



Caring for companion animals

With you by our side, we improved the lives of thousands of companion animals in 2018, securing game-changing victories and transformational changes.



Our crowning achievement was helping lead the successful effort to ban the cruel sport of greyhound racing in Florida, the last remaining stronghold of this heartless industry. Throughout the year, we operated clinics for pets in places where no veterinary

care exists, and worked to stop the culling of street dogs in India, Africa and Asia with mass spay/neuter/vaccination programs. We also trained nearly 2,000 law enforcement officials, shelter staff, rescuers, veterinarians and other animal welfare professionals to better protect animals in their communities. You were instrumental in all these successes.

- In Florida, we helped pass Proposition 13, which will end that state's cruel era of greyhound racing by 2020 and hasten the inevitable end of dog racing nationwide.
- Leading a coalition of 26 organizations, we spayed/neutered and vaccinated 17,003 dogs and cats in the first two rounds of Spayathon™ for Puerto Rico—the world's largest, no-cost MASH-style veterinary operation—and brought in \$3.2 million worth of in-kind donations.
- Pets for Life, our program that brings free veterinary services to pet owners in underserved neighborhoods across the U.S. and works to highlight systems and policies that negatively impact under-resourced people and their pets, provided its 100,000th spay/neuter surgery.
- More than 7,500 animals in remote and impoverished areas of the U.S. were treated for illness and injuries and spayed/neutered/vaccinated through the Rural Area Veterinary Services program.
- We launched the Shelter Ally Project, which helps ease overcrowding in high-volume shelters, and in 2018 transported more than 1,000 adoptable animals to shelters with high adoption rates.
- In Connecticut, Kansas and Louisiana, we helped pass Good Samaritan laws that allow people to break into hot cars and rescue dogs in danger.
- Our global affiliate Humane Society International improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of street dogs in Asia, India, Latin America and Africa with vaccination and sterilization programs, policy intervention and public education to stop mass culls, and the provision of food and veterinary care.