



Arkansas Accomplishments (2007 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Arkansas has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
 - Felony-level penalties for malicious acts of cruelty; five-year sentencing enhancement in the case if convicted of torturing an animal in the presence of a child (passed)
 - Attorney General Dustin McDaniel provided \$250,000 funding to train law enforcement officers on interpretation and implementation for animal cruelty laws passed in 2009
 - Pet protection for victims of domestic abuse (passed)
 - First-time state appropriates funds to assist animal shelters throughout the state; \$200,000 appropriated for city and county animal shelters
 - Bill requiring all pets be sterilized prior to leaving animal shelters and rescues (passed)

Direct Assistance, Hands-On Care, Transport, or Placement

- Since 2006, The HSUS has assisted Arkansas law enforcement with the rescue of more than 3,000 animals from cruelty and neglect, spending in excess of quarter million dollars. The cases we were involved in include large-scale puppy mills, horse cruelty, animal hoarding, and animal fighting.
- Since 2006, more than 36 people have been convicted of animal cruelty/animal fighting as a result of our expert assistance to law enforcement and prosecutors.
- Through our assistance and collaboration with the Arkansas Criminal Justice Institute and Attorney General Dustin McDaniel, more than 250 law enforcement officers have been properly trained on how to investigate animal cruelty.
- The HSUS works closely with shelters throughout the state to increase adoptions of shelter animals and develop programs to drive an overall healthier sheltering program. For example, through our work with the city of Little Rock, its shelter has increased adoptions by 30 percent over the last 18 months. We recently awarded a grant to assist with the City of Little Rock's PetSmart Rescue Waggin program.
- The HSUS has provided guidance and support for the use of nonlethal methods to control Canada Geese in several communities throughout Arkansas; most recently, we supported a successful campaign to stop the hunt of Canada geese in North Little Rock's Burns Park.
- Arkansas Wildlife Land Trust properties:
 - Wildwood Wildlife Sanctuary, with 114 acres in northeast Arkansas
 - Meadowcreek Wildlife Sanctuary, with 1241 acres in Fox
 - Crump Wildlife Sanctuary, with 114 acres in Pocahontas
 - Jones Wildlife Sanctuary, with 92 acres in Scott County
 - Moorman Wildlife Sanctuary, with 87 acres in Fayetteville

Disaster Planning and Response

- In 2008, The HSUS guided the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management efforts to develop and implement the state's first comprehensive plan to address animals in disasters.