



## Hawaii Accomplishments (2007 through 2012)

### Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Hawaii has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
  - Felony animal cruelty (passed)
  - Equine animal cruelty; added equines to the list of animals protected under the felony animal cruelty statute (passed)
  - Standards of care for companion animal housing, pet protective orders, prohibition on certain forms of dog tethering (passed)
  - Landmark shark-fin bill and prohibition on shark fin soup and other shark products (passed)
  - Upgrade of anti-cruelty law to require veterinary care to prevent suffering (passed)
  - Strengthening of anti-dogfighting law and animal cruelty statute (passed)
  - Prohibition of the sale of bear bile/gallbladder products (passed)
  - Strengthening of forfeiture statute (passed)
  - Prohibiting the possession of wild deer for future confined hunting operations (passed)
  - Resolutions attempting to weaken monk seal and Green sea turtle protections (killed)

### Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

#### 2012/Ongoing:

- Kauai Humane Society grant following severe flooding and shelter damage
- Grant donations to six feral cat/TNR groups across the state
- Emergency Assistance grant to Oahu Equine 808, for assisting Hawaiian Humane Society in caring for severely abused horses
- In conjunction with The HSUS's Equine and Philanthropy Departments, we received more than \$100,000 in donor funds and in-kind veterinary and volunteer donations to develop and lead the Waikoloa donkey rescue and rehoming project; more than 400 donkeys have been humanely captured and adopted to date, with fewer than 100 remaining under an active humane management plan.
- \$7,000 Ward Research statewide survey on Hawaii residents' attitudes toward the collection of reef wildlife for aquarium purposes (with HSI)
- Posted \$10,000 reward for the killing of four critically endangered monk seals (\$2,500 per incident)
- Paid out cockfighting reward to Hawaii Police Department

#### 2010/2011:

- Ward Research Project grant on cats and cat owner/caregiver attitudes
- Posted numerous \$2,500 rewards for cruelty cases (standing offer on three open investigations)

#### 2009:

- Expended in excess of \$75,000 to rescue 400 dogs, cats, and birds, as well as assist the Oahu SPCA, Hawaii Dog Foundation, CatFriends, and other local organizations with sheltering and rescue operations



### **Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events**

- Lobby 101s/Advocacy Events – The HSUS Hawaii held its annual Humane Lobby Day at the state capitol and numerous advocacy events statewide.
- Animal reproduction control – presented to the community and policymakers on OvoControl and developments in humane animal contraception efforts
- Wildlife and feral cats – with The HSUS's Wildlife Department, we presented to the community on wildlife and feral cat issues.
- The HSUS trained more than 75 law enforcement and animal control officers in 2008 and 2011 on investigating illegal animal fighting.

### **Partnerships**

- Aloha Kanaloa Coalition – The HSUS Hawaii office recently partnered with more than a dozen local and national marine protection and environmental organizations to develop the Aloha Kanaloa Coalition to promote the protection of Hawaii's critically endangered Hawaiian monk seal, including developing a PSA to educate the public about the plight of the seal.
- Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources Division of Conservation and Resource Enforcement tipline and reward Program – The HSUS Hawaii office, in conjunction with The HSUS Wildlife Abuse Campaign and Wildlife Land Trust, continue to sponsor a statewide toll-free tipline and \$2,500 reward for designated wildlife crimes.
- Coalition for the Protection of Cats and Wildlife – The HSUS Hawaii office led the formation of a coalition of state and federal wildlife agencies and local humane groups to collaborate on feral and free-roaming cat issues and wildlife/native bird conflicts.
- Handle with Care/Long Distance Pig Transport campaign – The HSUS Hawaii, WSPA, and Animal Rights Hawaii led efforts to end the inhumane transport of thousands of pigs who are shipped from the mainland to Hawaii each year for slaughter. The campaign resulted in major local grocers Foodland, Times, and Don Quijote pledging to discontinue the sale of pork from live mainland imported pigs.

### **Corporate Reform**

- Puppy friendly pet store pledge – To date, six pet-supply retailers have taken The HSUS's Puppy Friendly Pet Store pledge, committing not to sell puppies in favor or promoting shelter adoptions.
- Humane bird control (Innolytics, Orkin, Ecolab) – In conjunction with Innolytics and local pest control operators, a number of large businesses (including the Hawaii Convention Center and International Marketplace) have implemented a humane bird-control program using OvoControl. Additional hotels and businesses are implementing the program in the near future.
- Handle With Care/LDT campaign – As noted above, Foodland, Times, Don Quijote and local retailer Honey Baked Hams have pledged not to sell pork from mainland imported pigs.