In addition to fighting for transformative changes that make the world a kinder place for animals, every year the Humane Society of the United States and our affiliated care centers provide hands-on care to more than 20,000 animals.
Heartfelt thanks to the Alex & Elisabeth Lewyt Charitable Trust for its generous $4 million pledge in support of South Florida Wildlife Center’s capital campaign to build a new campus for its state-of-the-art wildlife rescue, rehabilitation, research and education work.

Our three care center affiliates, the Fund for Animals Wildlife Center, Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch and Duchess Sanctuary, along with HSUS-supported South Florida Wildlife Center and Project Chimps, collectively care for and provide lifelong sanctuary to hundreds of species, from tortoises to tigers, burros to bears, reptiles to raccoons. Some come from the wild and are wounded or sick. Others are rescued from trophy hunting ranches, pulled from cruelty situations or saved from slaughterhouses. We take in cast-offs from the exotic pet trade, animals used in research and survivors of roadside zoos, circuses and traveling acts.

- In 2018, Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch in Texas took in 14 horses saved from neglect and cruelty, two black bear brothers who had spent their entire lives in a cage as part of a traveling show and two capuchin monkeys who arrived as refugees from the exotic pet trade.
- South Florida Wildlife Center once again treated more sick, wounded and displaced wildlife than any other wildlife rescue facility in the United States—more than 10,000 animals representing hundreds of species passed through its doors, including an injured great shearwater who was successfully treated and released back to the wild, the first such success in five years of this rarely seen seabird.
- The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center in California nursed a baby black bear back from the brink of death following her arrival on Christmas Eve, 2017, with the worst case of mange staff had ever seen. Eve the “bare bear” is now doing wonderfully, but because her thick fur coat will never fully grow back, she can’t survive in the wild, so in 2019 she will join more than 800 animals at Black Beauty Ranch.
- In 2018, Duchess Sanctuary in Oregon celebrated 10 years as a safe haven for nearly 200 equines rescued from neglect, cruelty or slaughter. The herds at Duchess spend their days running free over 1,120 acres of pastures and fields and older and special needs horses are cared for by expert staff.

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PROJECT CHIMPS

Twenty-nine former research chimps felt grass under their feet for the first time when they arrived at Project Chimps, a 236-acre sanctuary we support in the Blue Ridge Mountains that will eventually care for many more chimps once used in research.