



The work of nonprofit organizations is more than a sidelight or minor feature of our American culture. The work of NGOs on education, public health, hunger, the quality of our environment, and so many other areas of concern defines our character as a nation. These organizations, through their collective works, help to build a more civil, compassionate, sustainable, and safe society.

Among animal groups, your HSUS stands tallest—celebrating the rightful place of animals in society and in nature and confronting cruelty whether it's aberrational and jarring or institutional and routine. Protecting animals from human-caused cruelty is one of the great and most important causes of our time, defining the human relationship to animals and infusing our society with core values of compassion and mercy.

There can be no question, as you read *All Animals* and other communications from our organization, that we are driving social reform for animals in ways not seen in earlier times.

We are shutting down puppy mills all over the nation through legislation and enforcement. We are working to drive down euthanasia by promoting adoption and spay/neuter and bringing animal-care services to some of the neediest communities in cities and rural areas. We are campaigning relentlessly against animal fighting, fortifying the legal framework, training law enforcement, and bringing perpetrators to justice.

In California, only a few weeks ago, we outlawed the hound hunting of bears and bobcats. In Ohio, we passed legislation to restrict the pet trade in dangerous wild animals. And throughout the nation, we are fighting against captive hunts, fox penning, poaching, the poisoning of wildlife with toxic lead shot, and the trophy hunting of lions, elephants, and so many other magnificent creatures. Our Wildlife Land Trust works every day to provide havens for all creatures who live on our lands. And we are leading the way in showing that run-ins with people don't have to be fatal for wildlife.

In a metaphorical sense, we are breaking down the cages and crates that confine so many animals on factory farms. Just this year, we've secured agreements from more than 40 major food companies—from McDonald's to Costco to Safeway—to phase out their purchases of gestation crate pork. We've pushed the dairy industry to begin ending tail docking of dairy cows. And we're forging an historic agreement with the egg industry to outlaw the barren battery cage. We guard our progress jealously, fending off federal lawsuits to nullify California's landmark Proposition 2 and also the state's ban on the sale of foie gras from ducks and geese subjected to inhumane force-feeding.

Our investigation of a renowned Tennessee walking horse trainer exposed the widespread abuse of show animals in that industry. We are working with federal land managers to implement contraception of wild horses and burros as an alternative to costly and inhumane roundups. And we are blocking efforts to reopen horse slaughter plants in the United States.

We've pushed for an end to invasive experiments on chimpanzees; in September, the National Institutes of Health declared that 110 chimps at a lab we investigated would be made "permanently ineligible" for research. In Europe, we are phasing out crude animal tests in favor of faster, more reliable nonanimal methods.

Our Animal Rescue Team is aiding animals in dire circumstances everywhere—from puppy mills and animal fights to starvation and hoarding cases. Abroad, our street dog teams are sterilizing tens of thousands of roaming, vulnerable animals throughout the developing world.

When animals are in crisis, we are there. The duty of an organization founded to pursue "every field of humane work—everywhere" is to extend our programs into all quarters. We are emboldened by your convictions and your commitment to us and to the principles of animal protection. We're determined to succeed and to drive transformational change. It only happens because of you.

BELOW: The HSUS successfully campaigned to outlaw hound hunting of bears and bobcats in California (see p. 8 for details).



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