



Louisiana Accomplishments (2007 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Louisiana has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
 - Cockfighting ban (passed)
 - Felony to gamble at a cockfight (passed)
 - Felony to participate at any level in a dogfight including as a spectator (passed)
 - Puppy mill bill; enacting licensing fees and a cap on the number of dogs at a breeding facility (passed)
 - Pet protective orders; pets are included in domestic restraining orders (passed)
 - Revised penalties for simple and aggravated animal cruelty, to include a prohibition on owning an animal, anger management, psychological evaluation; a second or subsequent offense of simple cruelty is a felony (passed)
 - Ban on carbon monoxide chambers at shelters (passed)
 - Spectator at a cockfight; it is a crime to participate in a cockfight at any level (passed)
 - Strengthened bond and seizure law (passed)
 - Statewide ban on certain types of tethering (passed)
 - Increased the licensing fees for puppy mills (passed)
 - Requirement that all animals to be sterilized prior to adoption (passed)
 - Prohibition of roadside sale of dogs and cats; sales banned in most public places and at flea market (passed)
 - Increased penalties for aggravated animal cruelty and killing of a police animal (passed)

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Gulf Coast Spay/Neuter Project: Fifty shelters to obtain Asilomar Accords (which provide standardized definitions for consistency among agencies) data from 2005–2010; grants given to each participating shelter in the range of \$10,000-\$20,000 (depending on size)
- Three Humane Alliance low-cost spay/neuter clinics opened in the state; a \$35,000 grant was given to each clinic to assist with startup costs. Additional money was allocated to each clinic to provide for advertising.
- The HSUS gave \$900,000 to the Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine to start a shelter veterinary medicine program. The program currently provides services, along with learning opportunities for students, to 48 shelters throughout the state.
- The HSUS gave \$600,000 to the Dixon Correctional Institute to build an emergency evacuation shelter, an animal shelter for the Parish, and a veterinary clinic at the prison.
- The HSUS gave donations of pet food for pet owners and transported animals from shelters affected by the BP oil spill.
- The HSUS has an MOU with the state Department of Agriculture to provide services when necessary in a disaster.
- The HSUS issued a reward in 2010 for the arrest and conviction of New Year's Eve hanging and slaying of a dog in Calcasieu Parish.
- Chimp Haven grants in 2010 and 2011



Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- Lobby 101s/Advocacy Events – The HSUS holds at least three lobby 101s each year prior to the beginning of the state legislative session.
- Coyote hazing – presentation made to the community, policymakers and the Louisiana Animal Control Association on alternatives to trapping and killing coyotes in urban and rural areas, as well as developments in humane methods to control the coyote population
- Annual Louisiana Animal Control Association – presented state and federal legislative updates and methods to incorporating new laws in the daily work of animal control officers
- Louisiana State Bar Association continuing legal education – Presented state laws to attorneys and current cases in which new laws have been used (2010 to present)
- Louisiana State Animal Rescue Team met with members of LSART and the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry to insure that The HSUS is current with the state emergency contract and compliant with all requirements.

Partnerships

- Coalition of Louisiana animal advocates to work on state legislation
- Louisiana Animal Welfare Commission to work on legislation and shelter reform
- LSU School of Veterinary Medicine to work on shelter reform
- Baton Rouge Spay Neuter to perform community outreach
- Project Purr/Market Umbrella "New Orleans Farmers Markets" to perform community outreach and feral cat relocation

Corporate Reform

- 2010 University of Louisiana, Lafayette New Iberia Research Center – undercover investigation at New Iberia research facility led to USDA investigation into the treatment of primates located at the facility and, ultimately, the retirement of the five oldest chimps to Chimp Haven in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Disaster Planning and Response

- 2008: First cockfighting raid in La.; Little Bayou Game Club shut down and 750 birds seized
- 2010: Assisted in an Arkansas equine cruelty case 114 horses
- 2008: Assisted with an Arkansas hoarding case
- 2008: assisted in a Tennessee puppy mill case
- Worked with emergency services to assist in animal evacuations during:
 - Hurricane Ike
 - Hurricane Gustav
 - BP oil spill
 - 2011 Mississippi River floods