

We are... rescuing animals



The Animal Rescue Team helped 9,000+ victims of cruelty, neglect, and disasters in 2011.



“Working with them was wonderful. ... I would wish that a lot more of my rescues involved The Humane Society.”

—Lisa Saunders, Southeast Llama Rescue



By coming to the aid of animals in crisis, we're helping the victims of abuse, neglect, and disaster find fresh starts.

Llama Rescue: Family Ties Still Binding

Mother and daughter stuck close from the start. That was clear to responders in Nebraska in August, when The HSUS helped organize the rescue of 19 llamas whose owner could no longer care for them (photo 2).

“They would always be together,” says Lisa Saunders, a volunteer with Southeast Llama Rescue, noting that Quay, the daughter, would occasionally try to do a “security nursing” when anxious.

Today, Fay and Quay protect goats and sheep from coyotes on a farm outside Indianapolis (1). They love patrolling their new pasture and gobbling oat treats fed by hand. And their new owners will occasionally spot them cuddling, heads touching. Still together.

Dogfighting Rescue: Sweet as Honey

Raiding a suspected dogfighting ring in Indiana in July, HSUS responders found Honey the pregnant pit bull tied to a short, tangled tow chain outside a dilapidated doghouse (3). She was covered in flies, with no food or water and a nasty hole in her cheek.

Fearful at first, she calmed to the point that The HSUS's Chris Schindler could carry her off the property. Weeks later, she gave birth to two puppies. After spending time learning how to be a dog (4), she was adopted by a vet tech. Schindler saw her again in March 2012 and marveled at the ball-chasing, tail-wagging, outfit-wearing new dog she'd become: “She's doing amazing.”

Puppy Mill Rescue: Finally Free, Finally Home

Abigail stood behind wire caging in a North Carolina puppy mill, her skin red and inflamed, her head tilted to the side because of a severely infected ear. The skinny French bulldog was one of 276 dogs rescued from the property in June (5). “She looked exhausted,” The HSUS's Kim Albaum remembers, “and very sad.”

