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HUMANE SOCIETY

An Inventory of Its Scrapbooks

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

Agency: Minnesota Humane Society.
Series Title: Scrapbooks,
Dates: 1972-1983.
Quantity: 1.0 cu. ft. (1 box).
Location: 101.D.19.9B

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

Scrapbooks and loose clippings, the majority of which document the activities of the humane society during the tenure of Executive Director Ruth Deschene (1972-1979). Consisting mainly of clippings, letters, photographs, brochures, and proclamations, the scrapbooks detail Deschene's appointment, speaking engagements, and radio and television appearances; promotional activities of both the state and local societies; coverage of abuse and rescue cases; awards both given and received by the society; Be Kind to Animals Week observances; and the hearing ear dog program. Correspondents include Duluth mayor Ben Boo, Governor Rudy Perpich, Senator Hubert H. Humphrey, Como Zoo director John A. Fletcher, Attorney General Warren Spannaus, and Minnesota Zoological Garden director Donald D. Bridgwater.

There are also two scrapbooks documenting cruelty cases, one volume concerned mainly with the January 1975 rescue and subsequent placement of Tanya, a lion abandoned in an unheated cabin near Hinckley, the other the rescue of over 100 abused horses from a farm near Aitkin and the subsequent prosecution of their owner, Gilbert Menkvold (1975); and volumes covering the activities of the Winona County Humane Society (1973-1975), Range Humane Society, based in Hibbing (1973, 1975), and Borderland Humane Society, serving Koochiching County (1973-1977).

The scrapbooks, all with self-adhesive pages, were unbound in 2001 and the pages placed in file folders. Materials were left adhered to the individual pages unless they were already loose from the page, in which case they were placed directly in the folder and the scrapbook page discarded.

INDEX TERMS

This collection is indexed under the following headings in the catalog of the Minnesota Historical Society. Researchers desiring materials about related topics, persons or places should search the catalog using these headings.

Topics:

Animal rescue--Minnesota.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Awards.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Koochiching County.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Public relations.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Societies, etc.
Be Kind to Animals National Pet Week.
Hearing ear dogs--Minnesota.
Horses--Minnesota.
Humane education--Minnesota.
Lions--Minnesota.

Persons:

Boo, Ben, 1925-.
Bridgwater, Donald D.
Deschene, Ruth.
Fletcher, John A.
Humphrey, Hubert H., (Hubert Horatio), 1911-1978.
Menkvold, Gilbert.
Perpich, Rudy, 1928-.
Spannaus, Warren, 1930-.

Organizations

Borderland Humane Society.
Range Humane Society.
Winona County Humane Society.

Types of Documents:

Brochures.
Clippings.
Photographs.
Scrapbooks.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Preferred Citation:

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS

Note to Researchers: To request materials, please note both the location and box numbers shown below.

Location

101.D.19.9B

Loose clippings, [ca. 1972]-1983. 2 folders.

Loose content materials, 1972-1980.

Minnesota Humane Society:

Clippings, letters, photographs, brochures, and related materials documenting the activities of the society. Each volume's dates are inclusive; the volume may or may not follow a rough chronological order. Materials concerning a single event, activity, or subject may be found in more than one volume, so researchers should check all volumes within a date range to ensure complete coverage.

April 1972 – February 1973.

[ca. August 1972] – January 1973.

February 1973 – October 1973.

March 1973 – June 1976.

June 1973 – January 1974.

December 1973 – March 1975.

1974-1975.

1975-1980.

1976-1977.

Unlabelled, 1974-1977.

State cruelty cases, January 1975 – March 1976.

Mainly clippings documenting the rescue and placement of Tanya, a lion abandoned in an unheated cabin near Hinckley in January 1975.

Aitkin Horses—Gilbert Menkvold, 1975.

Concerns an abuse case involving over 100 horses.

Borderland Humane Society:

Materials documenting the activities of this Koochiching County society; the majority being copies of an *International Falls Daily Journal* column, *Animal Talk*, written by agent-at-large Jean Manley. The volumes are organized in a rough chronological order.

October 1973 – June 1975.

December 1973 – May 1975.

August 1975 – February 1976.

March 1976 – June 1977.

Winona County Humane Society, 1973-1975.

Mainly photocopied clippings documenting its activities.

Range Humane Society, undated, 1973, 1975.

Mainly clippings documenting the activities of this Hibbing based society.