



## Illinois Accomplishments (2009 through 2012)

### Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Illinois has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
  - Shark fin ban (passed)
  - Pet store disclosures (passed)
  - Ban on primates as pets (passed)
  - Ban on horse slaughter in 2007 (passed); numerous legislative attempts to overturn this ban also defeated
  - Requirement that antifreeze contain a bittering agent to prevent pet poisoning (passed)
  - Ban on internet hunting (passed)
  - Increased penalties for animal cruelty and animal fighting (passed)
  - Legislation to prohibit undercover investigations in factory farms (killed)
  - Ban on the use of carbon monoxide chambers in shelters and animal control facilities (passed)

### Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- The HSUS has provided \$1,000 in grants to organizations in Illinois since 2009; since 2000, we have put over \$40,000 grant dollars into Illinois and the surrounding states.
- In the last decade, we have awarded \$88,500 in grants to shelters and animal organizations through our facilitation:
  - Facilitated a grant to Tree House Humane Society in Chicago in 2012
  - Facilitated a grant to the Animal Welfare League in Chicago Ridge in 2011
- Grant to the Anti-Cruelty Society in Chicago
- Shelters-in-Crisis grant to Chicago Animal Care and Control to purchase security cameras following a burglary
- Grant to the Animal Welfare League to replace air conditioning units stolen in July 2011
- Grant to the Champaign County Humane Society
- Since January 2011, The HSUS has paid out \$7,500 in rewards in two different successful animal fighting cases in Illinois. We assisted 330 state residents with cruelty situations in their communities. The HSUS also partners with six shelters and rescues in Illinois to care for rescued animals and help find their forever homes.
- Offered reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals involved in an animal cruelty case in Quincy in October 2011
- Worked with Department of Natural Resources to offer rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of individuals involved in two bald eagle shootings in the past year
- Assisted with numerous cruelty cases throughout the state
- Awarded scholarships to deserving shelter professionals to attend The HSUS's Animal Care Expo

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

- The HSUS piloted a program (End Dogfighting) to stop street dogfighting among youth in underserved communities in Chicago. This program served as a model for later programs in Atlanta and Philadelphia, and laid the groundwork for the program's transformation into the Pets for Life program in 2011. Many of the lessons learned in Chicago contributed to the best practices and philosophies of the Pets for Life program, including:



- People in underserved communities do love their pets just as much as folks in privileged communities do; they just lack access to resources to take care of them.
- People who value their dogs as beloved pets aren't likely to enter them in dogfights. Effectively preventing dogfighting means addressing community-wide animal welfare issues, like barriers to services such as spay/neuter, veterinary care, training information and even pet supplies.
- It's not just about "pit bulls." Under End Dogfighting, our classes and services were offered exclusively to pit bull owners. Now that we've opened our classes to all breeds, we see even more pit-bull type dogs than ever, including some whose owners were previously leery of being singled out or "targeted."
- Under End Dogfighting:
  - Produced research article with University of Chicago Survey Lab on attitudes toward dogfighting
  - Held 12 community outreach events
  - Reached more than 2,500 youths in classrooms with humane education program, Canines and Communities
  - More than 350 students attended free dog training classes.
- Under Pets for Life (since Oct 2011):
  - Enrolled more than 150 students in free dog training classes
  - Held community outreach event with 200 people in attendance
  - Partnered with Chicago Animal Care and Control to do outreach events, reaching more than 300 pet owners in underserved communities
  - Strengthened partnerships with PAWS to spay/neuter/vaccinate at least 50 pets a month
  - Distributed hundreds of pet supplies, including leashes, collars, pet food, crates, scratching posts
  - Offered in-home training assistance to more than 75 pet owners
- Offered the following trainings around the state since 2007:
  - Four Disaster Animal Response Team trainings
  - One Emergency Animal Sheltering course
  - Two Investigating Illegal Animal Fighting trainings
  - One Protecting People and Pets course
  - One Animal First Aid for Disaster Responders course