DING WHAT COMES NATURALLY, young pigs on a Georgia farm e-
plor the world with their sensitive noses, a freedom they would be denied in
factory farms. At breeding age, sows would enter gestation crates where they
would be virtually immobilized for most of their lives. In 2013, The HSUS se-
cured pledges to phase out crates from Applebee’s, Giant, Papa John’s and other major
food companies. The trend away from intensive confinement also went international as
South Africa committed to move away from gestation crates, and we laid the ground-
work for Canada to make a similar commitment in early 2014.

An amendment by U.S. Rep. Steve King of Iowa to the federal Farm Bill threatened to
reverse gains for farm animals and others by curbing states’ right to enact protective
laws. The HSUS built a broad political consensus that helped defeat the proposal. Mean-
while, previous HSUS investigations yielded results: Eight employees who punched and
kicked pigs at Wyoming Premium Farms were convicted of cruelty. And an HSUS lawsuit
against Westland Meat Packing Co., where employees tormented sick and injured cows,
yielded a $155 million fine—America’s largest monetary judgment for animal abuse.

STANDING UP
FOR FARM ANIMALS

Sendig Animal
Fighters on the Run

AFTER A LONELY LIFE ON A CHAIN, a dog eager-
ly soaks up attention from a rescuer. Same-day raids of
fighting operations in Alabama, Mississippi and Geor-
tia saved her and 366 other dogs from the fighting pit
in August. The blitzkrieg yielded firearms, drugs, some $500,000
in gambling proceeds and 14 suspects, who were later indicted
on felony dogfighting charges. The HSUS and ASPCA carried the
dogs to safety and helped authorities collect forensic evidence.

Based on leads phoned in to our tip line, The HSUS rescued
hundreds of animals from fighting and assisted law enforcement
officials in cases that led to more than 135 arrests. We also drove
the passage of legislation to strengthen the federal animal fight-
ing law, it is now a federal crime to attend a dogfight or cockfight
and a felony to bring a child to one.

In Costa Rica, Humane Society International joined law en-
forcement agencies as they carried out dogfighting raids, shut-
ting down two breeding facilities and saving 147 animals. Many
seized dogs were suspected of carrying bloodlines from the Unit-
ed States—animal fighters are crossing the border as it becomes
tougher to operate in the U.S. The Costa Rica raids are the start of
HSI moving against dogfighting internationally. “In the U.S., our
investigation tools have dogfighters running,” says The HSUS’s
Chris Schindler. “Now we have the opportunity to give dogfight-
ers nowhere to run.”

THIS SPREAD, FROM LEFT: JULIE BUSCH BRANAMAN/FOR THE HSUS; KATHY MILANI/THE HSUS.

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