadian data on how animals are handled, safety precautions taken, the number of injuries incurred and the treatment of injured animals. The Committee thanks the Calgary Humane Society for sharing their experience monitoring the Calgary Stampede, as well as assisting with the development of forms, etc.

This is a substantial project and collecting data is the first step. Subsequently, the committee wants to work on improving conditions for animals in rodeos across Canada.

Wild and Exotic Animals in Circuses

The CFHS continues to monitor circuses that use wild or exotic animals and to assist societies working to introduce bylaws prohibiting such acts in their municipalities. There are currently 29 municipalities in Canada that prohibit performing acts with wild or exotic animals and there have been a number of very close votes at City Councils. The tide appears to be slowly shifting with the public becoming more aware of the suffering of these animals in such unnatural surroundings.

Animals in Films

The committee had discussed launching a significant effort to address the use of animals in films and television in Canada. The goal was to establish a national monitoring system, similar to what exists in the US coordinated by the American Humane Association. This project, although important, has been put on hold due to overriding priorities established by the Board of Directors. Several societies in major Canadian cities are already doing a good job of monitoring film sets in their regions.

Farm Animal Welfare and Transportation Committee

J. Joy Ripley, Chair

Priorities

A grant received from the federal Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC) in September enabled the hiring of three new farm animal welfare specialists, under contract for a 10-month period. They will work with stakeholders, including government and industry representatives, to develop sustainable, ongoing programs to address issues of:

- livestock well-being
- emergency situations in the livestock industry through the Canadian Livestock Emergency Fund (CLEF), established by the CFHS following the HayWest campaign in 2002
- building codes for farm buildings, including research into the incidence of barn fires and development of recommendations to prevent loss of animal life and injuries as a result of fires in farm buildings
- humane equine husbandry and management

In addition, the committee identified a number of other priority issues to be integrated into the Federation's farm animal welfare program including:

- humane slaughter
- auditable national standards for the care and handling of livestock
- transportation of animals
- humane handling of compromised animals ("downers") – part of an ongoing consultation process initiated by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA)
- disposal of cull and low-value animals, including spent laying hens
- animal husbandry practices

Canada Expert Committee on Farm Animal Welfare and Behaviour (ECFAWB)

The Committee's annual meeting was held June 6-7, 2003 at Ottawa, Ontario. CFHS CEO Robert Van Tongerloo and Committee Chair Joy Ripley attended as representatives of the CFHS. Ontario SPCA Chief Inspector Michael Draper also attended as a representative of animal welfare organizations.

The major topic of discussion focussed on the questionable future for voluntary livestock codes of practice and the need for scientific, auditable standards. The Farm

Animal Welfare Steering Committee has recommended establishment of a Canadian Farm Animal Council to co-ordinate the development of national standards and an auditing process.

Dr. Tina Widowski of the University of Guelph gave a presentation on auditing animal welfare on farms. She offered suggestions for types of measures, different approaches, and some assessment tools that could be utilized.

Dr. Temple Grandin outlined implementation of some animal handling and auditing programs in Colorado.

Dr. Malcolm Mitchell of the Roslin Institute in Scotland gave a presentation on the research being conducted into transportation of livestock, including poultry. A significant part of the work is being done in Saskatchewan in conjunction with the University of Saskatchewan to include diverse climatic conditions not experienced in the UK.

Following a presentation by Dr. John Church, Alberta Agriculture Food and Rural Development (AAFRD), and related discussion of on-farm disposal of spent laying hens, a motion introduced by Joy Ripley was passed that, considering the insufficiency of evidence currently available, the Committee not endorse electrical killing of spent laying hens in mobile disposal units on-farm.

Canadian slaughter plant welfare audits

Dr. Temple Grandin was commissioned by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA), with joint funding from the CFHS, to conduct audits of current practices for stunning and handling of animals in 16 Canadian federally inspected beef, pork and chicken slaughter plants, located in Quebec, Ontario, Alberta and Manitoba, during 2002 and 2003. Results of the study indicate that 43% of the audited slaughter plants failed to meet acceptable standards of humaneness in one category or another. Dr. Grandin noted that poor training of employees was a major problem in the failed slaughter plants.

Governance Committee

Patricia LeGrow, Chair

The Governance Committee was established in May 2003 to revise the existing by-laws, develop a Board Governance Manual and a Rules and Regulations Manual.

By-laws

The revision is nearly completed and we hope to get approval from Industry Canada before May.

Board Governance Manual

This manual is for internal board use. It defines governance and outlines the duties and responsibilities of board members. It includes a Conflict of Interest Guideline, Oath of Office and Confidentiality, and Code of Ethics. It also includes job descriptions for individual officers of the board. The manual will be finished by early spring.

Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations document is for members to use in conjunction with the by-laws. It includes membership criteria and the process for electing directors. This document will be sent to the members for their approval when it is completed.

The Governance Committee has accomplished a great deal this year thanks to the hard work of its members.

Humane Education Committee

Patricia LeGrow, Chair

National Companion Animal Coalition

Over the past year, the Coalition has been working on the development of a document to help the public avoid buying puppies from puppy mills. The document includes the definition of a puppy mill as determined by the Coalition; some basic information about choosing a dog; and a Checklist for Acquiring a Dog. The Checklist includes questions about the facility where the puppies are housed, health and physical appearance of the puppies and some information about paperwork pertaining to acquiring a dog. The document is available in English and French on the CFHS website.

In 2003, there were several horrific cases of children being mauled, or even killed, by dogs. Some municipalities respond by employing the knee-jerk reaction of banning specific dog breeds. The Coalition does not support breed-specific bans and has developed a document outlining the reasons why breed bans are not effective and suggesting a better approach to protect the public from vicious or dangerous dogs. The Coalition document promotes responsible pet ownership and recommends an approach that holds pet owners accountable for their dog's behaviour. This document is also on the CFHS website.

Animals Eh? Newspaper

The name of this publication has been changed, as it closely resembles a newsletter of another animal organization. This tabloid publication is published twice a year and contains stories and games aimed at children in grades four to six. Elizabeth Gredley, editor of *The Humane Educator*, produces the newspaper.

Small Animal Factsheets

Two students from the Atlantic Veterinary College were contracted to develop factsheets on guinea pigs, golden hamsters, gerbils, ferrets, budgerigars, cockatiels and finches (captive bred). The factsheets include information on each species or group of species explaining the animal's needs and what a pet owner can expect from the species. The Humane Education Committee reviewed the text for each factsheet and the finished versions have been designed and added to the CFHS website.

Wild or Exotic Pet Factsheet

This factsheet has been developed and approved by the committee. It will be added to the CFHS website in the same format as the small animal factsheets.

CFHS Workshop

Due to fiscal restraints, the CFHS did not host a Humane Education Workshop in 2003. However the Alberta SPCA hosted a workshop in early November featuring Dr. Phil Arkow from the Latham Foundation. There were 50 people in attendance.

CFHS Website

This website continues to receive a significant number of positive comments. The CFHS Communications Coordinator, Tanya O'Callaghan, has taken over the task of Webmaster and has done a great job of keeping the site current and continuing to expand the content. The CFHS sincerely appreciates the contribution of Elizabeth Gredley for initially designing and maintaining the website over the past several years.

Cat Project

The first part of this project was the development of a brochure to educate new cat owners. This brochure was completed in 2003 and 50 copies were distributed to member societies at no charge. Additional copies can be ordered from the CFHS office for a nominal charge. The second part of this project is the development of a factsheet to assist the public about feral cats and what can be done to help them.

The Violence Link

The committee has started to work on gathering Canadian information on the link between human abuse and animal abuse.

Dangerous Dogs

The committee is investigating the issue of dog aggression both in the shelter environment and the public domain to determine what can be done about this tragic situation. There is an urgent need for Canadian statistics on dog bites and the CFHS is making contacts in the public health domain to determine how this data can be collected.

The CFHS Humane Education Committee has been busy this year and completed many of the projects that have been ongoing for the past two years. I thank all the committee members for the time and effort they have invested.

Policy and Philosophy Committee

John Morscher, Chair

Feral Cats

The committee spent considerable time reviewing policies and information from other animal protection groups around the world regarding feral cats. Following input from the CFHS Board of Directors and member societies, the feral cat policy was finalized in 2003.

Dangerous Dogs

The committee is considering the issue of dangerous dogs and the controversial approach of banning specific breeds, which is being implemented in some Canadian municipalities. It was agreed that most dog bites are a result of irresponsible dog ownership, including inappropriate breed choice, lack of appropriate training and socializing, insufficient supervision around children and not spaying or neutering.

The committee does not support breed bans and believes that this approach has many shortcomings. Further input is being gathered before a draft policy can be developed.

Euthanasia

The committee also considered the issue of euthanasia methods in shelters and pounds, but decided not to revise the current general policy on euthanasia.

Status of Animals Committee

David Buffett, Chair

In the year 2003, *Bill C-10B*, the proposed ~~C~~Criminal ~~C~~Code changes, continued to pre-occupy the work of this Committee.

Though for a period it looked as though it had fallen off the radar screen of Parliamentarians, *C-10B* remained a constant on that of the CFHS. I am pleased to report that it has reappeared on the Parliamentary radar screen. I would like to think that it was because it remained very much a focus of this Committee that it re-emerged on the agenda of Parliament and is still very much alive, though this time as *Bill C-22*.

Despite House of Commons admonition that *Bill C-10B*, as it then was, should be passed in the form that it was in when it last left the House of Commons for the Senate, the Senate refused to do so. Instead, it opted to remit *C-10B* for a second time to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee of the Senate.

Those of you who have been following the history of the matter, will recall that when it was first in the Senate last year, that Chamber advocated four changes to the Bill:

- (i) what was in effect an aboriginal exemption
- (ii) the adding of a colour of right defence
- (iii) the welding together of the killing section and the unnecessary pain and suffering section, so that the word unnecessary applied to both killing as well as to the causing of pain and suffering
- (iv) and a change to the definition of the word animal so that animal could not embrace life beyond vertebrates

In June 2003, ~~the~~ Commons accepted the Senate change to the definition. :

It accepted a modified wording with regard to colour of right, making it clear that it would only be a defence if, in the circumstances, it applied and making it clear that it was not in all cases a defence, as the Senate wording had suggested.

The House of Commons rejected the notion of welding together the killing and pain and suffering sections.

~~The~~ Commons also rejected outright that wording which, in our view, had the effect of exempting aboriginal persons.

It was in this modified form that the Bill was sent to the Senate for a second time with a stern message that the Upper Chamber should pass it and not tinker further with it. CFHS took the position that the modifications as proposed by the House of Commons were acceptable.

Unfortunately, two things happened. As mentioned previously, the Senate would not accept the Commons changes, ~~at least not right away~~, opting instead to send it back to their Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee again, and Parliament prorogued, a circumstance which meant the death of *Bill C-10B*.

Obviously we are pleased that the Liberal Government, under Prime Minister Paul Martin, has brought it back in the current Parliamentary session with exactly the same wording and status it had when it was last sent to the Senate in September, 2003.

We should all feel buoyed by this turn of events and can have at least some reason to be hopeful that passage into law will be achieved in the not too distant future, though the hurdle that the Senate poses should not be underestimated.

It is only as a result of the efforts of CFHS staff and the flood of emails and other directives from Canadian humane societies to Government that the Government decided to place *Bill C-10B* amongst the bills it was resurrecting from the last Parliament.

The Committee wishes to thank the CFHS staff and all those societies who lobbied tirelessly to have this resurrection come about. Hopefully when this Committee next reports it will be able to report that C-22 has become law.

As in the previous year much of the Committee's other work was put on hold due to the fact that so much of it hinged on the proposed amendments becoming law. The Committee still plans to undertake or participate in an educational endeavour with respect to *Bill C-22* if and when it becomes law.

Wildlife Committee Report

Jessica Kowalski, Chair

Atlantic Seal Hunt

The CFHS was less active regarding the seal hunt during 2003, although that is not a reflection on its grave concerns about the cruelty in the hunt and the lack of enforcement of regulations. In 2003, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) introduced a new three-year management plan, which established a hunt quota of 985,000 seals for three years. Within this quota, up to 360,000 seals can be killed in one or two years. This represents a substantial increase from the previous year's quota of 285,000.

DFO also introduced the changes to the *Marine Mammal Regulations* that they had been reviewing for some time. The CFHS had commented on these regulation changes, indicating that we did not feel they went far enough to improve the humaneness of the hunt. One of the changes requires sealers clubbing seals to carry out the blinking eye reflex test to ensure each animal is dead before moving on to the next seal. However, DFO did not make this same requirement for sealers shooting seals; the vast majority of seals killed in the hunt are shot. The CFHS continues to have grave concerns over the lack of enforcement of the *Marine Mammal Regulations* regarding the killing of seals, resulting in unnecessary pain and suffering.

The CFHS will continue to monitor the hunt and communicate with other organizations working on the issue, especially the Canadian Veterinary Medical Association.

Wildlife Website

Work has begun on the development of text for a website focussing on wildlife issues. This project has been generously funded by the Canadian Association for Humane Trapping. The website, www.clickforanimals.com, will include information on 10 current wildlife issues, aimed at helping students and the general public understand more about wildlife issues in Canada. Wherever appropriate there will be 'clickable' links for people to send messages to government departments or organizations to express a view or obtain more information. The goal is to have the site launched in 2004.

Standards for Marine Mammals in Captivity

The CFHS was invited to participate on the committee to develop standards for marine mammals in captivity. The process is being coordinated by the Canadian Council on Animal Care by request from DFO. During 2003, the committee reviewed the first and second drafts and in 2004 the CCAC will be sending the revised draft to a panel of marine mammal experts for their review, prior to proceeding to a broad-based consultation process.

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