ACHIEVEMENTS FOR ANIMALS
FIGHTING FOR ALL ANIMALS

Founded in 1954, the Humane Society of the United States is the world’s most effective and influential animal protection organization. We stand up to the powerful industries and interests responsible for the abuse, suffering and neglect of animals, and we create transformational change.

In 2019, we won victories that will improve and save the lives of millions of animals. Our rescue team, veterinary programs and affiliated care centers and sanctuaries provided direct care to more than 100,000 animals in need.

We are enormously grateful to our supporters—our fellow animal lovers who stand with us as we make this a kinder world for animals. Thank you.
On Jan. 18, 2019, members of our Stop Puppy Mills campaign and Animal Rescue Team helped with the transport of nine German shepherd dogs and puppies to the Humane Society of Washington County in Maryland. The dogs were from a group of 40 German shepherds rescued from a puppy mill (and 14 puppies born after the rescue), who were being cared for at a rural Maryland shelter that had limited resources. The Humane Society of the United States provided the rural shelter with grants to help with the dogs’ veterinary needs as they recovered.
The Humane Society of the United States’ 2019 annual report, Achievements for Animals, shines a spotlight on our recent victories for animals and all the ways we fight to protect, save and care for them.

With your support, in 2019 we made extraordinary gains for animals trapped in the cruel fur industry, for companion animals who are the victims of malicious cruelty, for wild animals at risk of extinction due to trophy hunting and the trade in wildlife products, and for farm animals forced to spend their lives in cramped cages and denied their most basic behavioral and physical needs.

Some of our proudest moments included convincing America’s largest department store to go fur-free; winning a statewide ban in California on the sale and manufacturing of all new fur products; securing passage of pioneering cage-free legislation in Oregon, Washington and Michigan; welcoming Avon, Proctor & Gamble and Estée Lauder Companies to our #BeCrueltyFree campaign to end animal testing of cosmetics; publicly exposing Petland’s maltreatment of puppies and other animals it sells and its reliance on puppy mills; helping two more states outlaw cruel wildlife killing contests; winning a ban on trophy hunting of bobcats in California; and preventing New Mexico from opening a trapping season on cougars.

Our core mission is to take on the biggest fights to help protect all animals and respond to animals in crisis. Time and time again, we win the battles we take on because we have animal lovers like you contributing to our work and success. You take action on the issues we fight for, you support us through generous contributions, you tell others about our work, and you make us more powerful than we could ever be on our own. With you by our side, in 2020 we will make even greater strides for animals, who need us now more than ever.
2019’s biggest achievements

We passed a historic federal law against animal cruelty. One of our longtime policy priorities, the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act, is now law. It authorizes the FBI and other federal agencies to prosecute the worst forms of animal cruelty and lets these heinous crimes be treated as felonies in most circumstances.

We won major new protections for farm animals. We waged successful campaigns to ban the sale and production of eggs from caged hens in Oregon, Washington state and Michigan, the first Midwest state to take such a step. And we won critical victories at the Supreme Court when justices declined to hear multiple challenges to existing state laws that ban the cruel confinement of farm animals and production of foie gras.

We scored big victories against the fur industry. We persuaded some of the world’s biggest fashion houses and retailers to stop using or selling fur. America’s largest department store, Macy’s, announced it will stop selling fur in all Macy’s and Bloomingdale’s locations and permanently close the company’s fur salons and vaults. And Italian luxury fashion house Prada Group announced that all its brands—including Prada, Miu Miu, Church’s and Car Shoe—will go fur-free. We also won a historic legislative victory in California, which banned the sale and manufacture of all new fur products. And Humane Society International (HSI, our global affiliate) released a shocking undercover investigation of the Finnish fur industry that led to calls to ban fur sales in the U.K.

We made significant progress toward ending animal tests for cosmetics and chemicals. We helped two more states pass laws that prevent companies from selling cosmetics that have been newly tested on animals; Proctor & Gamble, Estée Lauder and Avon joined our campaign for a global ban on cosmetics testing on animals; and our investigation at a lab testing a fungicide on beagles led to freedom for more than 30 dogs, a nearly global ban on the test and sweeping changes to Brazil’s requirements for animal testing of agricultural pesticides.

We exposed a national pet store chain’s ties to puppy mills and abuse of animals it sells. In multiple undercover investigations of Petland stores across the U.S., we repeatedly found staff neglecting sick animals, procuring puppies and other animals from puppy mills and deceiving customers about the health of animals for sale. As a result of our findings, two store managers were charged with animal cruelty, one store was forced to shut down and millions more Americans learned the ugly truth behind the pet store puppy business.

We strengthened protections for wild species threatened by trade in their body parts. HSI helped win major victories for wildlife from CITES, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, including the first-ever agreement to protect giraffes from overexploitation in trade, consensus on limiting the export to zoos of wild-caught African elephants from Botswana and Zimbabwe, and refusal to expand the trade in elephant ivory and rhino horn. In the U.S., we helped New York become the first state to enact comprehensive protections for giraffes by banning trade in their body parts and won a huge victory for sharks when the U.S. House of Representatives passed one of our top legislative priorities, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, which would end America’s shark fin trade.

With HSI, we reached major milestones in our campaign to end dog meat farming in South Korea. We closed down our 14th and 15th dog meat farms—rescuing nearly 300 dogs and helping farmers transition to humane livelihoods—as we continued to advance our strategy of attracting national media attention and providing industry stakeholders with a model of how to end the trade. We assisted with the shutdown of one of the largest dog meat markets in the country while rescuing nearly 100 of the remaining dogs. Our campaign was also influential in helping the city of Seoul move toward the elimination of live dog slaughter shops.

We won decisive victories for vulnerable wildlife. Our undercover exposés of gruesome wildlife killing contests helped lead New Mexico, Arizona and Massachusetts to ban the cruel events. California banned bobcat hunting and trapping after a campaign we helped lead, while New Mexico reversed course from a decision to allow cougar trapping for the first time in 50 years after we filed a legal challenge to the action. We also successfully prevented new or expanded bear hunts in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine and West Virginia.
OUR MISSION

We fight the big fights to end suffering for all animals. Together with millions of supporters, we take on puppy mills, factory farms, trophy hunts, animal testing and other cruel industries. With our affiliates, we rescue and care for thousands of animals every year through our animal rescue team’s work and other direct animal care services. We fight all forms of animal cruelty to achieve the vision behind our name: a humane society.

CAGE FREE

Thanks to the work of our Farm Animal Protection team, only cage-free eggs can be produced or sold throughout the entire U.S. West Coast: California, Oregon and Washington.
HOW WE WORK

Ending the cruelest practices

We confront the worst, most institutionalized abuses around the world. Our biggest goals are ending cosmetics testing on animals, greatly reducing the trophy hunting of wildlife, sharply decreasing the use of fur in fashion, eliminating cruel confinement systems that cause farm animals to suffer, dismantling the brutal dog meat industry in South Korea and breaking the pipeline from inhumane puppy mills to pet stores.

Caring for animals in crisis

We alleviate the crises happening today. We respond to cruelty and disasters where the need is greatest, advance tactics that reduce the use of lethal and cruel animal management practices, and provide transport and sanctuary to animals in crisis. We’re there for the most vulnerable populations around the world, focused on lasting solutions.

Building a stronger animal protection movement

We empower our allies to change the world for animals locally, nationally and globally. Energizing our movement to drive change—through advocacy, direct care, education, enforcement of laws, and consumer choice—is critical to ending animal cruelty. We help those who stand with us to create a united, unstoppable force for animals.
Wild animals are defenseless against the bullets, traps, poisons and arrows used to harm them. We’re there to stop them from being hunted for trophies or prizes, killed to protect livestock, or lethally “managed” when habitat loss causes them to get too close to human populations. We fight to stop the hunting of native carnivores like mountain lions, wolves and bears; to ban wildlife killing contests; to end the use of inhumane solutions to human-wildlife conflicts; to save wild horses from culls and slaughter; and to protect vulnerable marine life. One of our top priorities is banning trophy hunting in the U.S. and reducing the number of animals hunted for trophies in Africa and Europe.

- In 2019, we led the successful fight in California to ban trophy hunting of bobcats.
- Following our undercover exposés of wildlife killing contests, three more states banned these brutal events: New Mexico, Arizona and Massachusetts joined California and Vermont. And Maryland established an indefinite moratorium on gruesome cownose ray killing contests in the Chesapeake Bay.
- We successfully kept federal protections intact for gray wolves.
- HSI helped win the first-ever protection of giraffes from overexploitation in international trade at a meeting of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).
- We defeated attempts to expand or allow egregious hunting methods of black bears in Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine and West Virginia.
- New Mexico abandoned its plan to open a trapping season on cougars after we filed a legal challenge.
- After our investigation revealed a thriving trade in products made from giraffe parts, New York became the first state to ban commercial trade in giraffe trophies.
- Our lawsuit forced the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to take the first step in granting giraffes Endangered Species Act protections.
- We helped pass the Rescuing Animals With Rewards (RAWR) Act, which offers a financial incentive to people who provide information that helps identify or prevent crimes related to wildlife trafficking.
- Our legal team won a long-term injunction against the U.S. Forest Service’s attempt to sell wild horses for commercial slaughter abroad.
- We worked in key states like Florida and at the federal level to advance protections for sharks, helping lead the U.S. House to pass the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act and the Senate version of the bill to clear a key committee.
- Our years of fighting against keeping wild animals in captivity helped lead Cincinnati to prohibit the use of most wild animals in circuses and traveling shows and the Association of Zoos and Aquariums to announce an end to using bullhooks on elephants at its member zoos.

Thanks to a successful study led by the HSUS, wild horses in the Sand Wash Basin in northwestern Colorado are managed using immunocontraception and select gathers.

Protecting and defending wildlife under threat

In this photo provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, confiscated shark fins are displayed at the Port of Miami. We won a big victory for sharks in 2019 when one of our legislative priorities, the Shark Fin Sales Elimination Act, passed the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill would end America’s shark fin trade and deal a crippling blow to the global industry.
WILDLIFE, NOT PRODUCTS

An HSUS/HSI undercover investigation found a wide variety of giraffe parts and products easily available from wholesalers and retailers, including pillows and jackets made from giraffe hide, a knife with a giraffe bone handle and even a giraffe tail hair bracelet. Our findings have led legislators in several states to introduce bills to ban or regulate the trade in giraffe parts.
Eliminating the use of fur in fashion

Each year, the fur trade is responsible for the deaths of millions of animals—including dogs and cats. Animals who are factory farmed for their fur suffer from birth to brutal death in horrific living conditions. In the wild, steel traps catch hundreds of thousands of animals, who—unable to flee and in searing pain—experience horribly prolonged deaths or are bludgeoned when they are found still alive. We have made significant progress toward our goal of slashing global fur sales in half from 2015 levels.

- In 2019, we helped win a monumental victory in California, which became the first state to ban the sale and production of new fur products, setting a humane standard that we are pushing other states to follow.
- Our patient and persistent work with the fashion and retail industry continued to pay off. We partnered with Macy’s (America’s largest department store) to announce that it will stop selling fur in all its Macy’s and Bloomingdale’s stores and permanently close all its fur salons and vaults. Iconic fashion house Prada announced a fur-free pledge following a campaign led by HSUS/HSI and the Fur-Free Alliance that saw thousands of supporters asking the company to ditch fur. Our work with 3.1 Phillip Lim and St. John yielded fur-free pledges from both companies, along with promises to end the use of leather made from the skin of exotic animals.
- We worked with British luxury department store and longtime fur-free retailer Selfridges, which announced a policy banning leather made from the skin of exotic animals, becoming one of the first department stores to do so.
- HSI’s undercover investigation of fur farms in Finland laid bare the abject cruelty and enormous animal suffering in this barbaric industry and prompted lawmakers in the United Kingdom to call for a ban on the sale of animal fur.

Leaving a legacy for animals

Estate gifts provide the HSUS with its largest source of unrestricted revenue and make our vital work for animals possible. Among the estate gifts we received in 2019 was a very generous bequest from the late Rena Roseman, a former public health educator and animal activist. “Rena saw that the HSUS made a real difference, across the nation—where it mattered most,” says her husband, Elliot. “Education, legislation, rescues, emergency shelters, investigations, outreach—HSUS does it all, and does it well.” We are grateful to Rena and others like her who leave a lasting legacy for animals.
A DOGUE DE BORDEAUX PUPPY IS CARRIED BY HIS FRONT LEGS

Staffers put two sick French bulldog puppies into the nebulizer chamber. The HSUS investigator was told not to document nebulizer usage, obscuring the puppies’ illnesses from potential buyers.

Four husky puppies share a single cage in the store’s back room.

A blue French bulldog puppy vomits. Staff members force-fed sick animals but rarely sought veterinary treatment.

A weak, lethargic rabbit is left in a cardboard box with no medical care. Our investigator later found his corpse in the store’s freezer.

2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Taking on **PUPPY MILL** owners and ending retail puppy sales

Hundreds of thousands of dogs in the U.S. spend their entire lives in puppy mills, often deprived of basic needs like adequate food and water, medical care and room to move freely. Parent dogs are treated like breeding machines and puppies as units of production who are sold even if they are sick or carrying genetic abnormalities, which is often the case. Pet stores provide a market for this cruelty, selling an estimated 500,000 puppies a year. We’re fighting to end the sale of puppies in pet stores, and by doing so, drive puppy mills out of business.

- In 2019, our undercover investigations of Petland—eight stores and counting—led to cruelty charges against two managers of a Fairfax, Virginia, store that was forced to close, and found evidence that staff at a Florence, Kentucky, store lied to customers about disease outbreaks among its puppies.
- We passed dozens of new local ordinances banning the sale of mill dogs, bringing our total to date to 340.
- Missouri’s Attorney General sued or penalized four puppy mills we exposed in our annual Horrible Hundred report, and 10 of the most problematic puppy mills we called out in recent reports closed down.
- We reached a milestone in our Puppy Friendly Pet Store program, with 20,000 homeless pets adopted from pet stores that formerly sold puppies from breeders and now adopt out local shelter animals.
- A federal court ruled favorably on our lawsuit, ordering the U.S. Department of Agriculture to publicly release the contents of its Animal Welfare Act inspections of puppy breeders, research facilities, zoos and other animal exhibitors.
- We helped pass several new state laws that strengthen protections for dogs in commercial breeding operations, including stricter oversight in New Hampshire and a higher standard of care requirement for breeding dogs in Georgia.
- We successfully stopped pro-puppy mill bills from advancing in several states.
KINDER FARMING

A mother pig forages with her week-old piglet at Becker Lane Organic Farm in Dyersville, Iowa, where nursing babies live alongside their moms in farrowing huts. At a typical factory farm, breeding sows suffer virtually lifelong confinement in crates so small they can’t even turn around, and their piglets are taken away soon after birth.
Reducing farm animal suffering

Industrial animal agriculture is one of the biggest causes of animal suffering. More than 80 billion land animals are raised for food every year globally. Of those animals, more than 7 billion egg-laying hens and an estimated 75 million breeding sows suffer in extreme confinement, and in the U.S. alone, there are close to 300 million mother pigs, egg-laying hens and calves raised for veal in such conditions. We’re fighting to abolish cruel confinement of farm animals and reduce public demand for animal products by promoting plant-based eating.

- In 2019, we reached our goal of making the entire West Coast egg industry cage-free with successful campaigns to ban the sale and production of eggs from caged hens in Oregon and Washington (we passed California’s Prop 12 in 2018, which started the trend). We also won in Michigan, which became the first state in the Midwest to go cage-free.

- We blocked multiple state-level bills aimed at undermining farm animal protections, including attempts to weaken protections for whistleblowers who report animal cruelty.

- Our litigation team secured major victories when the Supreme Court rejected challenges to landmark laws we helped pass in California and Massachusetts that banned the cruel confinement of egg-laying hens, mother pigs and baby veal calves—as well as sales of products from animals cruelly confined—and turned away a challenge to California’s foie gras ban.

- We persuaded Denny’s and packaged food giant Conagra Brands to adopt humane, industry-leading policies in their chicken supply chains.

- We supported a successful ban on the sale of foie gras in New York City.

- Through our Forward Food program, we convinced some 525 colleges, K-12 schools, hospitals, and others to serve less meat and more plant-based meals in their cafeterias, and we trained more than 10,000 food service professionals how to cook plant-based meals.
In 2019, an HSUS undercover investigation of Charles River Laboratories discovered a Dow AgroSciences (Corteva Agriscience) test that involved poisoning dogs with pesticides and then killing them. We put the pressure on—hundreds of thousands of HSUS supporters contacted the company—and convinced them to end the test. We then negotiated the release of the surviving dogs to one of our shelter partners to be adopted. Simultaneously, HSI worked with authorities in Brazil to change that country’s requirements for animal testing of agricultural pesticides—the original reason for the now-defunct test.

Personal products giant Procter & Gamble and legendary cosmetics companies Estée Lauder and Avon joined our #BeCrueltyFree campaign for a global ban on cosmetics animal testing, pledging corporate, legislative and financial support.

In a clear sign that animal testing is no longer the gold standard, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced it will phase out animal testing for chemicals and pesticides by 2035.

We helped lead Washington and Oregon to become the 10th and 11th states to require that dogs and cats used in research be offered for adoption, not killed, when experiments end.

We worked to pass bans on animal-tested cosmetics in Illinois and Nevada.

In Louisiana, we supported passage of a unique legal limitation on pound seizure to prevent the sales of shelter animals to research facilities.

Each year in the U.S., more than 25 million dogs, cats, monkeys, horses, guinea pigs and other animals are forced to endure painful experiments—force-fed toxic chemicals or infected with diseases and killed when the experiment ends. Effective non-animal testing approaches exist, but are not yet widely accepted. An estimated 500,000 rabbits, guinea pigs, mice and rats are still being used each year to test the safety of cosmetics products and ingredients. We’re fighting to abolish cosmetics animal testing in the U.S. and major global markets within five years, and we’re working toward the day when animals no longer suffer in laboratories.

Replacing animal tests with humane alternatives

Animals used in cosmetics testing suffer needlessly; computer-based testing methods can deliver human-relevant results at less cost and in less time than animal tests.

Life outside the laboratory

Teddy, one of “Dow dogs” we rescued, is helping spread awareness about the use of dogs in testing and research. He and his family have been traveling to the Michigan state capitol to support a bill that would require laboratories to release dogs and cats to shelters for adoption after they are no longer needed, rather than euthanizing them. Teddy is proof that former lab animals can lead happy, normal lives.
Ending the **DOG MEAT TRADE**

As the only country in the world that intensively farms dogs for their meat, South Korea is ground zero in HSI's fight to end the dog meat trade in Asia, where millions of dogs are killed every year for human consumption. In South Korea, some 2 million dogs are trapped on farms, living in barren cages exposed to the elements, deprived of care and regular food and water. The majority suffer from injuries and malnutrition and endure terrible cruelty before being brutally slaughtered. We're fighting for a government phase-out and ban of the dog meat industry in South Korea, which will spur the collapse of the trade elsewhere.

- In 2019, we shut down our 14th and 15th dog meat farms in South Korea and worked with the farmers to help them transition to humane livelihoods.
- We rescued nearly 300 dogs from the meat trade and brought them to the U.S., Europe, Canada and Britain to find loving homes, bringing our total number of dogs rescued to over 2,000.
- We assisted with the shutdown of South Korea’s second-largest dog meat market, notorious for killing live dogs on-site, and rescued nearly 100 lined up for slaughter.
- In a milestone for our South Korean campaign, Seoul’s last three dog meat shops ended on-site slaughter.
- In China, we helped partner activists shut down an illegal slaughterhouse, saving the remaining dogs on-site.
- Also in China, we assisted activists who intercepted a shipment of 620 cats headed to slaughter.
- The petition organized by HSI and other groups to end the Yulin dog meat festival garnered 1.5 million signatures and was delivered to Chinese authorities.
RESCUING ANIMALS from suffering and danger

The HSUS Animal Rescue Team stands ready to deploy 24/7, going wherever they’re needed to save animals from abuse, cruelty and natural disasters. We ensure that all the animals we rescue receive expert veterinary care, loving attention and a pathway to a new home. Every year, we rescue thousands of animals from puppy mills, animal fighting operations, natural disasters and large-scale situations of cruelty and neglect. In 2019, the HSUS Animal Rescue Team rescued 4,369 animals from crisis situations.

SOUTHEAST U.S. ➔
We transported 470 animals from shelters in three states in advance of Hurricane Dorian and 120 animals from Louisiana in advance of Tropical Storm Barry.

“Transporting animals during events like these doesn’t just ensure that these animals are safe and spared the distress of living through a disaster, it also creates space for displaced animals who flow into shelters in large numbers after such events.”
—KITTY BLOCK, HSUS PRESIDENT AND CEO

THE BAHAMAS
An HSI team rushed to the Bahamas after Hurricane Dorian to search for, rescue and feed hundreds of pets left behind.

MARYLAND
We stepped in to help after law enforcement agents rescued 40 German shepherds from an unlicensed kennel owner.

PENNSYLVANIA
We led a rescue of more than 150 cats, three dogs, chickens and other animals from a severe case of cruelty and neglect.
️ QUEBEC, CANADA

HSI rescued and spearheaded the safe transport to sanctuaries of more than 200 exotic animals in a large-scale cruelty case at a Canadian roadside zoo.

This little goat was one of more than 200 animals seized from the zoo in May 2019.

️ KANSAS

In September, we removed more than 30 severely neglected dogs, two cats, a horse and two burros from a filthy, ramshackle property.

Cassie, pictured with acting senior director of Animal Cruelty, Rescue and Response Adam Parascandola (left), was suffering from a severe flea infestation, appeared malnourished and showed various signs of neglect. Cassie has been adopted and is now healthy and enjoying life in her forever home (right).

️ CENTRAL TEXAS

In Texas, we rescued nearly 200 cats, kittens and dogs, many very ill, from a large-scale neglect situation.

Jenn Cherry held tiny Tina (left) during the rescue. She's now thriving in her adopted home.

“She was just sweet from the second I touched her.”

—JENN CHERRY, HSUS RESCUE RESPONDER, ON TINY TINA

EASTERN TEXAS ➔

We deployed to Texas to rescue 159 starving and severely neglected horses.

Underweight and malnourished, 4-year-old sorrel Lt. Dangle (pictured after his rescue and now, at right) was in the worst shape of the animals brought to Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch. As ranch caregivers help him put on weight, they're also helping him settle in to his new life. Lt. Dangle has a sweet personality that's slowly emerging as he learns to trust the people caring for him.
In 2019, Spayathon for Puerto Rico—an HSUS-led coalition of 28 groups committed to reducing Puerto Rico’s massive overpopulation of unowned dogs and cats—sterilized and vaccinated 26,995 dogs and cats, bringing our total to date to over 52,000. Our free clinics also serve as training grounds in best practices for local veterinarians and vet techs.

Caring for companion animals

Our companion animals programs are robust and wide-ranging: We offer free spay and neuter services to end cat and dog homelessness; bring veterinary care to pets living in remote and under-resourced areas; transport animals in overcrowded shelters to ones with more room and higher adoption rates; develop best practices for outdoor cat colonies; train veterinary students to increase capacity so more animals can access care, and much more.

- In 2019, Spayathon™ for Puerto Rico—a coalition of 28 groups led by the HSUS to tackle the Commonwealth’s overpopulation of cats and dogs—provided free spay/neuter and vaccinations to 26,995 animals.

- Our Rural Area Veterinary Services program provided high-quality veterinary care to more than 7,000 animals in underserved, remote communities where poverty and location make regular care impossible. They also provided hands-on training to 200 veterinary and veterinary professional students.
■ Our Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association program provided animal welfare-focused continuing education to more than 2,500 veterinarians, vet techs and vet students.

■ Our Pets for Life program, which helps keeps pets and their families together regardless of socioeconomic circumstances, reached a major milestone of 500,000 supplies and services provided since 2012, helped more than 8,000 pets in its two core markets of Philadelphia and Los Angeles, and helped more than 25,000 pets through the work of mentorship partners.

■ Our Shelter Ally Project transported nearly 3,000 animals out of overcrowded shelters to ones in our shelter partner network with more capacity and higher rates of adoption.

■ Our Forever Foundation horse training program helped transform hundreds of rescued, traumatized horses into adoptable equines able to be placed in loving homes.

■ HSI’s global street dog program reached 75,000 animals around the world with spay/neuter/vaccination services.

# Fighting animal CRUELTY and NEGLECT

A shocking number of animal cruelty cases are reported every day, but they represent just the tip of the iceberg—most are never reported. Malicious acts of harm to animals and intentional neglect cross social, economic and geographic boundaries, and violence against animals is considered a likely indicator of a perpetrator’s capacity for violence against people. We fight for strong animal cruelty laws and punishments for those responsible, and we teach law enforcement officers how to identify and prosecute acts of cruelty. In 2019, we helped 15 states strengthen laws against animal fighting and cruelty and achieved our longtime goal of a federal anti-cruelty law.

■ In a milestone for the animal protection movement, the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act became federal law, giving the FBI and other federal law enforcement agencies authorization to prosecute malicious animal cruelty and prosecutors the power to bring felony charges in most circumstances.

■ We maintained a prohibition on funding USDA inspections of horse slaughter plants, effectively keeping them shuttered for another year.

■ We helped make it illegal in Tennessee, Washington state, New Jersey and New Hampshire to possess or sell animal fighting paraphernalia.

■ Through our Law Enforcement Training Center, we hosted 73 trainings and taught some 4,000 officers how to recognize cruelty and neglect and better protect animals in their communities.

■ We helped Kentucky pass a law designating bestiality as a crime, which leaves only four states with no such law.

■ The Prevent All Soring Tactics (PAST) Act passed the U.S. House of Representatives and reached 52 cosponsors in the Senate.
When Loki came to the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch after being rescued from a small cage in an abandoned Houston house, he bore psychological and physical scars from his past. One year on, he swims, plays, climbs and explores his spacious habitat in his new home at the ranch.
Providing care and sanctuary to animals in need

Through our affiliated care centers, we deliver hands-on direct care to thousands of animals in need every year. We rehabilitate sick and injured wild animals and return them to their natural habitats, provide lifelong care and sanctuary to animals with special needs or who were saved from desperate circumstances, and much more.

- In 2019, our affiliated Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch welcomed several high-profile new arrivals to its 800-plus member family: Loki, a tiger found locked in a cage in an abandoned house in the Houston suburbs; Eve, the “bare bear” who the Fund for Animals Wildlife Center rehabilitated from the worst case of mange our experts had ever seen; and members of several exotic species HSI rescued from a Canadian roadside zoo cruelty case, including a wildebeest, emu, zebra and three kangaroos.

- At our Second Chance Chimpanzee Refuge Liberia, which is caring for more than 60 chimps who were used in invasive medical experiments and then abandoned, we hired a full-time veterinarian and increased the frequency of the chimps’ daily feedings of fruit and vegetables on the six islands they call home.

A kangaroo family rescued from a Canadian roadside zoo.

Refuge deputy director Joseph Thomas, at left, leads a team of caregivers responsible for delivering food to the chimpanzees twice a day.
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For the year ending December 31, 2019

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Realized and unrealized gains on investments and other assets

| Total Support and Revenue                   | $246.5                     | $2.7                     | $249.2|

Operating and Supporting Expenses

Animal Protection Programs

| Education and awareness                    | $62.6                       | —                        | $62.6 |
| Direct care and service                    | 51.9                        | —                        | 51.9  |
| Public policy and enforcement              | 35.1                        | —                        | 35.1  |
| Corporate policy                           | 3.1                        | —                        | 3.1   |

Supporting Services

| Management and general                     | 10.0                        | —                        | 10.0  |
| Fundraising                                | 38.2                        | —                        | 38.2  |

Total Operating and Supporting Expenses

| $200.9                                     |                            | $200.9                    |

Change in Net Assets

| $45.6                                      | $2.7                       | $48.3                     |

Net Assets at Beginning of Year

| $161.6                                    | $91.0                      | $252.6                    |

Net Assets at End of Year

| $207.2                                    | $93.7                      | $300.9                    |

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Neal Greenberg was prepared to leave the animal shelter without a new companion when two dogs near the door caught his attention. As one lavished him with kisses through the cage bars, Neal announced “Wrap her up!” to the staff. And thus, Enya (named for the Irish singer as well as the pup’s habit of kissing “in ya face”) secured her forever home.

In a classic case of “who saved whom,” however, Neal insists that Enya gives as much as she receives: “Life is all about caring, sharing and learning—and we can learn from all beings.”

In addition to dogs (Enya is his fifth), Neal has a special affinity for big cats and exotic birds. After reading several years of the All Animals magazines that he receives as a membership benefit, Neal was inspired to donate appreciated stock to the Humane Society of the United States. Recently, he designated the organization as the primary beneficiary of his estate.

“I feel joy for animals and sometimes joyous tears, which is the apex of life,” he reflects. “Donating can be uplifting, and I encourage everyone to do whatever they can. Please spread kindness and compassion.”

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