

# REACHING STREET DOGS ACROSS THE GLOBE



**A** **N OUTSTRETCHED HAND**, kind words and offers of treats draw a street dog in the Indian city of Jamshedpur toward an animal welfare officer: Soon the Humane Society International staffer will pick up the animal like a pet and bring her to a clinic for spaying. This revolutionary approach (usually animals are caught in nets) keeps dogs calm and demonstrates to passersby that they are not dirty and dangerous—worthy of kicks and stones—but potential friends. “I want people to see dogs in a completely different way,” says HSI’s Joy Lee. Around the world efforts like this are changing people’s minds and behavior. In Mauritius, the government agreed to stop catching and killing strays so that HSI could conduct a scientific count in the hope of spaying and neutering to lower their numbers.

In the U.S., grants to shelters and lobbying by The HSUS are helping to end the use of carbon monoxide for euthanizing homeless dogs. In 2013, individual cities in Kansas and North Carolina stopped gassing dogs, Texas banned the practice and the last known gas chambers in Mississippi and South Carolina were shut down.

## 70,000+

Street dogs, cats, equines and farm animals provided medical care and other assistance by HSI in 2013