



Tennessee Accomplishments (2006 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Tennessee has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
 - Bill requiring addition of bittering agent to all anti-freeze sold in Tenn. (passed)
 - Bill requiring shelters to hold animals three business days (passed)
 - Bill strengthening language for "intentional killing" of an animal (passed)
 - Commercial Breeder Act to regulate puppy mills and created the Division of Animal Welfare (passed)
 - Horse slaughter bill (killed)
 - Tenn. Wildlife Resource Commission passed a rule change to stop issuing new permits for captive hunting operations.
 - Bill creating Class A misdemeanor for convicted abusers who violate court orders not to possess animals (passed)
 - Bill to prohibit felons from owning vicious dogs [ASPCA was lead organization] (passed)
 - Deer farming bill (killed)
 - Horse slaughter bill (killed)
 - "Ag Gag" bill (killed)
 - White-tail deer farming bill (killed)
 - Carriage horse ordinance in Franklin, Tenn. (killed)

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Macon County tornado – provided funding for emergency medical treatment of pets injured in tornado
- Financial assistance to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office to help with dog fighting seizure
- Foreclosure grant awarded to Belly Rubs Bassetts in Knoxville, Tenn.
- Grant to Carter County Animal Shelter Building Fund
- Since 2006, The HSUS has awarded over \$91,500 in grants and sponsorships to Tenn. shelters and animal welfare organizations, including The HSUS's Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Rural Area Veterinary Services program.
- Offered eight rewards for information leading to arrest and conviction in eight animal cruelty cases since 2007
- Provided funding to aid Perry County Sheriff's Department with rescue of eight horses
- Provided funding to aid Dickson County Sheriff's Office with removal of eight neglected cows and horses

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- Training workshops have included Disaster Animal Response Team, Animal Cruelty 101, Emergency Animal Sheltering, Illegal Animal Fighting, and Humane Handling of Fearful Dogs.
- Hosted Tenn. Humane Lobby Day annually since 2007 and grassroots advocacy events
- Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Rural Area Veterinary Services clinic in Hancock County; 218 animals sterilized/vaccinated

Partnerships

- Annual sponsor of the Tenn. Animal Care and Control Conference since 2007



- Co-sponsored with Nashville Humane Association to present a Human-Animal Violence seminar with Dr. Frank Ascione
- Partnered with the Memphis Police Department Training Academy for animal fighting investigation workshop
- Worked with Nashville Kennel Club to pass Commercial Breeder Act in 2009

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

- Since January 2006, The HSUS has worked with Tenn. law enforcement to rescue more than 2,800 animals from illegal animal cruelty, and has worked with other agencies to care for more than 100 animals displaced because of natural disasters.
- The HSUS has invested \$450,000 to save animals from life-threatening cruelty.
- The HSUS trained 200 law enforcement officers in illegal animal cruelty and fighting investigations, and assisted hundreds of state residents with cruelty situations in their community.
- The HSUS's Animal Rescue Team assisted the Cumberland County Sheriff's Department with the rescue of 33 dogs from a neglect situation, coordinated placement, and provided funding for medical care.
- Aided West Tennessee Animal Rescue with the transportation and placement of 30 dogs from a puppy mill and funding for emergency medical care
- The HSUS lead the rescue of 97 dogs and one cat from a puppy mill in Marshall County.
- Assisted the USDA-Office of Inspector General in a cockfighting raid in Polk County where more than 100 people are cited and 150 roosters were seized
- Led the rescue of 240 poodles from a puppy mill with the White County Sheriff's Department; provided emergency housing, medical care, and transport/placement
- Partnered with Grainger County Humane Society to rescue 127 cats from a horrific hoarding situation and provided funding for medical care and spay/neuter
- Provided funding to the Sevier County Sheriff's Office for transportation and necropsy of deceased mules to aid prosecution
- The HSUS aided in the rescue of 84 horses and mules from slaughter buyers in Cannon County.
- Assisted Cheatham County Animal Control by coordinating placement and funding transport of 63 animals abandoned after an eviction
- The HSUS assisted Sumner County officials in the rescue of 108 border collies from a Portland, Tenn., puppy mill and provided transportation to breed rescues across three states.
- The HSUS assisted the Dickson County District Attorney with the rescue of 75 neglected dogs and cats and provide housing, medical care, and transport/placement.
- The HSUS assisted the Van Buren County District Attorney with the seizure of 48 dogs and exotic animals living in squalor. The owner kept arctic foxes, wolf hybrids, tortoises, and coatimundis for breeding to stock a pet store the owner was planning to open.
- A call to The HSUS's animal fighting tip line initiated the investigation of the Shiloh Game Club in Lewis County. HSUS staff assisted the 21st Judicial District and the Office of Inspector General in the seizure where deputies arrested 239 people and confiscated \$42,000.
- The HSUS assisted the Wayne County Sheriff's Department by arranging housing for and funding the care of 46 pit bulls seized in a dogfighting raid and provided the department a \$10,000 grant to help with costs.
- The HSUS aided Hardin County SPCA with emergency placement of 16 animals from an owner who became ill.



- The HSUS assisted the Hickman County District Attorney with the seizure, care, and placement of 747 dogs, horses, cats, and exotic birds from a puppy mill.
- The HSUS partnered with Nashville Humane Association to remove more than 30 cats from the home of their deceased owner. The HSUS provided funding for medical care.
- Memphis Police seized 14 pit bulls from a dogfighting operation as a result of information called into The HSUS's animal fighting tip line.
- The HSUS assisted the Wayne County Sheriff's Department with the rescue of, and funding for, veterinary care, feed, and housing of 60 dogs, rabbits, ducks, pigs, horses, goats, and llamas.
- The HSUS assisted the Sumner County Sheriff's Office with the seizure, temporary shelter, and medical care of approximately 300 animals from a puppy mill.

Disaster Planning and Response

- The HSUS Disaster Animal Response Team responded to Macon County to help animals hurt and displaced by deadly tornadoes. The team performed field recovery and set up an emergency shelter, transported unclaimed animals to rescue groups, and provided funding for emergency treatment of injured animals for owners who had lost their homes.