

2009 Accomplishments

An unprecedented 121 pro-animal state laws, including two that ban intensive confinement of farm animals, are enacted.

Humane Society International launches the world's first country-wide street dog sterilization and vaccination program in Bhutan.

The Shelter Pet Project, the first national advertising campaign to promote adoption of homeless pets, reaches 33,000 media outlets.

The federal government bans the slaughter of adult cows too sick and injured to walk, closing a loophole exposed by an HSUS undercover investigation.

The HSUS launches a national animal fighting tip line, distributes its 50th cash reward for information, expands the End Dogfighting program to Atlanta, and assists law enforcement in hundreds of animal fighting cases.

HSUS animal care centers provide emergency medical treatment and sanctuary to 16,000 animals, while our veterinary clinics and wildlife experts rescue and treat thousands more.

More than 100 brands and companies, including JCPenney, are added to The HSUS's fur-free list.

National battery-cage egg producer Radlo Foods announces plans to convert to cage-free facilities. Wendy's, Red Robin, and other retailers pledge to decrease their use of eggs from caged hens.

HSUS teams rescue more than 10,000 animals from puppy mills, animal fighting operations, and natural disasters.

The European Union bans trade in commercial seal products, inspired largely by an HSUS campaign against Canada's brutal seal hunt.

HSUS undercover investigations expose horrific abuses at a veal slaughter plant and a chimpanzee research lab.