



## **Kansas Accomplishments (2005 through 2012)**

### **Legislation/Public Policy**

- The HSUS in Kansas has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
  - Felony cruelty to animals statute (passed)
  - Felony cockfighting law (passed)
  - Greyhounds are Canines bill (passed)
  - Canned Hunts on Feral Swine (killed)
- Assisting the public policy sector as follows:
  - Worked with ten cities and six counties regarding enactment and enforcement of local animal regulations
  - Working to eliminate carbon monoxide chambers in Kansas (ongoing)
  - Working with multiple shelters on a change in the Kansas Pet Animal Act that would allow adoptions of non-symptomatic FIV positive cats in KS (ongoing)

### **Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions**

- Funds for the past 5-10 years: more than \$15,000 in regional office grants and \$23,500 in grants awarded to shelters and other animal organizations through HSUS's facilitation
- Rewards were offered for the following:
  - \$2,500 – Riley County Dog Killing
  - \$5,000 – Killing of Two Bald Eagles
- Provided cat kennels for Fort Scott's new shelter
- Grants given by The HSUS to two Kansas shelters: Allen County and Ford County
- Grant writing for Operation Wildlife – received grant, assisted with donations for their auction (2011), and placed squirrels that were rescued by Operation Wildlife

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

- Presented education talks at 13 elementary schools, four colleges, three high schools, and 17 other public/private organizations
- Helped create and initiate the first annual Great Plains Conference on Animals and the Environment; presented several different topics to attendees
- Adopted Deerfield Elementary and supplied copies of Kind News to all 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students
- Continue to participate in the KC CAN Project – showing the connection between human and animal violence
- Presented on the correlation between human and animal violence at the McKinny/Vento Summit at Kansas University
- Between June 3, 2011, and June 3, 2012, assisted or solicited help from law enforcement in 61 animal cruelty or neglect calls: 36 calls from cities and 28 from county jurisdictions
- Working with the Kansas State Sheriff's Association for support of Federal Animal Fighting Spectator Prohibition Act
- Placed an additional 67 animals through The HSUS Shelter Placement Partners within the past three years
- Assisted with Coggins testing of Kansas Horses being re-homed



- Visited 32 shelters and rescues in Kansas, giving information covering shelter management, Shelter Partners Program, Shelter Pet Project, disaster response, help with resources and grants, staff training opportunities, coalition information, and pending legislation
- Working with multiple shelters on fundraising and grant opportunities
- Currently working with three shelters to identify resources for capital campaigns
- Working on a database for new shelter and rescue coalition; continue to coordinate meetings and update information for the coalition
- Put together SOPs for new shelters, offered training of staff and volunteers
- Assisted two cities with coyote issues and one with fox issues
- Donated wildlife books to several Kansas communities to help with wildlife-conflict issues
- Helped the Western Plains Animal Refuge with issues regarding state/federal regulations and fund raising

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

- Helped re-home:
  - 43 horses
  - Eight cats
  - 31 dogs
  - Two potbellied pigs
  - Four goats
  - Two alligators
- Helped with the investigation of a facility that housed tigers, based on the cruelty issues with roadside exotic attractions

#### **Disaster Planning and Response**

- The HSUS visited with 39 emergency managers across the state to help them form county animal response teams and regional animal response teams; identify exotic animals, large kennel operations, hoarders, etc. in their area; identify buildings, ball fields, and other areas suitable for an emergency shelter in each county; establish pet animal protocols to incorporate into their county emergency plans.
- The HSUS Kansas state director sits on the KSSART Board and the LEPC Board for Lawrence, and is the Director of the Nebraska/Kansas Animal Response Team
- Continue to educate communities regarding disaster preparedness including speaking at annual meetings and training events
- HSUS representatives responded to emergencies in: Greensburg (5/07), Coffeyville (7/07), Reading (5/11), and Atchison and Doniphan Counties (7/11).
- Trainings: Emergency Animal Sheltering (2/08); Disaster Animal Response Training (2/06, 10/07, 5/09, 8/12)