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I HAVE BEEN A CLEVELAND ON-AIR TELEVISION METEOROLOGIST FOR 52 YEARS, BEGINNING AT NBC (TV3) IN 1961 AND AT WJW (TV 8) FOR THE LAST 48 YEARS.

FOR THE PAST 35 YEARS I HAVE PRESENTED ANIMAL ADOPTIONS EVERY WEEK. MY AFFECTION FOR ALL ANIMALS BEGAN WHILE GROWING UP ON A SMALL FARM AT GREENSBURG (NOW THE CITY OF GREEN) SOUTH OF AKRON. IT WAS MY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS THAT TAUGHT ME TO BE KIND TO EVERY LIVING CREATURE.

MY PASSION FOR ANIMALS HAS ONLY INCREASED OVER THE YEARS, AND I AM PROUD TO SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES. WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE I WAS THREATENED WITH A COURT MARTIAL FOR CONFRONTING A LIEUTENANT WHO WAS ABOUT TO LAUNCH A CAT THAT WAS TETHERED TO A HYDROGEN UPPER AIR BALLOON. THIS WAS WHILE I WAS ONE OF SIX METEOROLOGISTS ASSIGNED TO THE FIRST HYDROGEN (H-BOMB) TEST IN THE PACIFIC ISLANDS.

I HAVE BEEN THREATENED A NUMBER OF TIMES FOR PERSUADING LEGISLATION THAT WOULD PENALIZE THOSE WHO ABUSE ANIMALS, INCLUDING THE USE OF DOMESTIC ANIMAL PELTS FOR CLOTHING.

OHIO HAS WOEFUL PENALTIES FOR ANIMAL ABUSE, AND WE NEED TO STIFFEN OUR LAWS FOR THE MISTREATMENT OF COMPANION ANIMALS. WE NEED TO BRING OHIO INTO THE 21ST CENTURY.

AS MAHATMA GHANDI SAID, "THE GREATNESS OF A NATION AND ITS MORAL PROGRESS CAN BE JUDGED BY THE WAY ITS ANIMALS ARE TREATED".

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