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DENVER, COLO., September 14, 1933

To the Friends of Child and Animal Protection:

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Both attempts have thus far failed. The Bureau remains as it has been for thirty-two years, its officers have exactly the same powers they have always had and it is still free from the political control that would destroy its usefulness.

The charges made in the newspapers and elsewhere that the funds given to it for dumb animals have been depleted were, of course, untrue and made for political effect. On the contrary, these funds amount to a little over \$7,000 more than when the Bureau received them.

The result of this political persecution thus far is that they have taken away four of our five state officers and gave the remaining one no car nor traveling expenses. The protection of abused and neglected children and dumb animals is therefore practically at an end in Colorado for the coming two years.

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Parent Teachers' Association
Democratic Women's Club
Women's Press Club
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State Federation of Women's Clubs
State Sheriffs' Association
State Police Protective Association

The law requires publication of a biennial report of the Bureau's work and an appropriation was made for it, but this year

we are not permitted to publish it. We have had the enclosed leaflet printed to let you know the kind and amount of work which has been stopped for the present two years.

We have never needed the volunteer officers of the Bureau, who serve without pay, more than we do now and, knowing the stuff they are made of, we know they will stand by and carry on. Not being in politics, we have never been given enough funds to keep in proper touch with the fine men and women who make up this little army of twenty-five hundred enlightened and useful citizens nor to let them know how much we appreciate their indispensable work. They do an incalculable amount of good in their respective communities, but cannot spend the time to handle the difficult and flagrant cases which sheriffs, district attorneys, courts, county commissioners, superintendents of schools and other local officials have been in the habit of referring to the Bureau because, as they say, we can do it better than they can.

To all of them, to the wonderful organizations named and to all our other friends, who helped save the Bureau and keep it out of politics as the one effective official friend abused and neglected children and dumb animals have in this State, we give our heartfelt thanks. The humane and intelligent people of the State will not let this disgraceful condition last long.

Sincerely yours,

The Colorado Humane Society, the State Bureau of
Child and Animal Protection.

By its Board of Directors.

E. H. Whitehead, Secretary.

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STATISTICS

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of the work done during the biennial term of 1931 and 1932 by the State officers of the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection sent out by the office in the State House, but not including any work done by volunteer officers, of whom there are about twenty-five hundred, because of the impossibility of getting the statistics. We have never been given funds to obtain and print these statistics of the vast amount of work being done all the time by the great number of these volunteer, unpaid officers all over the State.

The law requires publication every two years of the work done by the Bureau of Child and Animal Protection, and the Legislature makes an appropriation for printing it. This year we are not permitted to have it printed, so we have prepared the following condensed statistics, and are printing it for the information of the people of the State.

CASES HANDLED

	<u>Denver</u>	<u>State</u>
Boys	1185	569
Girls	1115	575
Men	701	416
Women	840	245
Private homes found	104	65
Colorado Christian Home	1	
Denver Orphans' Home	4	
Colorado Children's Aid	122	8
Denver Community Chest	5	8
City Charities	336	1
Social Service Bureau	139	
Catholic Charities	39	4
Detention Home	22	
City Sanitary Department	38	
Salvation Army Maternity Home	2	2
Crittenton Home, maternity cases	1	2
Volunteers of America	20	2
Red Cross	1	7
Y. M. C. A.	1	
State Home for Dependent Children	32	107
State Home and Training School for Mental Defectives	3	3
Industrial School for Boys	1	3
Industrial School for Girls	6	15
House of Good Shepherd	7	
State Penitentiary	4	11
State Reformatory		7
City and County Jails	76	56

	<u>Denver</u>	<u>State</u>
Petitions in Court for Dependency and Delinquency	141	159
Pool Halls		1
County Poor Farms	1	
Aged Persons	95	29
School Cases	25	80
State Board of Health	6	3
Medical Care Ordered	53	19
State Hospital in Pueblo	7	4
School Attendance	26	134
U. S. Veterans' Bureau		3
Denver Police Department	56	
National Jewish Hospital and Jewish Aid	3	
State Psychopathic Hospital	8	3
Denver General Hospital	28	4
Children's Hospital	10	2
Mothers' Compensation		2
School Nurses and School Boards	16	16
Denver Visiting Nurses	28	
Court Cases, District, County, Justice and Police Courts	258	160
Juvenile Court Cases		
Cases from County and District Judges, Sheriffs, District Attorneys and County Commissioners	70	245
Statutory Offenses	37	40
Legal Aid Society	32	6
Court Cases of Children	136	121
Institutions Investigated	14	3

Horses and Mules	507	3173
Cattle	150	2739
Hogs	46	630
Sheep and Goats	266	1397
Dogs and other Small Animals	4676	429
Horses and Mules taken out of Harness	28	45
Denver City Pound	77	
Horses and Cattle Condemned and Destroyed	78	147
Homes for Horses	10	103
Homes for Other Animals	202	24
Dumb Friends' League	2442	54
Small Animals Condemned and Destroyed	568	14
Veterinarians and Hospital Ordered	227	53
Fish and Game Commission		1
State Veterinarian		3
Relief and Shelter Provided	564	1373
Wild Animals	318	68
Poultry, Coops, Crates and Flocks	103	65
Miscellaneous Cases: Rodeos, Stockyards, Cattle Guards, Shooting and Trapping Birds, Town Ordinances	87	23
Investigations	2611	759
Court Cases of Animals	70	56
Warnings, All Kinds	1773	851
Arrests	110	65
Brand Inspection	2	3
Revenue, State of Colorado, two years	\$23,950	
Miles travelled by Four State Officers (four cars)	144,000	

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