December 3, 1970

Mrs. Christine Stevens, Secretary
Society for Animal Protection Legislation
P. O. Box 3719
Washington, D. C. 20007

Dear Mrs. Stevens:

Certainly thank you for sending me a copy of your Newsletter regarding the Animal Welfare Act of 1970.

Very much appreciate your comments, and hopefully, we will be successful in expediting passage of this important legislation.

In the meantime, if there is any way I may be of assistance, let me know.

Sincerely yours,

BOB DOLE
United States Senate

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MEMORANDUM

Senator Dole---- FYI

Mrs. Stevens called last week and I sent your statement. Hyde says she is one of the prime boosters of this bill. She is also the wife of Roger Stevens, who Gyde says runs the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.
November 30, 1970

Mr. William Taggart
Office of Senator Robert Dole
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Taggart,

Thanks for sending me the Senator's remarks when he introduced the Animal Welfare Act of 1970. I appreciate your getting this off to me in New York. This made it possible to quote Senator Dole in the enclosed circular letter which we have sent out to interested persons throughout the country.

I hope the legislation will progress rapidly, and we are deeply grateful to Senator Dole for his vigorous interest.

Sincerely,

Christine Stevens
Secretary

Enclosure
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November 27, 1970

To Humanitarians:

Your letters have brought more progress. Thanks for writing! The Committee on Agriculture of the U.S. House of Representatives voted unanimously in favor of an excellent bill combining the Foley and Whitehurst bills to broaden and strengthen The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966, P.L. 89-544. Congressman Pogo, Chairman of the Committee, and author of P.L. 89-544, has added his name as a co-sponsor of the new bill, H.R. 19846, The Animal Welfare Act of 1970. Congressman Purcell, Chairman of the Subcommittee, and every member of the Subcommittee, including Congressman Foley whose devoted efforts played so important a part in bringing the bill thus far, are co-sponsors, as is Congressman Whitehurst, initiator of the legislation. This wonderful unanimity bodes well for the bill's chances in the short time remaining before Congress adjourns. But it is essential that humanitarians let their Congressmen and Senators know of their strong support.

Senator Robert Dole, who was a member of the House Agriculture Committee in 1966 when The Laboratory Animal Welfare Act was passed, has introduced a Senate bill, S. 4539, identical to the new House bill. Like the very similar Cranston-Magnuson-Spong bill, S. 4344, it has been referred to the Senate Commerce Committee where we hope for action as soon as possible. In emphasizing the need for the bill, Senator Dole spoke from personal experience remarking that, "Senators would be amazed at the conditions under which some animals are transported from one location to another - whether for sale or exhibition. This law would put a stop to the abuse of these animals."

PLEASE WRITE TODAY TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN AND BOTH YOUR SENATORS URGING THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE ANIMAL WELFARE ACT OF 1970. The bill number in the House of Representatives: H.R. 19846. The bill number in the Senate: S. 4539. A list of all Representatives and Senators is enclosed.

Then please write to as many members of the Senate Commerce Committee as you can. If you have already written to the members of the Subcommittee on Energy, Natural Resources, and the Environment, please write now to other members of the full Committee. Subcommittee members names are starred.

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All Senators may be addressed at: Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., 20510.

Urge the support of the Senate Commerce Committee for The Animal Welfare Act of 1970, S. 4539, and the similar S. 4344, both of which

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would broaden the existing Laboratory Animal Welfare Act, P.L. 89-544, to authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to set humane standards for all kinds of warm-blooded animals throughout their stay in the laboratory, in zoos, circuses, animal dealers' premises, and the wholesale pet industry. The legislation requires appropriate use of analgesic and tranquilizing drugs for laboratory animals. It strengthens enforcement provisions and sets stiff penalties for animal dealers who have tried to keep the dedicated inspectors of the U.S. Department of Agriculture off their premises by threatening them and sometimes actually shooting at them. This legislation must be passed!

Please keep writing till The Animal Welfare Act of 1970 is the law.

Good news for walking horses: The U.S. House of Representatives passed S. 2543 to stop soring of walking horses. The bill has gone to the President for signature. Your letters helped. Now we must work to bring protection to the other warm-blooded animals.

If you can use extra copies of this letter to give to neighbors and friends who will help by writing too, let us know, and they will be sent.

Sincerely,

Madeleine Bemelmans, President
Christine Stevens, Secretary