



## **Nevada Accomplishments (2011 through 2012)**

### **Legislation/Public Policy**

- The HSUS in Nevada has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
  - Introduce a felony cockfighting bill
  - Introduce a bill to ban the sale and trade of shark fin soup that will also encompass a huge amount of local and international grassroots chef support, including:
    - Gordon Ramsey, Wolfgang Puck, and Rick Moonen, to date
  - Introduce a bill that would regulate private ownership of dangerous exotic pets
  - Very successful meeting with Nevada governor's staff to discuss HSUS priority legislation

### **Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions**

- Grants awarded to shelters and other animal organization through our facilitation total \$14,500.
- The HSUS has spent over \$118,000 to help 716 animals receive medical assistance from The HSUS's RAVS program.
- The HSUS gave out a grant to the Las Vegas SPCA.

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

- The HSUS organized law enforcement training on investigating animal fighting and cruelty cases to enable investigators to recognize and build strong cases against illegal animal fighting, specifically dogfighting and cockfighting.
- Organized a statewide grassroots trip in order to build a bigger Nevada support base through grassroots meetings
- Participating with local organizations and have attended their events and meet-ups
- Testified in the Clark County Commission, Henderson City Council, Clark County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife, and Nevada Department of Wildlife meetings in favor of animal protection and in opposition to bad animal ordinances and/or regulations
- Since January 2011, The HSUS has worked with Nevada law enforcement to provide 40 trainings on illegal animal cruelty and fighting investigations, and we assisted 62 state residents with cruelty situations in their communities.

### **Disaster Planning and Response**

- Reached out to agencies regarding potential HSUS support/help in response to the big Reno fires around Thanksgiving 2011
- Joined Northern Nevada Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and completed Disaster Animal Response Team and Federal Emergency Management Agency classes/training; building relationships and support for HSUS work from shelters and rescue groups throughout the state