

# We are... rescuing animals



The Animal Rescue Team helped 9,000+ victims of cruelty, neglect, and disasters in 2011.



“Working with them was wonderful. ... I would wish that a lot more of my rescues involved The Humane Society.”

—Lisa Saunders, Southeast Llama Rescue

By coming to the aid of animals in crisis, we're helping the victims of abuse, neglect, and disaster find fresh starts.

## Llama Rescue: Family Ties Still Binding

Mother and daughter stuck close from the start. That was clear to responders in Nebraska in August, when The HSUS helped organize the rescue of 19 llamas whose owner could no longer care for them (photo 2).

“They would always be together,” says Lisa Saunders, a volunteer with Southeast Llama Rescue, noting that Quay, the daughter, would occasionally try to do a “security nursing” when anxious.

Today, Fay and Quay protect goats and sheep from coyotes on a farm outside Indianapolis (1). They love patrolling their new pasture and gobbling oat treats fed by hand. And their new owners will occasionally spot them cuddling, heads touching. Still together.

## Dogfighting Rescue: Sweet as Honey

Raiding a suspected dogfighting ring in Indiana in July, HSUS responders found Honey the pregnant pit bull tied to a short, tangled tow chain outside a dilapidated doghouse (3). She was covered in flies, with no food or water and a nasty hole in her cheek.

Fearful at first, she calmed to the point that The HSUS's Chris Schindler could carry her off the property. Weeks later, she gave birth to two puppies. After spending time learning how to be a dog (4), she was adopted by a vet tech. Schindler saw her again in March 2012 and marveled at the ball-chasing, tail-wagging, outfit-wearing new dog she'd become: “She's doing amazing.”

## Puppy Mill Rescue: Finally Free, Finally Home

Abigail stood behind wire caging in a North Carolina puppy mill, her skin red and inflamed, her head tilted to the side because of a severely infected ear. The skinny French bulldog was one of 276 dogs rescued from the property in June (5). “She looked exhausted,” The HSUS's Kim Albaum remembers, “and very sad.”

But Abigail now has a new home (6) and a best friend—Loki, also a French bulldog. “They're inseparable,” says adopter Rebecca Muller. “They play tug-of-rope, tug-of-Frisbee, tug-of-ball.” And though they have their own dog beds, they're much happier sharing one.

## Hoarding Rescue: Living Up to His Name(s)

Rescued from an unprecedented hoarding situation in Florida in June, one unforgettable cat has found a fresh start—and not one, but two fitting names.

All told, 697 cats were rescued from the property (7), including one whom responders dubbed Velcro for his propensity to cling to their shoulders, chests, and arms. “He stuck to you like Spiderman,” remembers The HSUS's Ashley Mauceri.

After having some troublesome teeth pulled, Velcro began putting on weight. His coat grew healthier. And around the holidays, he found a new home (8), with Gainesville realtor Darlene Pifalo, who renamed him “Romeo.”

“He's just a lover,” she says. “... He's been a blessing.”

