



West Virginia Accomplishments (2008 through 2012)

Legislation/Public Policy

- The HSUS in West Virginia has been advocating alongside other state and national coalition partners for the following legislation:
 - Exotic animals as pets – regulations (passed but vetoed)
 - Bittering agent in anti-freeze (passed 2011)
 - Deer farming regulations to Department of Agriculture (killed)
 - Helped oppose ordinances concerning pet number limits and breed-specific legislation
 - Supported spay/neuter and chaining ordinances in multiple counties

Grants, Aid, and Project Contributions

Provided direct support and grant assistance to:

- Ritchie County Humane Society, after a fire destroyed part of their shelter
- Cabell/Wayne animal shelter, after the seizure of 49 dogs (provided kennels, other equipment)
- Mercer Co. animal shelter, after horse seizure (provided horse blankets, covered medical costs)
- Bradshaw Police Department, after the seizure of two neglected horses (covered medical costs)
- Olive Branch Animal Rescue, after the seizure of more than 20 neglected horses by W.V. State Police in Pleasants County (covered medical costs)
- Morgan County Humane Society
- Members of the public in Boone and Putnam Counties, as rewards for information leading to arrest and conviction of persons responsible for animal cruelty/torture
- Federation of Humane Organizations W.V., to sponsor their animal conference (2010 and 2012)
- FOHO W.V., for the printing of 2009 and 2012 W.V. Animal Law Books
- Provided transport and placement for three neglected colts in Wyoming County
- Cabell/Wayne animal shelter, for flooring renovations after distemper outbreak (Shelters in Crisis grant)
- Arranged for medical care and placement of more than 30 dogs in Barbour County
- Paid for the gelding of three stallions found running loose in Monongalia County

Training, Shelter, and Advocate Outreach and Events

- Provided free animal fighting and animal cruelty training to more than 70 officers in 2012
- Lobby 101s and Advocacy Events – numerous events held statewide for hundreds of advocates
- Humane Lobby Day held at the state capitol in 2008 and 2012
- National Animal Response Team and Emergency Animal Sheltering trainings to 19 attendees in Buckhannon

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

Assisted law enforcement by acting as the lead animal agency in the seizure, care and subsequent placement of more than 1,200 animals from seven counties throughout West Virginia:

- Nearly 900 dogs from a puppy mill in Wood County
- Five horses, which had been neglected and abandoned in Raleigh County
- 49 equines, 49 dogs, and 30 rabbits from a horse trader/hoarder in Wayne County
- 85 dogs and cats from a hoarder in Boone County
- Seven neglected horses in Clay County; one neglected horse in Logan County
- 19 pit bulls from a dogfighter in Calhoun County