



## Massachusetts (1996 through 2012)

### Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Massachusetts has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
  - Wildlife Protection Act, ballot initiative banning cruel traps (passed)
  - Dissection Choice, bill to protect students from academic penalty if their religious or ethical beliefs require alternatives to animal dissection (passed)
  - Pets in Disasters. bill to provide for disaster planning for pets (passed)
  - Internet hunting ban (passed)
  - Greyhound Protection Act, ballot initiative to ban greyhound racing (passed)
  - Bittering Agent and Antifreeze bill to require the addition of a bittering agent to antifreeze (passed)
  - Pet Trusts bill that enables people to leave money to care for their pets with a legally enforceable trust (passed)
  - Animal Control Regulation Act, strengthening the state's animal protection laws:
    - Prohibits discriminatory breed specific legislation
    - Includes pets in restraining orders in domestic violence cases
    - Requires animal control officers receive mandatory safety training
    - Bans the carbon monoxide chamber for euthanasia at shelters
    - Creates the Homeless Animal Prevention and Care Fund, to cover veterinary costs and spay/neuter for homeless pets

### Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Over the last ten years, directly through our efforts, more than \$ 310,000 has been brought into Massachusetts for shelter assistance, animal care programs, emergency assistance, and cruelty cases.

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

- Lobby 101s/Advocacy Events: The HSUS Massachusetts holds its annual Humane Lobby Day at the state capitol and numerous advocacy events statewide. More than 1,000 Massachusetts advocates have participated in Lobby Day and advocacy training since 2010.
- DART: The HSUS has run Disaster Animal Response Team trainings in Massachusetts to prepare state officials and volunteers for handling animals during a disaster.
- Human/Wildlife Conflict Trainings: Our wildlife experts have trained communities leaders in towns such as Wareham to encourage humane resolutions when humane/wildlife conflicts exist.
- Animal Control Officer Training: The HSUS has held trainings for animal control officers in the Commonwealth. The next training is scheduled for fall 2012.
- Animal Cruelty Response: Since the beginning of 2012, The HSUS has responded to more than 70 calls regarding animal cruelty in the Commonwealth.

### Partnerships

- The Cape Wildlife Center partners and collaborates with numerous local, national, and international organizations to protect native wildlife. In recent years, the CWC has collaborated with Wild Care, USDA, Massachusetts Fish and Wildlife, Tufts University/Tufts Wildlife Clinic,



Audubon, Animal Control Agencies (including Barnstable, Bourne, Brewster, Dennis, Duxbury, Eastham, Falmouth, Harwich, Martha's Vineyard, Mashpee, Orleans, Plymouth, Provincetown, Sandwich, Truro, Wareham, Wellfleet, and Yarmouth), Cape Cod National Seashore (Ranger Station), Cape Cod Canal (Army Corps of Engineers), Island Air, Cape Animal Referral & Emergency Center, International Wildlife Rehabilitation Council, IFAW Marine Mammal Rescue, Massachusetts Highway Department, Animal Rescue League (Brewster and Boston), Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, New England Wildlife Center, and the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Association.

- New England Federation of Humane Societies: An HSUS representative serves on the Board of Directors for the New England Federation of Humane Societies. NEFHS runs an annual conference for sheltering professionals throughout New England. NEFHS also run vital animal welfare trainings throughout the year.

### Corporate Reform

- Cage-Free Campaign: The HSUS encouraged 32 schools, including world renowned universities, to adopt cage-free egg policies. Schools include: Harvard University, University of Massachusetts – Amherst, Brandeis University, Emerson College and Northeastern University. Additionally, The HSUS worked with three hospitals and 37 restaurants to adopt cage-free policies. The HSUS also worked to persuade a battery cage farm in Massachusetts to switch to a cage-free system, saving thousands of hens every year from life in a battery cage.
- Meatless Mondays: The HSUS persuaded Cooley-Dickinson Hospital to join the Meatless Mondays campaign.
- Puppy Friendly Pet Store Pledge: To date, three pet supply retailers have taken The HSUS's Puppy Friendly Pet Store pledge, committing not to sell puppies in favor of promoting shelter adoptions.

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

- The Cape Wildlife Center took in more than 1,700 animals in 2011 and expects to see nearly 2,000 patients this year, encompassing 135 species, including squirrels, mice, raccoons, rabbits, skunks, otters, turtles, song and seabirds, fisher cats, and foxes.
  - The Cape Wildlife Center's Dr. Aurelio M. Caccomo Memorial Clinic, completed in early 2012, includes an evaluation area, surgical suite, and diagnostics center with radiography, endoscopy, and ultrasound. The new clinic has made Cape Wildlife Center the premier wildlife care and rehabilitation facility on Cape Cod and one of the leading wildlife facilities in New England.
  - In June 2012, the Cape Wildlife Center put the finishing touches on another innovation – a saltwater pool and aviary, designed by Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution engineers. The facility has vastly expanded the Cape Wildlife Center's ability to care for seabirds, even in the harshest weather, and provides optimal care and rehabilitation for some of its most challenging cases – birds who spend most of their lives at sea.