The Humane Society of the United States is making the world a kinder place for animals.

With your support, we take on puppy mills, factory farms, the fur trade, trophy hunting, animal cosmetics testing and other cruel industries that exploit animals. Through our rescue, response and sanctuary work, as well as other direct services, we help thousands of animals in need every year. We fight all forms of animal cruelty to achieve the vision behind our name: a humane society. And we can’t do it without you.

We earned commitments from 75 puppy-friendly pet stores across New Jersey and New Hampshire to support legislation that would end the sale of puppies in pet stores in their states. Our puppy-friendly pet store program encourages stores to sign a pledge to not sell puppies. Go to humanesociety.org/resources/puppy-friendly-pet-store-list for a list of puppy-friendly pet stores in your area.

As a result of our advocacy, Washington became the 12th U.S. state to ban the sale of cosmetics newly tested on animals. This victory will save countless guinea pigs, rabbits, mice and rats from painful testing, including having cosmetics chemicals forced down their throats, dripped into their eyes or smeared onto their skin. Washington’s ban follows similar laws passed in California, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Nevada, New Jersey, New York, Oregon and Virginia.

Our Animal Rescue Team assisted the Johnston County Sheriff’s Office in Oklahoma with the rescue of 250 dogs and four cats from multiple breeders.
We led the effort for Illinois to become the 15th state to prohibit attractions from offering public contact with certain wild animals, including bears and nonhuman primates, ending some of the state’s worst attractions and exhibits at roadside zoos and menageries. It is not only cruel to subject these animals to public handling or contact—it is also highly dangerous, as these animals are unpredictable and carry the risk of zoonotic disease.

The HSUS unveiled the results of an undercover investigation into the sale of elephant ivory in Connecticut. We joined forces with the Animal Advocacy Caucus (a group of Connecticut state legislators) to publicize the findings and build momentum for a state ban on the sale of ivory parts and products from endangered species.

Through field clinics and community animal care projects, our Rural Area Veterinary Services program provided comprehensive veterinary services—including preventive care, spay/neuter and emergency care—to 2,073 animals.

Our Pets for Life and RAVS programs distributed 667,800 pounds of pet food and 396 pallets of pet supplies, reaching communities in 21 states across the country.

The ‘mob wife’ aesthetic is in. But what about the vintage fur that comes with it?

“It’s nearly impossible to know if that fur is used or not, and that could lead to more animals being killed for the fur trade, because that could lead to further sales.”

—PJ SMITH, HSUS DIRECTOR OF FASHION POLICY

Volunteer Highlight

In the first quarter of this year, 131 dedicated volunteers spent 6,051 long hours scooping poop, cleaning enclosures and delivering water, food and enrichment items to help support our animal rescue efforts. These hard-working advocates helped care for more than 400 dogs and about 50 cats at our care and rehabilitation center in Maryland and temporary shelters in Kansas and Oklahoma following rescue operations.

TO LEARN MORE about how your support helps fuel the fight for all animals, go to humansociety.org.

Scan the QR code with your smartphone camera or other device to share why you became a Humane Leader.