Our Goals for 2008

MAKE DOGFIGHTING A FELONY IN ALL 50 STATES by passing new laws in Idaho and Wyoming. Upgrade animal fighting laws in 15 others.

PASS A LANDMARK BALLOT INITIATIVE IN CALIFORNIA to phase out pig gestation crates, veal crates, and hen battery cages; ban veal and gestation crates in Colorado.

DOUBLE THE CURRENT LIST OF SOME 400 RESTAURANT CHAINS, FOOD SERVICE PROVIDERS, AND EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS who have halted or minimized the use of eggs from battery cages. Add 25 more fashion retailers and designers to the 100 who have quit using fur and fur trim.

PASS MEANINGFUL FEDERAL LEGISLATION IN CONGRESS including the Captive Primate Safety Act, the Bear Protection Act, the Dog and Cat Fur Prohibition Enforcement Act, and a ban on imports from foreign puppy mills.

STOP THE COMMERCIAL SEAL HUNT in Canada.

CLOSE THE LOOPHOLES IN FEDERAL LAWS that allow some downed cattle to enter the food supply and permit sport-hunted polar bear trophies to be imported into the U.S.

INCREASE OUR ANIMAL SANCTUARIES FROM THREE TO FIVE, establishing The HSUS as the nation’s leading provider of direct care to animals.

COMPLETE OUR “AFTER KATRINA” PROJECT to help some 60 shelters in Louisiana and Mississippi provide greater care for dogs and cats, to encourage more people to spay and neuter their animals, and to adopt pets from shelters.

LAUNCH A HUMANЕ VENTURE CAPITAL FUND to invest in businesses that help animals and encourage the marketplace to offer more humane options.

INCREASE MEDIA COVERAGE OF ANIMAL PROTECTION ISSUES to raise awareness of our core issues and to stimulate public action and support.