Resolved to Be Kind
From spoiling pets to protecting wildlife, nearly 500 Facebook fans shared their plans for helping animals in 2013.

KATHY SCHUH My resolution is to help my cat get to a healthier weight this year.
VICKIE TAYLOR To help an elderly friend to take care of her pet by taking the pet to the vet and helping to get food for it.
TANYA TEREKHOVA Buying dairy and eggs only from family farms.
KEISHA WHITMAN-HOLMES My husband is the animal control officer for two towns in our state, and together he and I have rescued a lot of animals. … My New Year’s resolution is to continue the work that my husband does, standing by his side and trying to do right by any and all animals we come across.
JAN GAMBINI-DAVEY Teach love and kindness to our young, so they can break this cycle of cruelty to animals. Come on parents, we all have a duty to make this happen—please!
LACY NGUYEN Planning on starting school to become a wildlife veterinarian.
SUE DUDLEY BOLLS Going to assure that all products I use and companies that I work with do not use animals for testing.

Bianca A. Gonzalez
Start volunteering at animal shelters once I turn 18!

Evelyn Phillips
To do everything I can to get puppy mills shut down—write letters, picket pet stores that sell puppies from puppy mills—anything I can.

Kim Miller
Continue advocating with Shark Angels while working towards my degree in conservation.

Jean Curry
To spread the news of SPAY and NEUTER!

Caroline Henry
Our cat always welcomes me by walking around my legs when I come home. I will let him put his hair on my pants and not get mad. I’m sure he is so happy to see me.

Bailey Smith
For my birthday I’m asking that my friends give me things I can donate to the local shelters.

Amber Hurd Marienthal
Like last year, I promise never to let a day pass without taking some sort of action on behalf of animals—even if it’s just sending an email.

In the last issue of All Animals, you met Billy, whom I adopted after helping rescue him from a North Carolina puppy mill last March. I had the pleasure of watching his personality emerge. He was such a happy dog who quickly learned to enjoy all the love, attention, toys, and treats all dogs should have. Unfortunately, Billy suffered from years of neglect and a host of medical issues. Despite being under the care of a great veterinary team, Billy lost his struggle over the holidays and passed away. It was a devastating loss for my family and we miss Billy’s exuberance for life immensely. But I am grateful for the time we had. He helped shine a light on the deplorable conditions that dogs in puppy mills experience, and I’m happy he got to experience a life all dogs deserve.

— Adam Parascandola

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A Million Congrats to my friends at @HumaneSociety for being named @VegNews NONPROFIT OF THE YEAR! SO DESERVED! @JohnSChlimm

Found recipe for @ChloeCoscarelli’s sweet potato gnocchi w/sage butter in @HumaneSociety #AllAnimals. We have a sweet potato overflow. Fate! @_stephanied_

@humanesociety great work on #APigsTail! Made me sad about how animals are treated. Great 4 awareness! @Mister_Yeti
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hope and Change
I was extremely pleased to read about your Pets for Life program (“Taking It to the Streets,” January/February 2013). Having grown up in Chicago, I have always felt that there was a way to reach out to underserved communities and animals. However, I did not see evidence of that happening with animal welfare organizations. Kudos to you and your hardworking staff and volunteers for making it succeed and spread! For my future endeavors, I will remember your tenets of showing respect, setting aside judgment, creating a consistent presence, and setting realistic goals.

As a veteran, I was also very gratified to read about your support of shelter work in Afghanistan (“Hope in a Land of War and Want,” January/February 2013). I have fed a starving puppy in Roatan and seen the disregard to the suffering of dogs there. Thank you for shining a light in the darkness and helping relieve the suffering of so many innocents.

— SABINE PRATHER, WESTFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS

A Voice for the Voiceless
I absolutely love All Animals, the wonderful work of The Humane Society, and the great leadership of Wayne Pacelle. Reading “Justice for All” (November/December 2012) was rewarding, and my thanks go to all those talented people fighting through our complicated justice system for the animals. The animals cannot say thank you, but I can! Love and positive thoughts to all of you.

— DEBORAH DOANE, NORTH OLMSTED, OHIO

THIS ISSUE’S MUSE
Tiny Pippen has filled a big hole in the hearts of Stephanie and Jason Itle-Clark. The HSUS staffers were mourning the passing of one of their dogs when they saw a photo of the 3.5-pound Chihuahua puppy, one of 33 dogs rescued by The HSUS from poor conditions last June. They immediately drove to Tennessee to pick her up. Despite her traumatic start in life, Pippen fit right in with the couple’s four other dogs, playing the role of spoiled baby sister. Named for Scottie Pippen, former NBA all-star with Jason’s beloved Chicago Bulls, she loves everyone, every dog, and a stuffed Pink Panther that’s as big as she is.