

# TOP 5 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



From retiring research chimpanzees to sanctuary to ending systemic abuse of horses to increasing penalties for animal fighters, The HSUS is the best in the field at securing public policy reforms. Our lobbyists speak for animals in statehouses and on Capitol Hill, our litigation team puts abusive industries on the defensive, our international staff advocate before governments and policymaking bodies worldwide, and our first responders work to ensure humane laws are enforced.



Every year The HSUS provides hands-on care to tens of thousands of animals in need. We help operate five sanctuaries and rehab centers across the country, bring progressive solutions to rabies prevention and dog and cat overpopulation, and deploy rescue teams to natural and man-made disasters. And we leverage these stories to strike at the root causes of cruelty, helping ensure that future generations of animals won't need our intervention.



The HSUS regularly squares off against industries that profit from animal abuse. When money is at stake, moral appeals are seldom enough. So we point the way to alternatives—to fur in fashion, to animal testing and research, to factory farming, to the exploitation and lethal management of wildlife, and more. We give humane-minded companies an edge against their competitors and those stuck in the old ways a financial incentive to change.



Most people believe animals deserve compassion and respect. But many don't know how to move from opinion to action. Leveraging the power of new and traditional media, we mobilize millions on issues from shark finning to foie gras production. Our training and conferences equip individuals and organizations to make a difference. And we reach out to faith communities, children and teens, and celebrities around the world. Their voices join ours, and a movement grows.

**#1**  
Nearly 50 major fast food chains, grocers, pork producers, and food service providers commit to phasing out gestation crates—which essentially immobilize breeding sows for months on end.

**#2**  
In the wake of Superstorm Sandy, HSUS teams open emergency shelters in coastal New York and New Jersey, rescue hundreds of animals from decimated neighborhoods, and help distribute tens of thousands of dollars' worth of pet food and supplies.

**#3**  
74 pro-animal state laws are passed, including bans on hound hunting of bears and bobcats in California and private ownership of dangerous wild animals in Ohio.

**#4**  
Following a nationally televised HSUS undercover video on the abuse of Tennessee walking horses, trainer Jackie McConnell is convicted of a federal felony; the USDA establishes mandatory minimum penalties for Horse Protection Act violations.

**#5**  
The National Institutes of Health agrees to retire more than 100 chimpanzees from research and ends government breeding contract with New Iberia Research Center, the subject of a 2008–2009 HSUS undercover exposé.



“When I first joined The HSUS team I had no idea of the tremendous scope of its activities. ... It is by far the most effective animal protection organization in the world, and may be more effective than the combined efforts of most of the other groups.”

— John Mackey, co-CEO of Whole Foods Market and HSUS board member