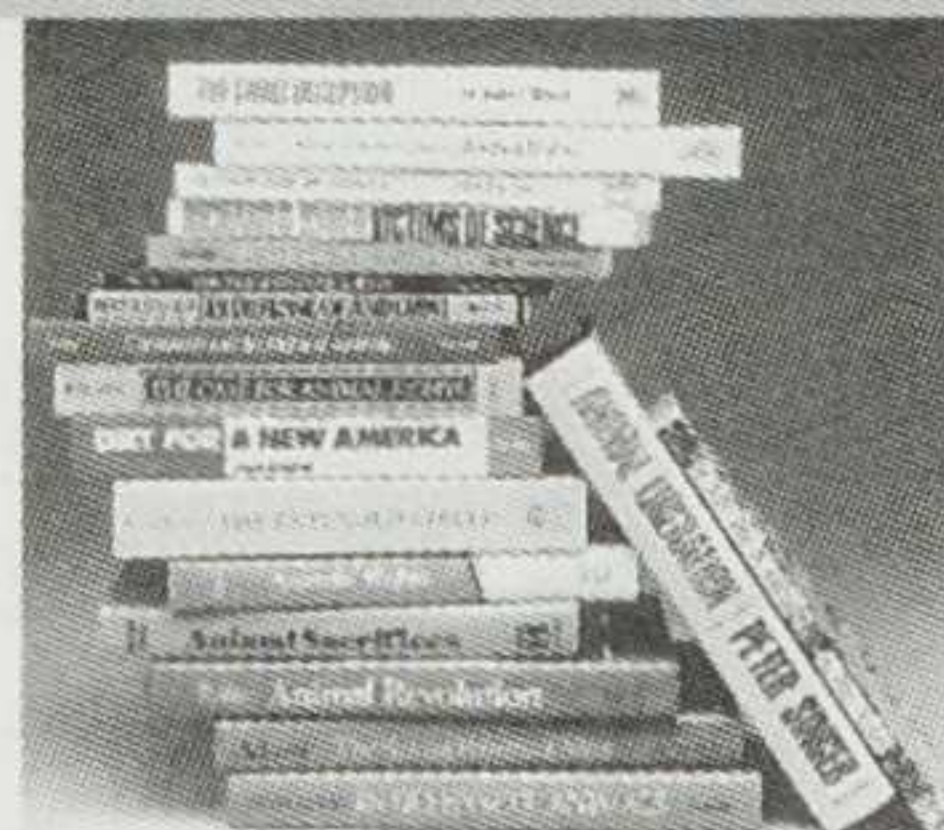




ADOPT-A-LIBRARY PROGRAM STARTED

We teach thousands of students each month through our *Animalearn* programs, but we can't reach everyone. Perhaps you'd like to educate people in your community, but you're not ready to offer presentations or get up in front of an audience. You'd like folks to know about what's happening to animals, but you don't know how to teach them. Inviting us to come speak in your community is an option, but you may also want more than a one-time educational program.

Thanks to the suggestion of a member, we have started an *Adopt-a-Library* program. You can make a contribution to cover the cost of supplying animal protection books to a library of your choice, whether a school or public library, a medical or veterinary school library or a university library.* Or, we can choose a library for you. Perhaps you would like to donate a book a month, or a book a season. Our catalog includes a range of books, from general animal rights, to books for

youth, to cookbooks, to Dr. Robert Sharpe's anti-vivisection books.

So many school libraries have no resources for young people about animal issues. Most medical and veterinary schools have no books which critique vivisection. By adopting a library you are educating people, providing the information which they otherwise might not find.

To adopt a library, make a selection from our catalog and then drop us a note, with

your check payable to The AAVS (PA residents, please add 6% sales tax). Tell us which book(s) to send and which library(ies) to send them to (or if you prefer, we will choose a library on your behalf). Thanks for your help in educating people! ■

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GLEANINGS

MONSANTO'S CONDUCT INEXCUSABLE

It looks as if Monsanto Co.'s marketing of its genetically-engineered bovine growth hormone is as questionable as the drug itself. Prompted by Rep. Bernard Sanders (I-VT), the inspector general of the Department of Health and Human Services recently issued a report to determine whether Monsanto violated federal rules that prohibit promotion of a new drug before it is approved for use.

The report stated that the Food and Drug Administration (FDA)'s Center for Veterinary Medicine warned Monsanto in 1991 that the company was improperly promoting the hormone, citing 24 Monsanto promotional announcements. According to the October 16, 1994 *Washington Post*, one such communication was labeled "BST Worksheet" and "was designed to help dairy farmers figure their

profits from using the drug." The report stated that, despite the Veterinary Center's warning, Monsanto continued to promote the drug for two and a half years, from May 1991 to October 1993. The report also criticized the FDA for not issuing a warning or sanctioning the company; in fact, the federal agency, charged with impartially reviewing safety test results and approving new drugs,

sent Monsanto a letter that the inspector general said would have been "interpreted as excusing [Monsanto's] conduct."

If the FDA's inaction concerning these pre-approval promotional efforts prompts other drug and chemical companies to emulate Monsanto's strategy, what will be the consequences to humans and animals? ■

Eric Kleiman

MEMBER SEEKS CONTACT

Jennifer Tedeschi, an AAVS member, recently moved to Connecticut and wishes to meet anyone in her area who is interested in animal rights. You can contact Jennifer at: 200 Regan Road, #29-C, Vernon, CT 06066.