



Dogs at a meat farm in South Korea take a peek at their rescuers. More than 600 dogs flew to safety in 2017 thanks to our work shutting down these farms. We're working to bring an end to the industry.

## Rescuing and caring for animals in crisis

In 2017, you stepped up to help us save animals impacted by abuse and disaster. Our Animal Rescue Team alone helped nearly 17,000 animals. With each rescue we conduct, we look at the bigger picture, the underlying issues. Our rescues address today's cruelties; our policy and education work prevent tomorrow's.

### YOU'RE PUTTING AN END TO THE DOG MEAT TRADE IN ASIA.

Conservative estimates are that more than 30 million dogs per year are raised for meat on dog farms, grabbed off the streets or stolen from their families. They are transported in appalling conditions and cruelly slaughtered.

In South Korea, you helped us shut down four dog meat farms in 2017, supporting the farmers' transition to new, humane livelihoods and saving nearly 600 dogs, who went to safety in the U.S., UK and Canada. In China, HSI's local partners closed an illegal dog collection depot and rescued nearly 1,000 dogs and

cats from a meat trader's truck. Humane Society International also helped form a new coalition to fight the industry in Indonesia, and welcomed a ban on dog and cat meat in Taiwan. During the Olympics in South Korea, we engaged athletes and celebrities around the world to condemn the dog meat trade.

### WE SECURED SUPPORT FOR THE CARE OF LIBERIAN CHIMPANZEES.

In 2015, The HSUS and HSI began caring for a group of chimpanzees living on estuarine islands in Liberia. The animals had formerly been used in research by the New York Blood Center. For years,

we worked to get financial support to provide them with lifetime care. In 2017, we secured that support and ended our campaign against NYBC. While more funding is needed, we're grateful for their commitment of \$6 million to help provide the chimps with long-term care.

### YOU'RE HELPING SAVE WILD EQUINES FROM ROUND-UPS AND SLAUGHTER.

More than 50,000 horses and burros removed from public lands are being held in Bureau of Land Management (BLM) facilities, at an annual cost to taxpayers of \$50 million. The HSUS is pioneering innovative strategies to provide a humane management alternative. We completed the first year of a five-year project to manage the horse population on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico. We trained locals

on an immunocontraceptive drug (PZP) to prevent births, and conducted equine wellness, vaccination and grooming clinics. With the BLM, we launched a pilot project to manage burro herds in the Black Mountain Herd Management Area in Arizona—the first burro project in the U.S. to utilize PZP.

**BIG DOGS GOT BIG HELP.** The huge house in a New Hampshire resort community appeared luxurious. But inside, rescuers found 84 Great Danes living in a toxic atmosphere. Feces and urine coated the floors and walls. Many of the dogs were ill and in distress, and suffering from an array of health problems. Our teams led efforts to care for the animals over the nine months that the case proceeded. In early 2018, the owner was convicted of 17 counts of animal cruelty.

**YOU HELPED US TAKE ON THE LARGEST COCKFIGHTING BUST IN U.S. HISTORY.** In May, we worked alongside the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department and local animal organizations to put an end to an enormous fighting operation, with a staggering 7,000 roosters at a single location. Reacting to a tip on our cruelty reporting hotline, more than 100 deputies, with help from our Animal Rescue Team, removed the birds from a property in a remote canyon in California, ensuring they would never again be used in a cruel cockfight.

# The care centers

## *A peek at a few of their 2017 visitors*

### **THE FUND FOR ANIMALS WILDLIFE CENTER, CALIFORNIA**

A bear cub suffering from severe mange was rescued by good Samaritans in December. Staff from the Department of Fish and Wildlife volunteered their Christmas Eve to transport her hundreds of miles to our facility in Ramona. To mark the holiday, she was named Eve. She is expected to make a full recovery, and to spend next Christmas in the wild where she belongs.



### **SOUTH FLORIDA WILDLIFE CENTER, FLORIDA**

This brown pelican had multiple fish hooks embedded in his body when he arrived at South Florida Wildlife Center. The Center educates the public, including anglers, about this often-fatal wildlife peril. Veterinarians surgically removed the hooks, treated an infection in one of his wings and used an ultrasound machine to break up scar tissue. The therapy helped the pelican regain a full range of motion, and with time he was able to soar back into the wild.

### **CLEVELAND AMORY BLACK BEAUTY RANCH (TEXAS) AND DUCHESS SANCTUARY (OREGON)**

Black Beauty and Duchess took in horses from a failed rescue organization in South Dakota, working together to place 18 of the animals—including a pregnant mare—into safe care.



## *Friends in need*

### **SUPPORTING FORMER RESEARCH CHIMPS IN THEIR RETIREMENT**

After helping win the battle to end the use of chimpanzees in laboratories, The HSUS provided funding for habitat at Project Chimps in Georgia to support a quality retirement for the chimpanzees still at U.S. labs. Multiple chimp groups have arrived, and the HSUS-supported sanctuary now has a total of 40 chimps, who are enjoying going outside for the first time ever. We'll be helping Project Chimps add space to allow more "retirees" to enjoy comfort for the rest of their days.

