

The Global Animal

Thank you for publishing a comprehensive yet global issue (September/October 2009). The articles highlighted every contemporary issue facing the treatment of animals today in the United States and



abroad. I particularly enjoyed “Slum Dogs by the Millions.” After traveling to many continents and witnessing the conditions of our domestic pets, I find it refreshing to see the progress volunteers

in the article have made to improve their conditions. Their approaches are realistic yet humane. Please continue to update the readers on global animal treatment and progress.

— LAUREN MILLER KINCAID, PLANO, TEXAS

Fearless Ambassador

I have been a magazine editor for more than 20 years, and I wanted to recognize your staff for producing one of the most intelligently written, designed, and thoughtful consumer magazines I have read in a very long time. I read it because of its in-depth approach to some hard-to-look-at cruelty issues, as well as the heartwarming reporting on people dedicated to improving the lives of animals. Most of all, I admire the reports on HSUS activism. Your fearlessness in taking on the food industry’s cruel practices with unflinching honesty and detail was astonishing (“Downwind of the Factory Farm,” September/October 2009). And I thought I knew everything about animal testing practices (I’ve been appealing to companies to ban the practice for years) until I read the detailed piece, calling out companies previewing testing alternatives and telling us how to support the good guys. This magazine is perhaps the best ambassador for the aggressive activism of The HSUS on all fronts.

— JOAN WERBLIN, EDITOR, *GRIEF & LOSS* MAGAZINE



Bad Breeding

After being interested in animal welfare for about 20 years, something finally clicked into place for me when I read Wayne Pacelle’s note in the September/October issue. Many times in

my life I have asked people, “Where did you get your dog?” Often the answer was “We got him from a breeder.” I wonder now how many of these “breeders” were puppy mills.

— CAROL BACHELDER, BOISE, IDAHO

Inspired to Act

As I write this letter, I sit here wondering how I got to where I am now, from being so ignorant before and probably turning the other way—and thinking about how much education you have given me regarding cruelty against animals. You have opened my eyes. I am now proud to say that I have been a vegetarian for a year and a half, I volunteer for Wildlife Rescue and Rehabilitation in Kendalia, Texas, and I’m a member of The HSUS. Although I always loved animals, I want to thank you for all your information that has brought me in from the sidelines to really being involved in protecting these beautiful creatures. — YOLANDA RODRIGUEZ, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

Logical Conclusions

Upon reading “The End of Animal Testing?” (September/October 2009), it occurs to me that we’re really missing a deeper question here. Why do we even need to test things like pesticides, household



cleaners, or industrial chemicals? Can’t anyone in their right mind figure out that if you put pesticide in your eye or drink it, you might not be feeling too well afterwards? Who

would think that these things are safe to ingest? I don’t need to “test” a bullet to know it can kill me. What has happened to common sense in this society? Why sacrifice animals at the altar of human stupidity? Using a bit of logic in these testing schemes can avoid a lot of needless suffering.

— DR. GARY ZAJAC, HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA

Perhaps I’ve been naïve in thinking rabbits are no longer used in testing for toxicity. After reading All Animals, I see we still have a long way to go. Please keep working to protect all of God’s creatures, be it rabbits, hogs, or hens.

— PRISCILLA LYTCH, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

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