



A client and her cat attend a Pets for Life event in Philadelphia.

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**100,000**

Our Pets for Life teams helped their 100,000th pet in neighborhoods that lack access to veterinary care, operating programs in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Philadelphia and mentoring groups in 31 other communities.

# Companion Animal Protection

IT WAS A MILESTONE YEAR IN OUR EFFORTS TO PROTECT COMPANION ANIMALS.

- In Puerto Rico, we launched a landmark program to create a new paradigm for animals, training and equipping law enforcement to investigate animal cruelty, helping teachers incorporate humane education into curricula and bringing new technology and tools to shelters. HSI provided low-cost spay/neuter to help stem the tide of homeless animals overwhelming island shelters.
- With our support, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration required new safety standards and better manufacturing practices for pet food companies. Congress defunded horse slaughter inspections for a year. And more than a dozen communities repealed policies that unfairly stigmatized certain breeds of dogs.
- Hundreds of shelter and rescue personnel used our resources to keep cats in homes, 1,400 people attended our Rethinking the Cat symposia and we helped 25 counties and municipalities pass pro-trap-neuter-return ordinances and policies. Animal Care Expo attracted a record number of attendees—more than 2,300 people from more than 40 countries.
- Ten animal shelters voluntarily closed gas chambers, saving hundreds of animals from an inhumane death. Since we began our campaign against gas chambers in 2013, two-thirds of the gas chambers in the United States have shut down.
- More than 100,000 housing units are part of our new Pets Are Welcome campaign, which targets animal homelessness by working with the apartment industry to create humane, less-restrictive pet policies that keep families together.
- **HUMANE HERO:** Every team needs people like Djuana Edmond. After scheduling neuter surgery for her dog, Djuana volunteered with our Pets for Life team to take other people's pets to the veterinarian, knowing transportation was an obstacle for many in her Atlanta neighborhood. She also helped us trap, neuter and return community cats.