



Nebraska Accomplishments (2003 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Nebraska has been the lead animal group advocating for and leading the charge on the following legislation:
 - Felony abandonment (passed)
 - Internet and canned hunting (passed)
 - Horse slaughter bill and criminalization of humane societies unable to take abandoned horses (defeated)

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Since 2002, The HSUS has provided over \$15,000 in grants to organizations in Nebraska and surrounding states.
- Grants to the Central Nebraska Humane Society in Grand Island, Neb.
- Grant to The Cat House in Lincoln, Neb. in 2012
- Grant to the Humane Society of Richardson County in Falls City, Neb. in 2012
- Provided two scholarships to the staff of the Central Nebraska Humane Society to attend The HSUS's 2012 Animal Care Expo in Las Vegas
- In September 2003, The HSUS provided a Letter of Recommendation to the Peter Kiewit Foundation in support of the tremendous efforts the Heartland Pet Connection (formerly known as WAGS) is making to raise funds for a new animal care facility for the City of Hastings. We are very proud of the Foundation's relationship with this organization in assisting them with their fundraising, building plans, volunteer programming, and contractual negotiations.

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- Nov. 21, 2010: Held Town Hall meeting featuring Wayne Pacelle regarding issues surrounding animals in Nebraska agriculture – more than 150 people attended
- 2011: Held 16 grassroots meetings to engage the public in state legislative issues, animal welfare, and volunteering opportunities
- 2011: Attended six tabling events, disseminated thousands of HSUS materials
- Have given dozens of media interviews regarding Nebraska issues, including the Nebraska Agriculture Council and The HSUS mission, in the state
- Created the Nebraska Rescue Council in November 2010
 - Monthly meetings are held to:
 - Solidify the state rescue network for emergencies and large-scale interventions
 - Educate the public on the importance of spaying/neutering
 - Promote rescue as a viable alternative to purchasing puppies
 - Developed website (nerescue.org), brochure to disseminate rescue information quickly
- Started the Nebraska Agriculture Council of The HSUS in summer 2011
 - Built the Council with five Nebraska producers who are actively promoting humane and sustainable agriculture practices
 - Sponsorship of the "Taste of Nebraska" event in March 2012 – showcased products provided by our Council members
 - Held first Opening Markets meeting in Lincoln, Neb. on May 17, 2012, to disseminate and highlight best practices for humanely-raised products



- Co-sponsorship with the Nebraska Farmers Union: BBQ on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at Open Harvest Cooperative Grocery – Council members' products showcased
- Working with local farmers' market vendors, chefs and retailers to increase exposure for the NE Ag Council's products and to promote humane eating
- Launched the Nebraska Agriculture Council webpage and created video showcase of the Council's mission and members:
http://www.humanesociety.org/about/state/agcouncils/nebraska_agriculture_council.html

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

- Rescue assistance in Gordon, Nebraska in August 2011:
 - Worked with ranch owner and her daughter over the course of six months to initiate the surrender and release of 19 llamas, nine cats and one dog from a dilapidated property in Gordon, Neb.
 - Tagged and de-wormed llamas for transport, documented and photographed llamas for identification upon reaching rescue, and transported dog and cats to affiliate rescue and shelter
 - Collaborated with nationwide llama rescues, the Central Nebraska Humane Society, and the Wonder Weims rescue of Omaha to facilitate the transfer of all animals into rescue placement