One of 60 animals we rescued from a suspected North Carolina puppy mill, Sassy recovered quickly in foster care.

864

of **ANIMALS** we **HELPED IN** hoarding cases

Rescuing Animals in Crisis

While we work to tackle the root causes of animal cruelty, The HSUS and our affiliates also help animals in need right now across the United States and around the world.

- Our Animal Rescue Team deployed across the country in 2014, from Florida to Washington state. We helped rescue 2,616 animals—transporting a bear in Kansas, helping authorities rescue 200 birds from a suspected cockfighting operation, removing flea- and worm-infested dogs from a Tennessee puppy mill and more.

- Our veterinary teams offered valuable and often urgent care. The **Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association – Rural Area Veterinary Services** program provided free spay/neuter and other veterinary treatment to 7,409 dogs, cats and horses in 19 Native American communities and the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Peru. We also helped train 300 veterinary students.

- We continued caring for some of the animals we helped in 2013, including 100+ dogs seized as part of the second-largest animal fighting rescue in U.S. history. Staff and volunteers taught them to embrace life beyond the dirt circle they'd always known, reading to them, taking them for walks, coaxing them with treats and even providing therapy through music and scents.

- Nearly 300 animal welfare groups make up our list of Emergency Placement Partners that help find homes for rescued animals. When shelters near a rescue site don't have room to take in all of the animals we save, we turn to our partners to find groups that are willing and able to help. Last August, for example, we transported to our headquarters some 50 dogs and puppies who had been removed from a hoarding situation in Mississippi. Representatives from animal welfare groups in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C., stepped up to find the animals new homes.