



Kentucky Accomplishments (1991 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Kentucky has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
 - Legislation to legalize cockfighting (killed)
 - Litigation to establish that bear wrestling acts violate state cruelty laws prohibiting four-legged animals to fight (early 1990s)
 - Litigation to try to stop abusive wildlife practices as a violation of animal fighting statutes (1992)
 - Felony cruelty to animals law – torture of dog or cat – on second offense (passed)
 - Upgrade the felony torture law to first offense (passed)
 - Legislation to amend the cruelty statutes concerning bestiality and legislation to upgrade cruelty statutes regarding: shelter for a dog, forfeiture and bonding, forfeiture of abused animals and prohibition of future ownership, mandatory spay/neuter from shelters, pet protective orders, felony cockfighting, horse soring, etc.
 - Opposed allowing trapping of furbearers in state park
 - Litigation challenging the composition of the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Commission
 - Opposed the re-introduction of elk for hunting purposes
 - Internet hunting ban (passed)
 - Legislation to permit the buying and selling of live coyotes (killed)
 - Opposed establishment of a Kentucky bear hunting season
 - Opposed bear-hounding
 - Opposed establishment of sandhill crane hunting season
 - Legislation creating a spay/neuter license plate with all funds to be distributed via grant to low income pet owners (passed)
 - Legislation outlawing gunshot as euthanasia in shelter settings (passed)
 - Legislation outlining acceptable standards of care and upgrading level of professionalism at Kentucky animal shelters (passed)
 - Served on task forces to upgrade local animal ordinances to create/enhance protections for companion animals – Louisville, Paris, Lebanon, Lexington, Lawrenceburg
 - Assisted the City of Louisville in the legal defense of its local animal ordinance in a federal lawsuit brought by Louisville Kennel Club, hunting groups, etc.
 - Assisted KY Fish and Wildlife in drafting and passing strong exotic pet bans
 - Forced expulsion of exotic acts illegally in state (chimps, tigers)
 - Introduced bill to increase Kentucky penalty for abusive practice of soring Tennessee walking horses from \$10 to escalating fines and prohibition from participating in the sport – starting at \$2,500 and a one-year expulsion, and increasing to lifetime ban
 - Opposed creation of the Livestock Care Standards Commission and Equine Welfare Council; also worked successfully to amend the original language to exclude agribusiness lobbyists and include at-large citizens concerned with farm animal welfare as well as a horse welfare group
 - Successfully opposed the Jefferson County government's plan to engage USDA Wildlife Services to poison a 25,000-bird starling roost in downtown Louisville near peregrine falcon nesting site; filed complaint in federal court to stop poisoning plan



Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Since 2002, The HSUS has facilitated the awards of more than \$74,000 in grants to shelters.
- Provided funding for training and HSUS professional staff as speakers for Kentucky animal control officers at their annual professional conferences
- Sent sheltering experts to struggling animal sanctuary to help develop animal care protocols and provided funding to help spay/neuter the animals on property
- The HSUS shelter services staff provided complimentary review and assistance to six shelters in western Kentucky – Caldwell, Crittenden, McCracken, and Marshall Counties.
- In Letcher County, Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Rural Area Veterinary Services provided veterinary services to low income residents – 244 animals served.
- Provided grants to groups that promote humane care and treatment of horses
- The HSUS offered rewards of \$2,500 in more than 25 animal cruelty cases, resulting in the identification and prosecution of suspects in five cases.

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- Conducted 10 consecutive Humane Lobby Days (2001 – present)
- Conducted disaster trainings – DART and EAS – in Louisville
- Convinced local business with problem geese to stop killing the geese and brought in Geese Peace for training on how to permanently and humanely relocate the geese (2010)
- Constructed a permanent, interactive, educational display at the Kidz Barn at the Kentucky Horse Park highlighting second careers for adopted horses (\$8,000) (opened 2012)
- Spoke on animal cruelty/fighting response at the annual Kentucky prosecutors' conference (2009)
- Conducted free animal cruelty and fighting prosecution seminar in Louisville for 100 law enforcement professionals throughout the region (2011)

Partnerships

- Worked with Kentucky Racing Commission to help to authorize the Tennessee walking horse inspection organizations that totally prohibit soring as the only groups allowed to inspect horse shows where points can be earned which are eligible for the Racing Commission's Breeder's Incentive Fund program (2012)

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

- Advised Graves/McCracken County in dogfighting investigation/evidence collection – resulting in felony conviction (2009)
- Undercover investigation at cockfighting arenas in several Kentucky counties, revealing that state police and other law enforcement were present during cockfights (2009, 2010)
- From 2002 to present, deployed animal rescue team, equipment, volunteers, and/or provided funding assistance to:
 - Butler County: hoarder – 60 animals rescued
 - Adair County: hoarder – 200 animals rescued
 - Adair County: puppy mill – 200 animals rescued
 - Casey County: hoarder/breeder – 210 animals rescued
 - Breckinridge County: hoarder – 60 animals rescued
 - Henry County: puppy mill – 220 animals rescued
 - Breckinridge County: hoarder – 49 horses rescued



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Disaster Planning and Response

- Louisville: flood – 550 animals rescued
- Franklin County: flood – 100 animals rescued
- Laurel County, Morgan County: tornado – 120 animals rescued