11,000 animals are saved by the Animal Rescue Team in 51 emergency rescues involving animal fighting operations, puppy mills, hoarding cases, and other abusive situations

3,380+ reports are fielded by animal cruelty experts, who also advise law enforcement agencies in more than 365 cases

A $250,000 grant for large-scale animal rescue operations is awarded to The HSUS for being voted a top cause in the Pepsi Refresh online contest

1,300 animal protection professionals and volunteers participate in disaster response training

Humane Society International provides disaster relief for animals in partnership with local groups in Haiti, China, Mexico, and Chile

After seeing the absolute squalor these people and animals lived in, you can’t help but feel anything but sorrow for both. But then you get to see the whole ordeal come to an end, and you see the compassion the animals get from the staff and the volunteers, and it really does make the overload of sights, smells, sounds, and emotions you’ve experienced over the last eight hours worthwhile.

—Photographer Bradly Boner on bearing witness to an HSUS rescue of 157 cats from a Wyoming home and their subsequent emergency care

A month after saving this Montana cat and nearly 100 other animals, The HSUS’s Adam Parascandola headed west again for back-to-back rescues of about 250 more. “It’s probably the first time a lot of these cats have actually breathed outside air,” Park County prosecutor Bryan Skoric said during a Wyoming seizure.