



Minnesota (2007 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Minnesota has been advocating alongside other state and national coalition partners for the following legislation:
 - Bills passed:
 - Inclusion of pets in Orders of Protection
 - Animal fighting – spectator
 - Animal fighting – paraphernalia
 - Ban on Pound Seizure
 - Computerized hunting
 - Bills defeated:
 - "Ag-Gag"
 - Horse slaughter resolution
 - Shooting coyotes from snowmobiles and airplanes
 - Hunting bears with hounds
 - Taking large mammals with spears (traditional methods)
 - Bills introduced but didn't pass:
 - Ban on canned hunts
 - Protection of mourning doves
 - Regulation of puppy mills
 - Protection of wolves
 - Restrictions on body gripping traps
- Testimony offered in opposition to coyote bounties (passed), season on sandhill cranes (passed), and in support of ban on cocoa mulch (vetoed)

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Over time, The HSUS has facilitated \$103,000 in grants to local shelters and provided a grant of \$2,500 to a local horse rescue.
- The HSUS's Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association's Rural Area Veterinary Services provided 1,029 animals with medical assistance equaling over \$170,000 in services.

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- Three Disaster Animal Response Team sessions
- Four Emergency Animal Sheltering sessions
- One law enforcement/animal cruelty workshop
- Rewards: Offered \$2,500 on Red Lake Reservation, with Fish & Wildlife Service offered \$2,500 for illegal wolf killing, and paid out a \$1,500 reward for an animal fighting conviction
- Organized four Humane Lobby Days
- Made presentations on state animal protection legislation at Minn. Bar Association (Animal Law Committee); University of Minn. and St. Cloud State; Minn. Animal Control Association
- The Minnesota HSUS state director represented The HSUS at wolf delisting hearings in Ashland, Wisc.; Grand Rapids, Minn.; Wolf Stewards meetings in Minn. and Mich.; Wisconsin Wolf Stakeholder's Group; and Minnesota Bear Management Committee.