



## Montana (2009 through 2012)

### Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Montana has been advocating alongside other state and national coalition partners for the following legislation:
  - Dangerous dog legislation in place of breed-specific legislation (ongoing)
  - Regulation of puppy mills (ongoing)
  - Making it a felony to be a spectator at an animal fighting contest (ongoing)

### Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Facilitated grants to:
  - Beartooth Humane Alliance
  - Humane Society of Western Montana
  - Buffalo Field Campaign
  - Lewis and Clark Humane Society
  - The Science and Conservation Center
  - Heart of the Valley
  - Humane Society of Western Montana
  - American Wildlands
  - Thompson River Animal Care Center
- The HSUS gave out grants to:
  - Yellowstone Valley Animal Shelter
  - Humane Society of Western Montana
  - Mission Valley Humane Society
  - Lewis and Clark Humane Society
- Paid for veterinarian to evaluate starving horses on Crow Reservation
- Paid for necessary vaccines for a dog whose owner was the victim of domestic violence; the dog needed the vaccines before the boarding facility would accept him
- Paid \$800 in veterinary bills for horse neglect case in Carbon County
- Reimbursed Lewis and Clark Humane Society for vaccines and microchips for hoarding case in Meagher County
- Paid veterinarian to evaluate two llamas and a donkey in possible neglect case in Yellowstone County
- Paid for vaccines at spay/neuter clinic on Fort Peck Indian Reservation and assisted with a spay/neuter clinic
- Paid for equine veterinarian to evaluate horses in Dawson County neglect case (Wes Cross case)
- Scholarship for Animal Control Officers from Billings Animal Control to attend Expo 2011
- Paid for veterinarian to evaluate horses for neglect case in Dawson County (Grant Greiman situation)
- Paid for spay/neuter of four puppies found on the Crow Reservation rescued by Help Every Pet
- Participated in MTVOAD conference calls during 2011 flooding
- Offered registration sponsorship to two shelters to attend the 2011 Montana Animal Control Association Conference
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- Paid for spay of a service dog
- Paid for farrier care for horses seized in a neglect case in Carbon County
- Recommended ASPCA scholarship for shelter director to attend Expo 2012
- Assisted the Blackfeet tribe with \$2,500 in funds to purchase hay for livestock and horses due to the loss of pastures and hay stacks in a fire on the reservation
- Paid for veterinarian to evaluate four horses in possible neglect case in Yellowstone County 2012 (by Pompey's Pillar)
- Paid for a veterinarian to evaluate the llamas from the Sanders County sanctuary neglect case, paid for veterinarian who specializes in camels to evaluate and treat two camels, and contributed \$5,000 towards veterinary care for donkeys

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

- National Disaster Animal Response Team training in 2011

#### **Partnerships**

- Helped organize Montana Horse Welfare Council and served as Chair of the Law Enforcement/Disaster Response Committee
- On board of Montana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster 2011

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

- Assisted law enforcement by acting as the lead animal agency in the seizure, care and subsequent placement of 430 animals from three counties throughout Montana:
  - 62 dogs and 33 cats from a hoarding case involving Eastern Montana Humane Society in Fallon County
  - 95 dogs from hoarding case in Wibaux County
  - 240 dogs from a puppy mill in Jefferson County
- Nine horses from hoarding case in Yellowstone County (Turley case)
- Participated in rescue of animals including livestock, geese, two bison, two camels, 16 Pantagonian Cavies, and 13 emus from neglect case at sanctuary in Sanders County
- Assisted in placement, transport and veterinary care for seven pit bulls from the Fort Peck Indian Reservation
- Assisted the National Park Service in trapping four feral dogs on the Little Bighorn Battlefield on the Crow Reservation
- Organized mobile spay/neuter clinic for 40 cats on private ranch in eastern Montana