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ANIMALS **MATTER** TO ME

A note from CEO Steve Carroll

What do the universal health care system, Canadian peacekeepers, the St. Lawrence Seaway and the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies have in common? In 2007, we are all celebrating 50 years as significant institutions contributing to the strength and unity of Canadian society!

Over the past 50 years, the CFHS has made its mark in a number of key animal welfare areas. In this issue we have highlighted some of these accomplishments, none of which would have been possible without the support and commitment of donors and supporters like you. We are very proud of these achievements and we are acutely aware of the obligation and responsibility we carry forward into the next 50 years to continue working tirelessly on your behalf for improved animal welfare. Much work remains to be done.

The welfare of animals in this great country is a responsibility shared by all caring Canadians. That you have seen fit to support the CFHS as your animal welfare organization of choice both humbles and inspires us. As a donor you are, in effect, a non-capital 'shareholder' in this charity. Your financial

support enables the CFHS to work with SPCAs and humane societies, educators, media, government and industry to improve animal welfare. And as this is your organization, we welcome your input and ideas in the work we do to improve the lives of animals.

Where do we go from here? While we will continue to push for improved Criminal Code legislation on animal cruelty, improved farm animal care and transportation regulations, we face other challenges too. Strengthening and unifying the animal welfare sector is a priority. A number of excellent organizations are also doing valuable work nationally and we are committed to building strong, constructive alliances and relationships with these organizations. We are committed to strengthening our ties with Francophone animal welfare organizations which, equally, deserve *une voix nationale* working on their behalf. For our donors and supporters, we are committed to enhancing opportunities and avenues for your direct engagement in this work. On behalf of the Board, staff and membership of the CFHS, thank you for your vital support. Truly, we cannot do this without you.

Raise a glass to 50 years of humaneness

By Robin Jackson
President, CFHS

In reviewing the accomplishments of the CFHS, one is struck by the "humaneness" of what the Federation has achieved: working for more compassionate treatment and slaughter of farm animals, championing legislation to prevent cruel treatment of animals, restricting the conditions under which animals may be used in medical research. This work has been undertaken by people who, through their own codes of ethics, have come together to form an organization to work for the betterment of animal welfare.

Over its fifty years of existence, the CFHS has faced numerous challenges. Not insignificant among these has been educating politicians, government officials and the general public to help them understand the distinctions between animal welfare and animal rights. Funding the Federation to ensure its existence when government subsidies have not been available to it has been a constant struggle. We are an association of humane societies and SPCAs from across the country, each with different concerns. Being relevant and useful to our membership has been a driving force to ensure that the Federation is continually addressing their needs. However, and notwithstanding these sometimes overwhelming challenges, the CFHS continues to exist and grow. It has increased the number of members, built a more solid financial structure, established strong partnerships with stakeholders, corporations and other non-profit organizations and has become recognized as the national voice in Canada on animal welfare issues.

What has driven the staff and volunteers who have been associated with the Federation over the years? Their work has been a reflection of their respect for life which transcends the animal-human connection. Their efforts have been marked by compassion, sympathy and consideration for both animals and other human beings. This is indeed part of the foundation that makes up a civil society and brings out the noblest aspects of the human spirit.

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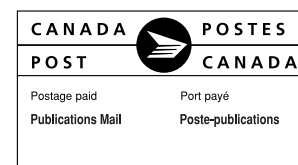
In response to demands of many of our supporters, the CFHS is launching a new line of products - clothing, leashes, ball caps, etc., all promoting the humane treatment of animals everywhere! Let other Canadians know what you think about animals! Your support of this initiative will help us carry the animal welfare message to the streets and will contribute much needed funds to the important work we undertake on behalf of Canadians everywhere. Watch for an update in the next issue of AWIF and visit our on-line store in September. You could even win a new product bundle!

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60 Seconds With. . . Michael Arms

Welcome to *60 Seconds With...* This is your opportunity to spend a moment with some of the leaders in animal welfare, learn about their work, and hear their thoughts on the state of our sector.

For this column's inaugural edition, we introduce you to Michael Arms, President of the Helen Woodward Animal Center in San Diego, California. Mike is internationally recognized for his incredibly innovative approach to animal welfare, and for encouraging and supporting humane societies and SPCAs in their efforts to adopt a more business-like approach to their operations. Mike is behind some of the most ground-breaking initiatives in animal sheltering, including the Adoptathon and Home 4 the Holidays – programs that have been enthusiastically taken up by several humane organizations across Canada.



During our Annual General Meeting and Leadership Summit this past May (read more about the event on the back page of this issue!), Mike led a workshop on innovation and creativity. In just one short day, Mike's energy and ideas inspired attendants. As a result, the CFHS will be working with societies in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and in the Maritimes to bring Mike back next year for a series of conferences on creativity and innovation in shelter management for all humane societies and SPCAs coast to coast.

CFHS: How would you characterize the state of animal welfare in North America today? Are we better or worse off than when you first started working in this sector?

M.A.: I have worked in animal welfare for about 38 years. Though I've seen many changes in our field, these changes are not standardized or consistent throughout the U.S. I find the more successful changes take place with aggressive, creative and caring leadership – understanding the need to run your facility as a business. The organizations that fail, fail for the most part due to mentally lazy leadership. Using statements like "That's the way it's always been done" is just a lame excuse.

What is, in your opinion, the biggest success story in animal welfare in recent years?

I consider the biggest success story in our industry to be the Home 4 the Holidays adoption drive, which this past holiday season was only 7 years old and the campaign resulted in more than 2,400 organizations working together with a concentrated effort of marketing and promoting adoptions. The holiday season ended with more than 378,000 adoptions in North America.

What is our biggest challenge as we move forward? How will we overcome it?

The biggest challenge is to get more directors and board members involved in learning about the business aspects of saving lives. Many managers want to do a better job but are held back by directors and board members who are afraid of change. The way to overcome this situation is by having the people that make these decisions attend our more aggressive and modern workshops.

What do you think would be the final success in our sector?

Our final success story would be to end pet over-population. It would be to educate all pet owners to be more responsible not only with spay/neuter but proper behavioural training for their pets. Some areas of our country have more aggressive spay/neuter programs and less of a pet over population problem, but the animal facilities are full because of people relinquishing their pets due to improper training. There will always be a need for animal facilities but hopefully in the future, that will be primarily for humane education.

What's the next step? What can we do now to get us that much closer to achieving your vision of success in animal welfare?

The next step would be to work together to educate or in some cases re-educate animal facilities across North America in methodologies of running your organization as a successful business. No need to create a new wheel, just learn how other successful businesses are run and modify their process into our industry.

FORGET YOUR NET WORTH – WHAT'S YOUR PET WORTH?

Did you know, Statistics Canada data show there are more than 12,500,000 households in Canada? Research indicates that roughly 51% of all households have at least one dog or one cat. This means that approximately 6,375,000 households have at least one of these cherished family pets. Just imagine what the CFHS could accomplish to improve animal welfare in Canada if each of these households donated 10 cents, 25 cents or even a loonie?

So many of our loyal supporters ask us what they can do to help the CFHS and animals across Canada. Here's an easy way you can make a huge difference today:

The next time you are speaking with a family member or friend who owns a pet, please ask them to make a donation of whatever they can manage to the CFHS to allow us to continue our work to improve animal welfare in Canada.

At the CFHS, we help Canadians help animals. And we can't do it without you. Thank you for your support!

Clarification

In our last issue of *Animal Welfare in Focus*, the CFHS published "Who's Who in Animal Welfare in Canada," which offers additional information on some other animal welfare organizations in Canada. The CFHS wishes to offer further clarification regarding one of the organizations in the grid: the Humane Society International-Canada (HSI-Canada).

HSI-Canada is a Canadian non-profit animal protection organization, which is affiliated with a leading American animal protection charity, the Humane Society of the United States. HSI-Canada currently has a number of national programs in Canada, including a campaign to end the commercial seal hunt, a new national campaign to end the use of battery cages in Canada, a national initiative to prohibit the trade in cat and dog fur in Canada, and vital work to protect polar bears from the impacts of trophy hunts and global warming. The CFHS offers its best wishes to HSI-Canada as a welcome new voice for animal protection in Canada.



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Bringing everyone together: The CFHS' early days as the first national voice for animal welfare

When the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies was first incorporated in 1957, it faced many organizational challenges. There was conflict between different interests of different societies, and between large societies and small ones. Societies and individuals from across Canada were coming together for the first time to collectively improve the welfare of animals in our country, and it was no easy task.

There were different regional biases with different societies focused on some issues over others and determined that their issues were most important. There was also great debate over the number of votes each member society

should carry and whether the larger societies should have more votes.

Despite all the difficulties the CFHS faced as a national organization with growing credibility as the voice for animal welfare in Canada, it was able to successfully overcome these challenges and make significant headway in many areas of animal welfare.

Today, as we celebrate our 50th anniversary, the CFHS must still serve its varied members – large and small, rural and urban, and societies that are local, provincial or even national in scope. The diversity of our membership is our

strength, and one of our challenges as we move forward will be to continue to meet our member societies' needs and provide them with the support they need to fulfill their mandates to help animals across Canada.

In this special issue of *Animal Welfare in Focus*, we take you down the CFHS' memory lane, and share with you some of our biggest challenges and greatest successes of the past half-century. Along the way, we'll introduce you to some of the key people who helped us to become the national voice of humane societies and SPCAs we are today.

Message from our Past President

When one is asked, as I was, to convey some thoughts on the occasion of the 50th year of the federation's existence, one faces the temptations to pontificate, play Monday morning quarterback and reflect on one's time with the CFHS. I propose in this brief message to try to avoid doing any of these things. Instead I want to congratulate the CFHS.

CFHS, you are doing something right! This is self-evident by the very fact that you have been in existence for 50 years.

During that 50 years, you have, on the national stage, represented member societies that are often vastly different in character from each other. You have represented the wealthy and the financially strapped, the large and the small, those which are provincial in scope and those which are purely local, those which have been blessed with human resources and expertise and those which have not, those which have a farm animal focus and those which have a companion animal focus, and those which operate animal shelters and those which do not but which have another emphasis such as humane education.

Given that you represent members so vastly different in character and a membership that spans a continent with the accompanying reality that the issues confronting one member might well be very different from those confronting another, it is no wonder that you have had your struggles. It is no wonder you have at times found yourself financially challenged. It is no wonder that at times you have run up against the sentiment from certain quarters that "we can do it better than you." It should not be surprising that you have experienced frustration at times or been prompted to do some soul searching and to explore ways in which you could make yourself more relevant.

If there is one piece of advice that I would give it would be to examine why you are still in existence after 50 years. Ask yourself exactly what it is that you are. You are a federation. You exist because your member societies choose that you exist. You exist because you provide them with an added dimension, something that they can't get elsewhere, namely, a national voice, the power of numbers, and the fact that they are part of something nation wide. Concentrate on delivering those things that you are in a unique position to be able to deliver. Concentrate on those things which have caused you to still be in existence.

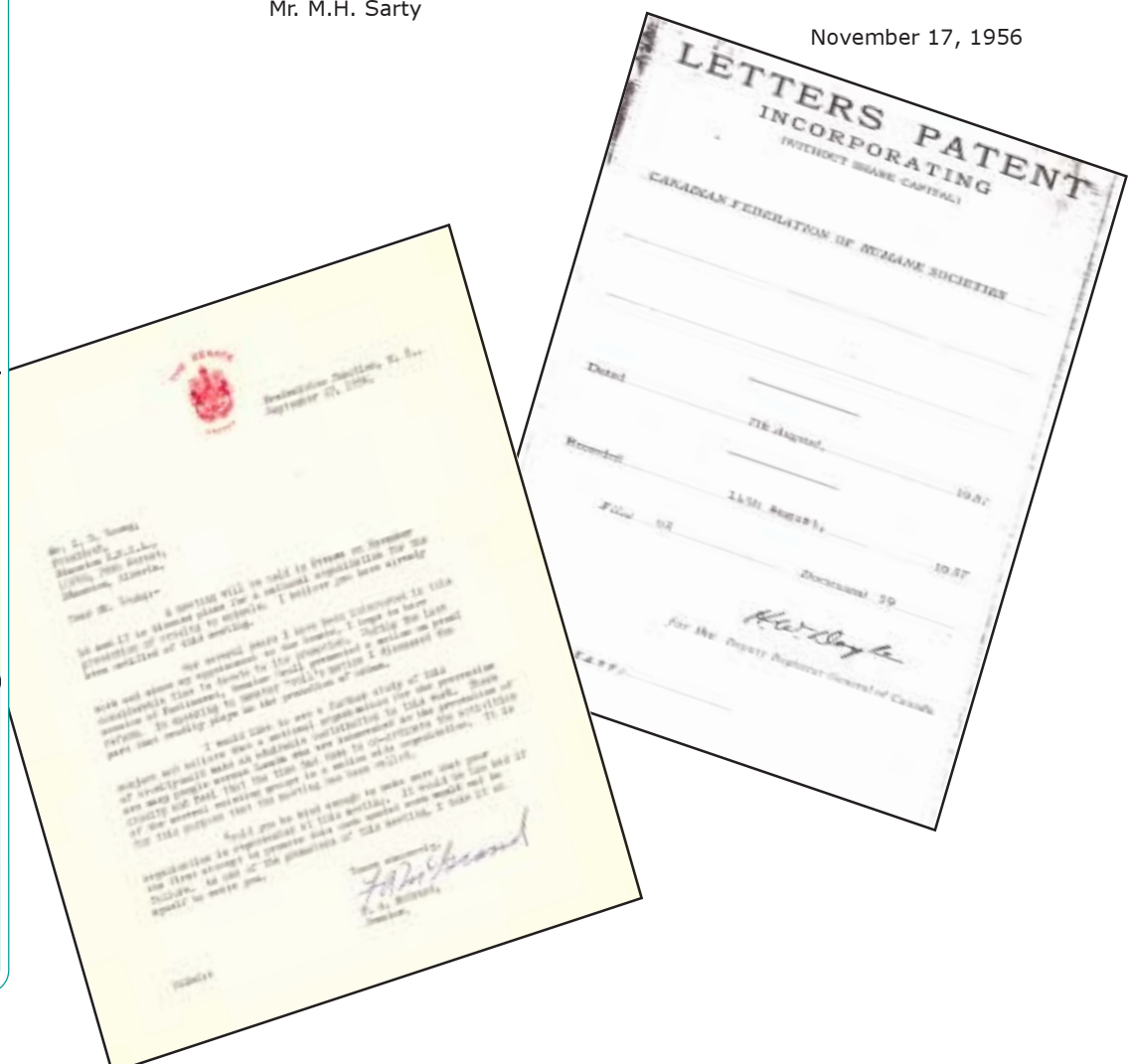
Though congratulations are in order, it is important to be mindful that the challenges will continue. However, the potential is enormous. To your member societies and to those prospective member societies I'd say there must be full and complete buy in on your part. Much has been achieved in the past 50 years but if there is full appreciation on your part of the unique nature of this vehicle which is the CFHS and the opportunity which it presents, even greater achievement is assured over the next 50.

David Buffett
CFHS President, 2002 – 2006



front row (left to right): Miss H.M. Copp, Col. Taylor
back row: Mr. K.R. Harper, Mr. T.I. Hughes, Senator F.A. McGrand,
Mr. M.H. Sarty

November 17, 1956



of Humane Societies fifty years

system of oversight, recognized as one of the best in the world, has resulted in improvements in the welfare of animals used in research. The CFHS is actively involved in the CCAC and nominates animal welfare representatives to assessment panels that visit research facilities that use animals across the country.



Transportation

In 1958, one of the main areas of concern for the CFHS was the transportation of farm animals that are hauled long distances by rail and trucks with no legal requirement for humane handling. There was a serious concern about downers – animals that are too weak, injured or sick to stand up on their own, and often perish along the way. The CFHS began to work towards improving legislation to regulate farm animal transportation, including participating in a round table with government and industry. This led to the passing of the Transport Regulations



of the Animal Disease and Protection Act in 1977. After hundreds of hours of research, discussion, debate, meetings and lobbying, the work of the CFHS paid off. Transportation for animals in Canada was significantly improved, although is still not ideal.

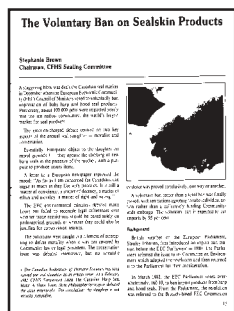
The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) is currently reviewing the Transport Regulations and has sought input from various stakeholders. The CFHS joined with the BC SPCA and the Ontario SPCA to develop recommendations for changes to the current regulations. The CFIA has commended our submission and included many of our suggestions in the proposed changes. The CFHS, along with some of its member societies, is currently working to create awareness of transportation issues in Canada



and encouraging humane societies, SPCAs and caring individuals across Canada to help spread the word to encourage the government to pass the proposed changes.

Sealing

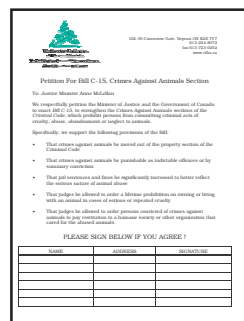
In 1960, the issue of sealing was raised and in 1965 the CFHS began the process of making recommendations to the government to improve the humaneness of sealing. In 1960, the CFHS passed a policy that called for a ban on sealing. The CFHS (as part of the government advisory committee) recommended a moratorium on seal hunting. In 1983, the European Commission placed a ban on white coats, which led to a decline in the seal hunt. But by the mid 1990s, the seal hunt rebounded with higher than ever quotas, but several recommendations made by the CFHS (such as the ban on hunting white coats) are still in place today.



Still today, our organization opposes the Atlantic Seal Hunt. However, at this time, we are not actively working on the seal hunt issue.

Criminal Code

In 1959, the CFHS noted that there were problems with the archaic wording of the animal cruelty sections of the Criminal Code, and in 1980 we officially approached the federal government to update the legislation. A bill to amend the animal cruelty provisions of the Criminal Code was first introduced in 1999. Since then, a total of eight versions of this legislation have been introduced in Parliament. The first seven died on the Order Paper when Parliament was prorogued or elections were called. Due in part to misinformation and fear of animal rights groups, this issue has become contentious, but the CFHS will continue to push for effective legislation that will adequately protect all animals from criminal animal cruelty.



Some of the CFHS' early publications



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responding with the government Criminal Code in enforcing these problems. In the transportation of animals. In 1972, the meeting were eventually included in

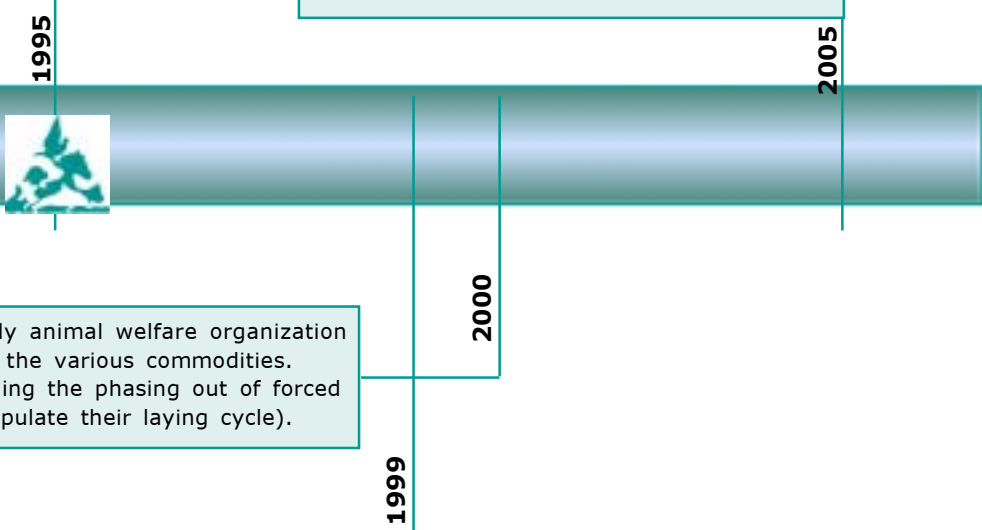
National Farm Animal Care Council: The CFHS is now one of the founding members of the National Farm Animal Care Council, which is taking over the oversight of the development of Codes of Practice. The CFHS is the only animal welfare organization on NFACC and has been pushing hard to have its concerns addressed by the industry groups on council.

the Canadian standard for microchip technology: Through the National Companion Animal Coalition, the CFHS was instrumental in establishing a Canadian standard for microchip identification, so that all microchips sold in Canada could be read by all microchip readers. This means that Canada avoided problems experienced in the US and elsewhere, where certain microchips could not be read and some lost animals, despite being microchipped, could not be reunited with their owners.

Microchip Technology: The CFHS, as a member of the NCAC, helped revise the Canadian standard for microchip technology, adopting the ISO technology.

Codes of Practice for the Care and Handling of Farm Animals: The CFHS was the only animal welfare organization involved in the development of Codes of Practice, which set out basic industry practices for the various commodities. Throughout the development of these codes, the CFHS pushed for some key changes, including the phasing out of forced molting for laying hens (the practice of withholding food or water from laying hens to manipulate their laying cycle).

First bill to amend the animal cruelty provision of the Criminal Code introduced: After nearly 20 years of the CFHS advocating for improvements to the 1892 law, the government finally introduces Bill C-17 in December 1999. Since then, seven new versions of this new legislation have been introduced, but not yet passed. The CFHS continues to push for updates to this 115-year-old law.



Thanks to . . .

In the mid-1950s, dozens of individuals from organizations across Canada saw the need for a national organization that would work on behalf of these local societies; for better laws governing the welfare of animals and to educate Canadians about these issues.

Among this group of pioneers, four individuals have truly stood out for leading the group and laying the foundation for today's CFHS:



Lt. Col. Richard Taylor

Lt. Col. Taylor was president of the Ottawa Humane Society and was a key figure in developing the foundation for what became the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies. He also contacted provincial and local organizations to coordinate efforts "on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves." He was instrumental in encouraging many people from across the country to join the movement for a national organization, including both Senator McGrand and Gord Gunn. He played an important role in providing legal expertise, along with Senator McGrand, for the new organization and was elected president in 1956.



Dr. Aine Cameron

Dr. Cameron was the man whose outcry against inhumane slaughter in Canada sparked interest in a national organization for the prevention of cruelty to animals. In 1955, he was quoted in an Ottawa Citizen report that "the greatest evil in Canada today is the method of slaughtering animals for food." Thanks to his outstanding credentials (graduate of the Ontario Veterinary College, Chief Veterinary Inspector for Canada for fifteen years and Veterinary Director General for Canada, as well as president of the Ottawa Humane Society) his views received national attention. His comments were a wake-up call to animal lovers across the country and humanitarians rallied to the cause.

towards people. He stated, "the worst in human conduct is governed by hate, suspicion and envy, which results in cruelty. A child at birth is neither kind nor cruel" and suggested that human violence and animal abuse cannot be separated. As a result of Lt. Col. Taylor's letters to societies across Canada, McGrand became more interested in a national animal welfare organization and was invited by Taylor to join the committee. "Our purpose is to protect the weak, also to teach. It is of little good to punish the offender. He must be taught, not punished," McGrand said of the importance of the organization.



Gord Gunn

Mr. Gunn was the Honorary Secretary of the Ottawa Humane Society when Taylor convinced him to join the committee for the new national organization in 1956. As a soldier in World War I he witnessed the suffering of war horses and became keenly interested in preventing cruelty to animals. Previously an Ottawa attorney, he was valuable in providing legal expertise in drawing up by-laws and guidelines for the new organization and became one of its greatest advocates.



Senator Frederic McGrand

Sen. McGrand introduced a vital component to the newly-organized federation: the cruelty link which connects cruelty to animals and violence

Congratulations to the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies. The importance of being able to speak for all regions of the country on a national level is crucial as we seek to improve the well-being of those non-human animals upon whom we so depend and enjoy. I found that one of the most rewarding aspects of the CFHS was that it provided the opportunity for people from all parts of Canada to meet, exchange ideas, present positions and foster understanding. Fifty years of dedicated staff, volunteers and member societies have brought the voice and the message of the CFHS to its present prominence. The future holds challenges - old and new. I wish you all success.

Nancy M. Erickson
CFHS President, 1980 - 1989

A celebration of the CFHS' first 50 years is a celebration of the visionaries who founded this first and only national voice for animal welfare in Canada, and the many great animal people who, individually and collectively as member societies, have followed to champion this vital work promoting the humane and responsible treatment, use and protection of all animals.

Animals have lived in varying degrees and conditions of confinement and have been subjected to a variety of traditional treatments and uses. A modern paradigm shift is challenging the broad assumption that some current practices, born of tradition, are fair and ethical. Our societal values and ethics are evolving as attitudes change about the fairness of treatment for animals and people.

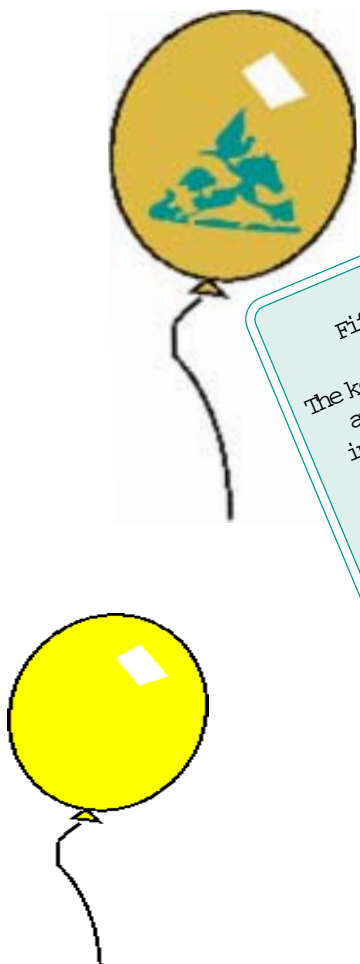
"Children are the living message we send into a time we will not see." Today's children are the future's leaders. Let us carry the vision of our founders and this anniversary celebration into the future through Humane Education programs that, "... bring human perceptions of what is right closer to the way that animals feel about it themselves . . ."; Humane Education programs that will nurture those future leaders to become animal people with an appreciation of the interrelationships of all living things, with sensitivity, empathy and compassion for all life, human and nonhuman.

Joy Ripley
CFHS President, 1998 - 2002

Happy birthday, CFHS!
Fifty years is a significant milestone. The key animal issue today is the treatment of animals raised for food. Canada kills an incredible 696 million animals annually for food. Millions of Canadian hens, sows and veal calves are intensively confined in cages and crates, unable to walk around or fulfill natural behaviours.

Since the 1980s, CFHS has had a say in the codes of practice - industry's voluntary guidelines for animal care on-farm and during transport. Now, with growing public sentiment for improved welfare, is a critical time for CFHS to articulate a strong voice against intensive confinement of farm animals.

Stephanie Brown
CFHS President, 1989 - 1992



Criminal Code Update – Critical Call to Action



On April 25th, Bill S-213 passed Second Reading in the House of Commons and was referred to the Standing Committee on Justice and Human Rights. With only a handful of MPs in the House, Alberta MP Myron Thompson kicked off the discussion. Unfortunately, Mr. Thompson continued to misrepresent the petition launched by Didsbury, Alberta resident, Tamara Chaney. More than 111,000 individuals signed the petition in response to the horrific torture of a dog in Didsbury in 2006. Mr. Thompson stated that most of the signatories opposed Bill S-213. In fact, the petition specifically and clearly stated that it rejected Bill S-213, so ALL the signatories were indicating their opposition to that bill.

MP Mark Holland gave an informed and passionate speech opposing Bill S-213 and calling for the passage of his private member's bill C-373, or something similar. Mr. Holland referred to the broad support that had existed in 2004 for a previous version of his bill. He gave an excellent summary of what Bill C-373 would do and why we must not pass Bill S-213. He quoted from the SES research poll co-commissioned by the CFHS

that showed 85% of Canadians support legislation better than S-213.

The CFHS will ask to appear before the Justice Committee, which we expect will happen this fall. We will continue to oppose Bill S-213 in the strongest possible way. But as we continue to face strong opposition from well-funded animal industry lobby groups, your help is needed more urgently than ever.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Allow us to continue pushing for better legislation. CFHS' efforts to update the Criminal Code are a time and resource-intensive long-term initiative. And we're being road blocked every step of the way by industry and government funded lobby groups. Your donations can help make sure we can give this crucial project the attention it requires.
- Write to your Member of Parliament and tell them how you feel about Bill S-213. Even if you have written to your MP, don't hesitate to get back in touch with them before the Parliamentary session starts.
- Sign the petition to support Bill C-373. Download the petition on our website, www.cfhs.ca. Pass it around to those around you and send in the completed petition forms postage free to Mark Holland's office at the following address:

Mark Holland
Member of Parliament, Ajax-Pickering
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Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

A milestone reached!

CFHS has been the central voice and devoted leader of animal welfare in Canada.

We are pleased to continue our support as they lead the way into the next 50 years.

Warm congratulations on 50 years!



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Pet Food Recall Update

By Christina Atallah

Many pet food products have been pulled from the shelves as investigations continue following a massive pet food recall earlier this year.

The recall started with more than 90 brands of cat and dog food produced by Menu Foods Income Fund in March after reports surfaced that cats and dogs had developed kidney failure from consuming their pet food. The Mississauga-based company pulled about 60 million products off the shelves.

Since then other companies such as Iams and Nestlé Purina PetCare Company voluntarily recalled numerous products, including dry pet food and ferret food.

Soon after the Menu Foods recall, the United States Food and Drug Administration (US FDA) announced that a wheat gluten filler used in some of the products contained melamine - a chemical used in fertilizers and plastics. The contaminated food is blamed for the deaths of 16 pets and making thousands of others ill.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) regulates pet food imports in Canada. The agency has been busy with several recent contamination problems, such as discovering that contaminated pet food was mixed into livestock feed and that wheat gluten from a supplier implicated in the pet food scare was used in fish feed. However, Health Canada



has concluded that consuming animals that ate melamine-contaminated feed would not be dangerous to humans.

The CFIA is trying to improve its pet food inspection programs. According to its website, the agency is also holding all shipments of wheat, rice, soy gluten, corn gluten and protein concentrates from China and testing them for melamine and cyanuric acid. Any of these products that were imported from China in the last year are also

being investigated.

The CFHS has been working with other companion animal stakeholders to monitor this situation and has called on the federal government to regulate the Canadian pet food industry.

Tips

- A full list of the recalled products can be found at <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/petfoodrecall/>.
- If your pet is experiencing weakness, a loss of appetite, a lack of energy or vomiting, it may be suffering from kidney illness and you should contact your veterinarian immediately.
- For more information, visit our website at www.cfhs.ca.

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CFHS Annual General Meeting & Leadership Summit

The CFHS celebrated the 50th anniversary edition of its Annual General Meeting and Leadership Summit May 3-7, 2007 in Toronto, Ontario. The event brought together staff and board members from more than 30 organizations – humane societies and SPCAs, provincial and municipal governments, as well as foundations and corporations that fund and support animal welfare initiatives coast to coast.

This unique annual event provided these leaders an opportunity to discuss some of the key issues facing the animal welfare sector and the steps we must all take together to overcome these challenges.

The CFHS also took advantage of the event to present this year's McGrand Award, the CFHS' most prestigious award that recognizes individuals who have made a significant contribution to animal welfare in Canada.



Michael Arms

across Canada. These events will take place in British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Ontario and in the Atlantic provinces throughout 2008. Stay tuned to *Animal Welfare in Focus* for more information!

Kit Jenkins, of PetSmart Charities, provided attendants with some great tools to help deal with compassion fatigue – a common problem among humane society and SPCA staff.

The CFHS wishes to thank the many sponsors who made the AGM and Leadership Summit possible:

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Robin Jackson (left) presenting McGrand Award to Pat LeGrow

The CFHS is pleased to present the 2007 McGrand Award to Patricia LeGrow, retiring CFHS board member and long-time board member of the Prince Edward Island Humane Society.

"Ms. LeGrow has had a tremendous impact on the governance of the CFHS," said CFHS President Robin Jackson. "After nearly a decade on our board, her skills, knowledge and commitment will be sorely missed - but her achievements will continue to leave their mark on the organization for years to come."

Highlights from the Leadership Summit

Michael Arms, President of the Helen Woodward Animal Center, led a full-day workshop on innovation and creativity in animal welfare and on the need to bring together Canada's animal welfare movement. After some productive discussions about the challenges they face, attendees decided that the first step must be to encourage all humane societies and SPCAs to think outside the box and run their facilities in a more business-like manner. Michael and the Helen Woodward Animal Center have graciously agreed to lead a series of four conferences



Kit Jenkins

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You – our donors, our readers, our supporters – are what enables the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies to keep the doors open and to continue *Helping Canadians Help Animals*. Starting with this special anniversary edition of *Animal Welfare in Focus*, we've decided to turn the spotlight on you! Each issue, we hope to feature a supporter that has made a real difference – for us at the CFHS, and for animals in their own community and across Canada!

Val McWilliams
Victoria, BC

A long-time BC SPCA supporter and volunteer, Val McWilliams discovered the Canadian Federation of Humane Societies while researching federal animal cruelty laws. This Australian-born animal lover was dismayed at Canada's lax cruelty legislation and vowed to do whatever it took to break through the political filibustering and push for amendments to the animal cruelty law.

Since 2005, Val has been a valued supporter for the CFHS – not only financially, but also through her hands on efforts to improve animal welfare in Canada. She has been a strong advocate for the amendments to the Criminal Code, and; along with her own network of BC-based animal lovers, has made her voice heard to her local MP and the last few Justice Ministers on this issue. She stays informed with the latest animal cruelty and CFHS news, and regularly contacts the staff to offer assistance and update us on her own efforts.

"Your website is a great source of information on current cases of abuse. You're not afraid to be heard whenever cases of cruelty are reported and you propose common sense solutions. These are the reasons I support CFHS," wrote Val when asked why she supports the Federation. "And the Scots in me applauds the fact that my donation dollars are used primarily for the benefit of animals while administration and other costs are kept to a minimum."

The CFHS staff and Board of Directors owes Val and our many other supporters like her a huge thank you – on behalf of all animals in Canada.



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