



MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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HUMANE SOCIETY

An Inventory of Its Subject Files

OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Agency:** Minnesota Humane Society.
- Series Title:** Subject files,
- Dates:** 1870-1995.
- Abstract:** Two sets of alphabetical subject files documenting the organization, administration, and various activities and relationships of the society.
- Quantity:** 4.6 cu. ft. (4 boxes and 1 partial box).
- Location:** See Detailed Description section for box locations.

SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE RECORDS

The earlier files, 1870-1962, include both general correspondence files, consisting mainly of letters from members, other societies and elected officials, requests for information, and abuse complaints; and individual subject files. Included in the latter are records of the 1930-1945, 1947, and 1950 annual meetings, articles of incorporation and bylaws (1870-1945), historical materials (1872-1923), Junior Humane Society correspondence (1948-1950), monthly radio broadcast scripts (1939-1951), *St. Paul Shopper* weekly articles (1948-1950s), and material documenting civil service, 1930s-1940s dognapping legislation, St. Paul's July 4th celebrations, Kindness Week observances, activities of society president Dr. D. L. Halver and executive agent/secretary James Nankivell, the American Humane Education Society, and the St. Paul Humane Society.

The latter files, 1967-1995, appear to have been transferred to and maintained by the Department of Administration following the 1986 closure of the society's office. They include the correspondence files of chief investigator Ron McConnell (1982), executive directors Lesley R. Zegart (1980-1982) and Barbara Raye (1983-1984), and board chair Don Wood (1979-1982); articles of incorporation and bylaws (1967-1988?); bequest files (1972-1995); directors and staff lists (1970-1986); Humane Education Resource Task Committee materials (1980-1985); legal documents from a lawsuit involving the society's dissolution (1983-1992); newsletters (1980-1986); news releases (1973-1984); photographs (1970s-1980s); policies (1980-1985); investigator reports (1983-1985); and staff meeting minutes (1983-1985). Other topics dealt with in the files include Como Park, local humane societies, legal issues, legislation, stock certificates,

Pet Haven, Inc., the Volunteer Federation, and Share the Care, a cooperative education program to develop a humane education curriculum for Minnesota's schools.

ARRANGEMENT OF THE RECORDS

Divided into two alphabetical sections: 1870-1962 and 1967-1995.

RELATED MATERIALS

Further files documenting the society's dissolution and resulting lawsuit are found in the Attorney General: Public Finance Division: Litigation files: Barbara Raye vs. Minnesota Humane Society, cataloged separately in the Minnesota Historical Society's State Archives collections.

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--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Investigations.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Public relations.
Animal welfare--Minnesota--Societies, etc
Be Kind to Animals National Pet Week.
Charitable bequests--Minnesota.
Child welfare--Minnesota.
Children--Minnesota--Societies and clubs.
Civil service--Minnesota.
Dogs--Law and legislation--Minnesota.
Fourth of July celebrations--Minnesota--Saint Paul.
Humane education--Minnesota.

Places:

Como Park (Saint Paul, Minn.).

Persons:

Halver, D. L.
McConnell, Ron.
Nankivell, James, 1873-1963.
Olsen, G. James.
Raye, Barbara.
Wood, Don.
Zegart, Lesley R.

Organizations

American Humane Education Society.
Minnesota Humane Society Volunteer Federation.
Minnesota Society for Prevention of Cruelty.
Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
Pet Haven, Inc.
St. Paul Humane Society.

Types of Documents:

Newsletters.
Photographs.
Press releases.
Radio scripts.

Titles:

The St. Paul shopper.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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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	Box	
115.L.14.1B	1	<p>Subject files, 1870-1962 (bulk 1930s-1955):</p> <p>A, 1949-1951. American Humane Association, 1950-1952. American Humane Education Society, 1945-1952. Mainly regarding a subscription to their publication, <i>Our Dumb Animals</i>.</p> <p>Annual meetings, 1930-1945, 1947, 1950. 17 folders. May include correspondence, programs, minutes, annual reports, membership lists, and financial data.</p> <p>Anti-Cruelty Society, Chicago, 1944-1951. Articles of incorporation and bylaws, 1870-1945. Auditor—State of Minnesota, 1951. Automobile, 1944-1952. Includes World War II Application for Supplemental and Occupational Mileage Ration forms and insurance policy.</p> <p>B, 1948-1955. Barnwall case, St. Peter, 1945. Bren, Mrs. Anastasia May, Silver Lake, Minn., 1946-1948. Concerning a patient at Hastings State Hospital.</p> <p>C, 1948-1955. Central Stores Division, 1950-1951. Certification of payroll, 1950-1951. Civil service, 1941-1952. Cruikshank, James H., 1949-1951. Real estate operator, New York City, and active member.</p> <p>D, 1948-1955. Dallas Animal Protective League, Inc., 1942-1946. Dognapping legislation, 1937-1941.</p> <p>E, 1947-1950. Education Committee, 1945-1946. Etzell, James F., Moose Lake, 1949-1952.</p> <p>F, 1948-1955. Films, 1948-1952. Mainly requests to borrow copies of the films: <i>Animals in Service to Man</i> and <i>Out of the Heart</i>. The films appear to have been purchased from the American Humane Association.</p>

Location	Box	
115.L.14.1B	1(cont.)	Subject files, 1870-1962 (bulk 1930s-1955) (cont.): First National Bank, 1931-1948. Fourth of July—Municipal celebration, St. Paul, 1942-1950. G, 1948-1955. Geer, Rev. James A., 1948-1951. Gilchrist, Lee, 1952. Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty president. H, 1948-1955. Halver, Dr. D. L., DVM, 1947-1950. Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty president. Hectograph originals, undated, 1948. Historical materials, 1872-1923. Includes letters from Frank D. Fay, Massachusetts Humane Society secretary (1872, 1873, 1877); a letter from W. L. Goldberg, Alexandria, concerning his membership (1880); a letter from E. W. Chase, society secretary, to Daniel Noyes regarding routine business (1879); a broadside listing laws relating to the prosecution of individuals accused of cruelty to animals (1879); a manuscript copy of a transcript of the examination of a witness in the case of the State vs. B. J. Winkel which involved a cock-fight in St. Paul (1895); reports from local humane societies (1912); program and report of the 1915-1916 annual meeting; and a compilation of legislative action referring to cruelty to animals, Railroad and Warehouse Commission rules, and societies for the prevention of cruelty (1923). Hoover Commission Report, 1950. Report of the Efficiency in Government Commission.

Location	Box	
115.L.14.2F	2	I-J, 1947-1952. Information, 1939-1947. Junior Humane Society correspondence, 1948-1950. K, 1948-1955. Kindness Week, 1945-1951. National activity observance. L, 1931-1955. Legislature, 1935. Legislature, 1939. Legislature, 1945-1947. Legislature: Appropriation, 1943. Legislature: Appropriation, 1945.

Location	Box
115.L.14.2F	<p>2(cont.) Subject files, 1870-1962 (bulk 1930s-1955) (cont.):</p> <p>Liddell, Mrs. W. C. (Ethel), 1945-1949. Includes reports from Liddell, an observer in the Owatonna area.</p> <p>Mc, 1943-1951. M, 1931-1953. Melgren, E. M., 1948-1951. Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty president.</p> <p>Memberships, 1951-1952. Midwest Humane Conference, 1940-1952. Minnesota, Administration, Department of, 1948-1951. Minnesota Historical Society, 1947. N-O, 1948-1952. Nankivell, James, 1935-1952. Minnesota Society for the Prevention of Cruelty Executive Agent/Executive Secretary.</p> <p>National Audubon Society, 1942-1943. National Livestock Loss Prevention Board, 1942-1945. Nelson, Hazel N., 1948-1952. Newspapers, 1947-1950. P, 1938-1951. Pennsylvania SPCA, 1935-1949. Photographs, undated, 1925. Black and white photographs of an undated Annual Mutt Show and a January 10, 1925 view of James Nankivell, Treasurer, A. M. Stooke, President, Earl Odell, and Gregory Bolt, Vice President standing by the society's transport truck.</p> <p>Poems, undated, 1937-1945. Post Office authority, 1941-1948. R, 1931-1952. Radio scripts and related material, 1939-1951. 3 folders. Documenting monthly fifteen minute broadcasts on KSTP (1939) and WMIN (1940-1951).</p> <p>Resolutions, 1930-1941. Retirement fund, 1948-1951. Reward copies, undated. S, 1931-1955. St. Paul Humane Society, 1888-1962. 2 folders. Includes correspondence and a list of subscribers (members) for 1888-1892 and 1931-1962.</p> <p><i>St. Paul Shopper</i>, 1948-[1950s]. Weekly articles run in this newspaper, submitted by Executive Agent James Nankivell.</p>

Location	Box	
115.L.14.2F	2(cont.)	Subject files, 1870-1962 (bulk 1930s-1955) (cont.): Schools-teachers requests, 1950-1951. State letters, 1946-1947.
115.L.14.3B	3	T, 1939-1952. U-V, 1935-1955. Varing, H. G., State Automobile Insurance Association, 1943-1944. W, 1931-1955. Wills, 1931-1947. XYZ, 1942-1950. Subject files, 1967-1995 (bulk 1979-1985): Affiliation dues, 1984-1985. Agents in counties, list, [ca. 1978]. Animal Welfare Statutes, 1984. 1 volume in folder. State statutes relating to animal welfare, published January 1, 1984. Articles of incorporation and bylaws, 1967-[1988?]. Background information, [ca. 1983]. Bequests: Baldwin, Vessie, 1984. Barstow, Gladys V. Trust, 1987-1995. Billings, Bernice H., 1987. Hein, Alfred F., 1986. Johnson, Gloria V., 1989-1990. Jones, Helen Irene, 1982. Kasid, Isabel E., 1983-1988. Kleinman, Zelma E., 1982-1988. Marks, Myrtle L., 1983. Odegard, Alice O., 1989-1990. Seabury, A. Nelson, 1980-1981. Snoddy, Lillian E., 1979-1981. Thoele, Erwin, 1986-1987. Trask, Maude A., 1985-1987. Wahl, Frances C., 1982. General, 1972-1988. Board of Directors, membership lists, 1978-1986. Bock (Terry L.) correspondence, 1986-1988. Director, Management Analysis Division, Department of Administration. Brochures, [ca. 1980-1982]. Carver (John) Policy Development Plan, August 8, 1985.

Location	Box	
115.L.14.3B	3(cont.)	Subject files, 1967-1995 (bulk 1979-1985) (cont.): Committee files: Advisory Committee, 1980-1981. Euthanasia Task Force, 1984-1985. Humane Education Resource Task Committee, 1980-1985. 2 folders. Personnel Committee, 1982. Como Park, 1976-1980. Consultants, 1983. Correspondence: General, 1971-1988. 5 folders. McConnell, Ron, Chief Investigator, 1982. Raye, Barbara, Executive Director, 1983-1984. 2 folders. Wood, Don, Chair, Board of Directors, 1979-1982. 2 folders.
115.L.14.4F	4	Zegart, Lesley R., Executive Director, 1980-1982. 6 folders. Zwernik, Kay, President, 1982-1983. County humane societies, 1975-1985. Directors and staff, lists, 1970-1983. Donations, 1984-1985. Donations, telemarketing list, 1985. Dues, membership list, 1983. Education reports, 1983-1984. Executive director's reports, 1981-1985. Monthly reports; very incomplete. Fact sheets, 1973, 1983, 1987. Federated Humane Society, 1986-1988. Fiscal procedures memo, March 27, 1978. Friends of Animal Adoption, Inc., 1978. Governor, 1976-1979. Grassroots action, April 1985. Humane Education Project (Share the Care): Share the Care: Animal/Human Relationships was a cooperative education project to develop a humane education curriculum for use in Minnesota schools. General, 1978-1985. 4 folders. Evaluation reports, 1983-1985. Curriculum materials and packets, [ca. 1981]-1985. 1 folder, 3 packets, 1 ring binder. Kanabec and Olmsted counties, 1987.

Location	Box	
115.L.14.3B	3(cont.)	Subject files, 1967-1995 (bulk 1979-1985) (cont.): Lawsuits: Avenson vs. Zegart, et al, 1988. Barbara Raye vs. State of Minn., 1986-1988. Dissolution, 1983-1992. 2 folders. Includes documentation of Ramsey County District Court civil cases 498-917 (MSPC and G. James Olsen, et al vs. State of Minn., et al) and 492-599 (In the matter of the voluntary dissolution of the Humane Society).
115.L.14.5B	5	Dissolution, 1983-1992. 5 folders. Legal issues, 1979-1987. Legislation, 1978-1987. Maple Grove training session, Animal Warden Conference, 1978. McDonald's promotions, 1976. Membership list, 1985. Meyer Associates, Murphy Law Office, 1985-1986. Minnesota Association of Animal Control, 1979. Miscellaneous, 1971-1985. Newsletters, 1980-1986. <i>Minnesota Humane Society Newsletter</i> , [1980], <i>Minnesota Humane News</i> , Summer and Fall 1980, and <i>Caring for Their Lifetimes-Minnesota Humane News</i> , 1980-1986, incomplete. News releases, 1973-1984. Nobles, Jim, Legislative Auditor, 1985-1987. Personnel policies, 1984-1985. Pet Haven, Inc., Minneapolis, 1973-1978. Photographs, [1970s-1980s]. Seven black and white photographs, various sizes, showing both abuse cases and activities of the society; one is identified. Physical inventory, 1986. Policies, Board, 1980-1985. Policies, Society, 1983-1985. Policy Statement and Pertinent Minnesota Statutes, 1969, 1973. 2 folders. Press material, 1985-1987. Program activities, [ca. 1980]. Reports of investigator, 1983-1985. Six-month objectives, 1981. Staff meeting minutes, 1983-1985. State of Minnesota, 1983-1985. Stock certificates, 1981-1987. Volunteer Federation, 1981-1984. Zero Pet Population Growth, 1980.