The Marine Mammals, including whales, dolphins, sea lions, and fur seals, of marine mammals for subsistence and subsistence-level traditional native handicrafts. Although native Alaskans are allowed to use a limited number of marine mammals in handicrafts by Alaskan natives. The HSUS recently submitted comments to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) on the use of marine mammals in handicrafts by Alaskan natives. The HSUS told the FWS that the natives’ exception should be interpreted as narrowly as possible, in order to provide the necessary protection for marine mammals, and that no new handicraft activities should be permitted under the MMPA.

FOUNDER GRANTS

The Parks Foundation provides financial support to organizations for programs to improve the status of animals. Awards are made either for specific projects, the construction of shelters, or for general shelter operating costs. Applications are now being accepted for this year’s grants. To be eligible, organizations must have established IRS 501(c)3 status. For details on the application process, write to: The William and Charlotte Parks Foundation for Animal Welfare, c/o Maine National Bank, P.O. Box 3555, Portland, ME 04104.

SWedenprotects Farm Animals

Sweden has passed a new Animal Protection Act which mandates that animals’ natural behavior and habits must be considered and provided for by those raising them in captivity. The act will make statutory greater powers for the prevention of cruelty to animals in several different respects. For example, cattle must be allowed to graze, and cows must no longer be tethered and must be provided separate areas for sleeping, eating, and elimination. Keeping poultry in battery cages, common practice in this country, will no longer be allowed, and permission will be required for pelt and fur farms. The act is based on the premise that domestic animals have the right to a favorable environment in which their natural behavior and health are safeguarded.

Every day, throughout the world, millions of animals suffer needlessly. We’re fighting to stop that suffering. In recent years, we’ve brought an end to dozens of inhumane acts by changing laws, uncovering illegal activities and educating local governments. To continue, we need your help. Become a member. Write WSFA, PO Box 190, 29 Perkins St., Boston, MA 02130. Or call (617) 522-7000. Your support is our only line of defense.