



## SHIELDING WILDLIFE FROM ABUSE

**G**RAY WOLVES, and the tight bonds formed by pack members, are under fire. With Endangered Species Act protections lifted in several states, more than 2,000 members of this fragile species have been lost to hunters. In Michigan, we helped collect more than 250,000 signatures for a ballot initiative that will enable voters to cancel the state's hunt. "It's shoot first, ask questions later," says wolf advocate Nancy Warren. "We think that's the wrong way to go. Wolves belong to all of us."

Maine voters will have the chance to protect bears, as we launched a ballot initiative to end bear hounding, baiting and trapping. In South Carolina, following a three-year HSUS push and an extensive law enforcement investigation, bear baying ended in the state and six captive black bears used in baying events were moved to sanctuary. An HSUS undercover investigation had previously exposed the competitions, in which tethered bears are attacked by dogs while spectators cheer.

We also led efforts behind a historic California law requiring hunters to use lead-free ammunition—protecting more than 130 species from poisoning.

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Pro-animal state laws passed in 2013, including an Arkansas ban on future private possession of apes and some monkeys as pets and laws in New York and Vermont that prohibit captive hunting of certain species