

HSUS: Farm Animal Welfare Experts

A [2010 study](#) found that American consumers rank The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) as being the most credible source of farm animal care information, outranking both veterinarians and farmers. Including HSUS on an animal care board brings credibility and thereby increased public confidence. The HSUS' science-based recommendations are drawn from its expert advisors, including the following:



[Sara Shields, Ph.D.](#), a consultant for The HSUS on farm animal welfare issues. Dr. Shields is a specialist in poultry behavior and welfare. She earned her B.S. in Zoology from Colorado State University and her Ph.D. from The University of California Davis in Animal Behavior, where she studied broiler chicken behavior and welfare. She also served, in a post-doctoral capacity, at the University of Nebraska's Animal Science department, where she studied the welfare of laying hens and taught animal welfare courses. Dr. Shields is on the Animal Welfare Committee for Safeway.

[Michael Greger, M.D.](#), a physician, author, and internationally recognized professional speaker on various public health issues. Dr. Greger has lectured at the Conference on World Affairs, the National Institutes of Health, and the International Bird Flu Summit, among countless other symposia and institutions, testified before Congress, and was invited as an expert witness in defense of Oprah Winfrey at the infamous "meat defamation" trial. Currently, Dr. Greger serves as HSUS' director of public health and animal agriculture. His recent scientific publications in the [American Journal of Preventive Medicine](#), [Biosecurity and Bioterrorism](#), [Critical Reviews in Microbiology, Family & Community Health](#), and the [International Journal of Food Safety, Nutrition, and Public Health](#) explore the public health implications of industrialized animal agriculture.



In addition, The HSUS operates [The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association](#) (HSVMA), a vast membership of veterinary professionals who engage in direct care programs for animals and educate others in the profession, and the public, about animal welfare issues. Between June 2010 and June 2011, HSVMA has provided medical and surgical services to 8,369 animals and provided 37,000 treatments at a combined value of \$1.3 million.

The HSUS operates [six direct care centers](#) for sick, injured, abused, and abandoned animals, including The Cape Wildlife Center, The Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, The Duchess Sanctuary, The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center, The Doris Day Horse Rescue and Adoption Center, and The South Florida Wildlife Center.

- The HSUS rescues, rehabilitates, and releases nearly 14,000 animals each year at the Cape Wildlife Center, the Fund for Animals Wildlife Center, and the South Florida Wildlife Center.
- The HSUS also provides permanent sanctuary for more than 1,500 animals at our Wildlife Center, Duchess Sanctuary, and Black Beauty Ranch.
- These centers employ approximately 100 staff members, including five full-time veterinarians.

HSUS continually authors [comprehensive reports](#) on animal welfare issues, particularly with regard to food animal production. Reports are authored by trained staff, including Dr. Shields and Dr. Greger.