



South Dakota Accomplishments (2009 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in South Dakota has been advocating alongside other state and national coalition partners for the following legislation:
 - Felony animal cruelty (ongoing)
 - Fighting legislation to promote horse slaughter (killed multiple bills the past 4 years)

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Rural Area Veterinary Services team and our state director traveled to the Lower Brule, Cheyenne River, and Pine Ridge reservations this year providing free spay/neuter, vaccinations, and wellness services for pets, as well as offering gelding and equine health services. In the last 10 years The HSUS's HSVMA RAVS program has provided more than \$800,000 in veterinary care, helping 4,900 animals on three of South Dakota's nine American Indian reservations.
- Facilitated \$7,500 in grants to South Dakota animal groups from 1992-2009
- Offered grants to three South Dakota animal shelters and rescues to attend The HSUS's Animal Care Expo: Humane Society of the Black Hills in Rapid City, Brookings Regional Humane Society in Brookings, and Mitchell Animal Rescue in Mitchell
- Various shelters, organizations and rescues received grants in South Dakota and the surrounding area from 1992-2009 (\$12,000):
 - Humane Society of the Black Hills
 - Sioux Falls Area Humane Society
 - Brookings Regional Humane Society
 - Oglala Pet Project
 - Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Shelter
- The HSUS provided a Shelter in Crisis grant to the Battle Mountain Humane Society in Hot Springs, whose facility burned down in May 2012. We also facilitated a donation from the Ryan Newman Foundation, which provided 24 heavy-duty kennels and other supplies to the shelter.

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- In 2012, The HSUS shelter services team and S.D. state director visited nine South Dakota shelters and rescues to tour facilities and provide staff training. The HSUS continues to offer ongoing support.
- Provided humane education resources and training to Lake Traverse Animal Rescue volunteers on the Lake Traverse Reservation and granted a sponsorship for their 2012 spay/neuter event through Minnesota Spay Neuter Assistance Program
- The number of HSUS constituents and members in South Dakota has grown by approximately 3,000 per year, with a little more than 26,000 supporters in the state.
- Hosted annual Humane Lobby Day events at the state capitol

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

- Assisted Yankton Animal Control and the Heartland Humane Society in setting up a temporary shelter for victims of flooding in June 2011; also provided \$1,600 in animal care supplies and facilitated a PetSmart Charities donation of kennels, food, trained staff, and volunteers to run the shelter