

A.V.M.A. Humane Act Award

In 1877, there was founded an organization called the American Humane Society. It was a federation of societies and individuals whose purpose was to protect children, to prevent cruelty to animals, and in general to promote humane education. In the beginning the project faced many great problems which have since been met by Federal and State governments, through legislation such as the various transportation laws governing the shipment of livestock.

Many small animals and birds have been benefited by the Society through the establishment of sanctuaries and protective organizations. Likewise, animal rescue leagues for the collection and disposition of homeless and unlicensed dogs and cats have been formed.

The American Veterinary Medical Association has become actively interested in such humane work. It believes that humane principles should be impressed upon all American youth, and toward this end has established a Humane Act Award to be presented annually according to the following qualifications. Boys and girls not beyond 18 years of age are eligible. The award will be given in recognition of some outstanding humane act or work accomplished by the boy or girl. It need not be a rescue. The key note is—"work in behalf of kindness to animals."

The award will be in the form of a significant scroll, framed for hanging. It will

be presented by a representative of the Board of Governors of the American Veterinary Association in the district where the winner lives. It is planned that the presentation ceremonies will be attended by local humane societies, local veterinarians, groups such as Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, and Future Farmers of America. In this way, the event and its significance will be properly publicized.

The plan for the nominations is as follows: Each group previously mentioned is entitled to make one nomination, as is each veterinary college and member of the American Veterinary Medical Association. When the nomination is made, it should be accompanied by an explanatory letter supporting the nomination.

The American Veterinary Medical Association committee planning this award is: Chairman, Dr. W. A. Young, of the Chicago Anti-Cruelty Society; Dr. E. F. Schroeder, of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; and Dr. S. T. Michael, of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

All nominations for consideration should be sent to the American Veterinary Medical Association office, 600 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Nominations to be considered for this year's award must be in the A. V. M. A. office not later than April 30, 1944.

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of fracture is shown when the limb can still support weight.

The complementary tendon producing the joint harmony is the superficial digital flexor. It consists almost entirely of a strong tendon arising in the supra-condy-

loid fossa of the femur and inserting on the tuber calcis and the first and second phalanges. It acts to flex the digit and extend the hock joint. A rupture of the tendon in regions below the hock would produce the symptoms described above and in addition would allow the hock to drop and become more flexed. A rupture of the tendon above the hock would re-