



Maryland Accomplishments (1997 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Maryland has been advocating alongside other state and national coalition partners for the following legislation:
 - Felony level penalties for animal cruelty (passed)
 - Increased penalties for animal cruelty and fighting (passed)
 - Prohibition on the private ownership of dangerous wild animals as pets (passed)
 - Prohibition on Internet hunting (passed)
 - Statewide licensing of commercial dog breeders (passed)
 - Disclosure requirements and consumer protection provisions for pet stores (passed)
- Serve on the governor's appointed task force to study ways to increase funding for spay/neuter programs in Maryland

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Since 2010, The HSUS has helped to provide \$7,500 in grants to Maryland shelters.
- The HSUS helped to fund a pilot project to manage the wild horses on Assateague Island using PZP, an immunocontraceptive.

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- The HSUS has conducted regular trainings for animal control officers, shelter professionals, and emergency responders on Disaster Animal Response Training and Emergency Animal Sheltering, as well as Animal First Aid for Disaster Responders. We have also offered trainings in Maryland on Compassion Fatigue and Transformational Leadership.
- Since 2002, The HSUS has provided in-depth shelter evaluations for three Maryland shelters and offered technical assistance to eight additional animal welfare organizations on issues including reorganization, euthanasia protocols, compassion fatigue, disease and sanitation protocols, bite prevention, humane education, shelter standards, population capacity, and public outreach. We have presented trainings on animal enrichment, emergency sheltering, and animal rescue to the Montgomery County Animal Response Team.
- Provided trainings:
 - Offered a two-day regional workshop on beaver in urbanizing environments in 1997
 - Offered black bear aversive training in conjunction with The DNR
 - Offered training on living with coyotes for more than 200 people in 2007
- Since January 2011, we have trained 723 law enforcement officers in Maryland on illegal animal cruelty and fighting investigations.
- The HSUS provided an all-day training for 35 employees of animal control agencies on addressing wildlife conflicts.
- The HSUS has had a longtime presence lobbying for animal protection legislation in Annapolis, and has trained hundreds of citizens to lobby for animals through annual Humane Lobby Days and grassroots advocacy trainings.

Partnerships

- Partnered with the National Institute of Standards and Technology to use an immunocontraceptive to control a herd of deer on the NIST property



- In 2011, The HSUS worked with the Ocean City Shark Tournament and the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation to encourage and support the inauguration of a catch-and-release division in what had always been a kill tournament. As a result, 100 sharks were released alive, and only one was brought to the dock.
- Membership on state advisory commissions:
 - Serve on the Wildlife Advisory Commission of the DNR, to advise the agency on its policies
 - Served on the Maryland Urban Wildlife Advisory Commission from 2006-2008
 - Served on the Maryland Black Bear Task Force in 2002
 - Served on a committee to draft the Maryland Nuisance Wildlife Control Regulations in 2008
- The HSUS partners with five shelters and rescues in Maryland to care for rescued animals and help find their forever homes.

Corporate Reform

- Twenty-three pet store locations have signed our Puppy Friendly Pet Store Pledge.

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

- In April 2011, The HSUS worked with Queen Anne's County law enforcement to rescue 133 horses from cruelty and neglect. We worked with state and local rescue organizations to temporarily place these horses and invested over \$640,000 to help care for them during the resolution of the criminal case.
- The HSUS assisted 137 state residents needing help with cruelty situations in their communities.
- Through its Humane Wildlife Services arm, The HSUS engaged in mitigation activities as legally permitted by the Maryland, of wildlife from the 40-acre development known as the Spectrum at Watkins Mill. From mid-February through early May 2012, The HSUS trapped and relocated 59 animals and employed harassment techniques to prevent harm to wildlife living in the development site.
- The HSUS coordinated a Canada goose egg-addling program in Montgomery County for 10 seasons from 2001 through 2011 – treating thousands of eggs from hundreds of nests at more than 30 sites. The HSUS also trained numerous community volunteers, grounds keepers, facility maintenance staffers, and landscapers in Montgomery County and elsewhere to addle on their own sites. This program demonstrated the feasibility and effectiveness of addling as one component of a comprehensive humane solution to conflicts with Canada geese and gave property owners and communities an alternative to killing geese merely for being a nuisance.
- The HSUS offers humane wildlife-conflict solution services to homeowners, businesses, and industry in Montgomery, Prince George's, Frederick, Carroll, and Howard Counties through Humane Wildlife Services. Humane Wildlife Services uses cutting-edge humane techniques that protect animals and people, ranging from evicting and excluding wild animals in buildings to preventing flooding caused by beavers.
- The HSUS worked with Greenbelt Animal Control on wildlife issues and ways to reduce unnecessary site visits, intake and harm of wildlife. The HSUS helped them develop policies to effectively and humanely handle the frequent wildlife related calls, leading to the adoption of a policy to put an end to city-sponsored trapping and relocating of wildlife. This "no-trap" perspective also endorses humane ways to eliminate attractions for unwanted wildlife as well as educating residents about their wild neighbors.



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- In Maryland, Humane Wildlife Services has made more than 700 on-site visits to solve animal conflicts with 2,400 animal directly saved. Additionally, they have fielded approximately 3,000 phone or emails dealing with human-wildlife conflicts, resolving many of these conflicts with free advice over the phone or via email response.