



Virginia Accomplishments (2005 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in Virginia has been working alongside other state and national coalition partners on the following legislation:
 - Carbon monoxide chamber ban (passed)
 - Felony cockfighting; upgraded penalties for animal fighting (spectator and RICO). Virginia continues to have one of the top animal fighting laws in the country (passed)
 - Commercial dog breeding legislation (passed)
 - Upgraded standards of care for companion animal housing (passed)
 - Anti-freeze law (passed)
 - Assisted in defeating 14 bills that would have rolled back animal protection efforts
 - Virginia Spay Day Resolution

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

- Over the last decade, The HSUS has directed more than \$340,000 through grants and animal care services to Virginia shelters and rescue organizations.
- In 2012 The HSUS provided:
 - A grant to Virginia Beach SPCA, following severe flooding and shelter damage
 - An Emergency Assistance Grant to Dinwiddie County, for the care of 57 equines and 29 dogs
- 2010/2011:
 - \$2,500 poaching reward for black bear
 - \$2,500 cruelty reward, Danville

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- The HSUS provided training of judicial candidates at the Army Judge Advocate General Corp School, Charlottesville (2009/2010).
- Lobby 101s/Advocacy Events – The HSUS held its second annual Humane Lobby Day at the Virginia state capitol in 2012. More than 130 animal advocates attended, making it the largest lobby day at the General Assembly Building.
- The HSUS's director of Urban Wildlife programs presented a program on humane wildlife solutions to the Wildlife Center of Virginia's annual wildlife conference.
- Member: Virginia Volunteer Organizations in Disaster Response
- Founding Member: Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force
- Sponsor: Virginia Federation of Humane Societies annual conference (2010-2012)
- Sponsor and Speaker: Virginia Animal Control Association (2010-2012)

Partnerships

- Shelter/Rescue Partners:
 - Richmond SPCA
 - Loudoun County Animal Care and Control
 - Norfolk SPCA
 - Lost Dog and Cat Foundation
 - Virginia Beach SPCA
 - Animal Welfare League of Alexandria



- Stafford SPCA
 - Ring Dog Rescue
- The HSUS is one of the founding members of the Virginia Animal Fighting Task Force, founded in 2005
- Since January 2011, The HSUS has worked with Virginia law enforcement to rescue 110 animals from illegal animal cruelty.
- The HSUS has invested \$84,000 in Virginia to save animals from life-threatening cruelty and has offered \$5,000 in rewards for tips on cruelty cases.
- We trained 455 law enforcement, attorneys, and judges in Virginia on illegal animal cruelty and animal-fighting investigations.
- We assisted 183 state residents with cruelty situations in their communities.

Corporate Reform

- To date, 31 supply retailers have taken The HSUS's Puppy Friendly Pet Store pledge, committing not to sell puppies in favor or promoting shelter adoptions.
- The HSUS's Humane Wildlife Solutions team is working with the City of Charlottesville to create a plan for non-lethal deer mitigation.
- Undercover investigation at Virginia factory farm owned by a subsidiary of Smithfield Foods, the world's largest pork producer