



Michigan (2006 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Michigan has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
 - Ballot referendum that would have allowed the shooting of mourning doves (defeated)
 - The first successful state bill phasing out the use of battery cages, gestation crates, and veal crates (passed)

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Since 2009, The HSUS has provided \$27,500 in grant awards to organizations in Michigan.
- The HSUS provided a "Shelters in Crisis" fund grant to the Humane Society of West Michigan in Grand Rapids to assist with repairs to their heating/ventilation/AC system.
- Since 2009, The HSUS has provided over \$1,500 in grants and sponsorships for Michigan sheltering, animal control, and animal care conferences and events, and in the past 10 years, has provided over \$40,000 in similar grants to animal welfare organizations in Michigan and surrounding Midwest states.
- The HSUS partners with two shelters and rescues in Michigan to care for rescued animals.
- Since 2009, The HSUS has provided over \$3,000 to purchase supplies for cruelty, hoarder, neglect, and other special cases, including:
 - Assistance for spay/neuter and veterinary care for 11 cats and kittens rescued from hoarder by rescue group AC Paw in Acme, in Antrim County
 - Funding for animal care materials at intake facility during Allegan County puppy mill raid, involving nearly 400 dogs and puppies (April 2012)
- The HSUS has been instrumental in facilitating grants totaling \$177,500 to Michigan shelters, rescues and spay/neuter facilities. Examples of these grants include:
 - Genesee County Humane Society in Burton, for equipment in new surgical/spay-neuter facility
 - Michigan Humane Society, for "Pawsitive Start" shelter dog enrichment program
 - Capital Area Humane Society, to fund no-cost spay/neuter surgeries for pit bulls and pit bull mixes of low-income residents of mid-Michigan
 - Calhoun County Animal Center, toward construction of an on-site medical/surgical suite
 - Friends for the Dearborn Animal Shelter, for improvement of cat living/adoption area
 - All About Animals Rescue, to allow increase in number of animals sterilized and for a program to provide sterilization and vaccination of pets of low-income owners
 - Cheboygan County Humane Society, to update its 34-year-old facilities with better guillotine doors and insulation to minimize heating costs
 - Community Spay/Neuter Initiative Partnership, to supplement its "subsidy fund" to help clients who can't afford all or some of their standard low-cost fees for spay/neuter
- Humane Society University has provided the following training in disaster response, emergency animal sheltering, and animal care for Michigan sheltering staff and volunteers, first responders, and citizens:
 - Veterinary Medical Assistance Training, June 2006
 - Flight Crew Advanced Training, Holland, June 2009



- Disaster Animal Response Team training, Ann Arbor, April 2010
- Emergency Animal Sheltering, Grand Rapids, August 2010
- Animal First Aid for Disaster Responders, Novi, September 2010
- Humane Handling of Fearful Dogs for Shelter Staff, Warren, November 2010
- Disaster Animal Response Team training, Sterling Heights, January 2011
- Disaster Animal Response Team training, Canton, February 2012
- Emergency Animal Sheltering, Canton, June 2012
- The HSUS provided a grant for care of 44 cats at the emergency shelter in a Livingston County hoarding case.
- Since 2009, The HSUS has offered 12 rewards, often in conjunction with local shelters, rescue groups, or individual citizens, in many Michigan cruelty/neglect cases.

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- In the past three years, The HSUS has been a leader in establishing animal welfare coalitions and community involvement to improve the lives of animals in Michigan, including acting as:
 - A founding member of Michigan Horse Welfare Coalition, established in 2010, to provide hay bank and veterinary care assistance to horse owners in need and to help law enforcement in cruelty cases; the coalition so far has assisted in the rescue, care and rehoming of more than 265 horses.
 - A founding member of the Lakeshore Pet Alliance, a coalition of Muskegon County animal shelters, rescue groups, and animal care businesses dedicated to reducing the number of homeless pets and increasing citizen awareness of animal cruelty laws
 - A founding member of Save our Swans, a grassroots coalition dedicated to reversing a Department of Natural Resources order to kill as many as 13,500 mute swans in Michigan
 - A founding member of the Cat Coalition of Southwest Michigan, to promote trap/neuter/return of feral cats and spay/neuter of homeless cats
 - A founding member of a coalition to build free fencing and provide spay/neuter and housing for dogs living on chains in the Tri-County (Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties) area
- In addition to an annual Humane Lobby Day in Lansing, The HSUS has provided a wide variety of lobbying (13), animal advocacy (2), and grassroots (5) training workshops across the state.
- The HSUS has provided four free or low-cost trainings to Michigan law enforcement and animal control officers, prosecutors, animal shelter veterinarians, and humane investigators.

Partnerships

- Since 2009, The HSUS has assisted Michigan law enforcement in the seizure, care, and subsequent placement of at least 316 animals from five counties:
 - Approximately 100 dogs from a dog fighting operation in Huron and Lenawee Counties in May 2009
 - Approximately 100 roosters in a cockfighting operation in Wayne County in January 2010
 - 70 animals from a hoarding case in Livingston County in August 2011
 - 46 dogs in a dog fighting operation in Kalamazoo County in August 2012
- The HSUS was a founding member of the Michigan Canada Goose Roundtable. HSUS regional and wildlife department staff have been instrumental in training Michigan Department of



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Natural Resources and Michigan Department of Agriculture staff in their Canada goose egg removal program.

- In 2012, The HSUS became a founding member of the Sierra Club's Controlled Atmosphere Farming Operations Campaign, to inform and engage targeted public audiences on the issue of their tax dollars going to support polluting facilities that put manure in our water and endanger public health at the expense of sustainable farms that don't pollute and grow healthy food.