

Ending Abuse and Suffering An Epic Battle on Many Fronts

This *2006 Annual Report* lays out the facts and numbers of our work at The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)—impressive by the standards of any nonprofit group in America or elsewhere. The greatest achievement, though, is something that statistics can't really capture. It is the relief of animal suffering, in all the works of mercy, through which we at The HSUS leave our true mark in the world.

We never let ourselves forget that this is our mission—more important than anything else we do. Where others trade on exploitation and cruelty, our charge is to appeal to human compassion. Where others regard all creatures of the world as so much raw material, as mere resources to be taken and used, we appeal to human responsibility. And in a world where animals are deprived of habitat, confined in factory farms, or degraded and killed in blood sports, we appeal to human charity. We speak to the better qualities in the human heart, to the sense of empathy and moral concern that most people feel toward animals.

It is hard work, and thanks to your own great generosity and compassion we have been able in recent years to join the battle on many fronts. In Canada, where every year the ice floes are stained with blood by seal hunters, we're acting to stop the slaughter permanently with a boycott of Canadian seafood. In Congress, we have advocated for legislative reforms to crack down on trophy hunting, horse slaughter, animal fighting, puppy mills, and many other forms of cruelty.

In state capitols, we are helping to raise standards for the treatment of farm animals, with successes you will read about in this report. For many years, reforming the livestock industry in America seemed the most hopeless of animal protection causes. That time has passed, and today we are witnessing a great movement of conscience away from the worst abuses of factory farming.

We have no illusions about the challenges we confront. We know that great reforms are the work of many people and many years. But we don't use the excuse of time to postpone the work of today. Every day at The HSUS, we move forward. We stay on the offensive against cruelty. This report shows the results, in real victories gained and millions of animals spared from misery.

No other organization has the strengths of The HSUS. Our scientists, lobbyists, investigators, attorneys, disaster specialists, veterinarians, and others have the experience, training, and resources to do the work you expect of us. We are now some 10 million members strong, and we are putting that influence to good use each day with lawmakers, corporate CEOs, and other decision-makers.

Above all, our best asset is your conviction. When animals are spared from abuse and suffering through the work of The HSUS, that happens because you choose to act. When animals are rescued from disaster or given shelter or veterinary care, you are the ones who saved them.

Our more than 400 staff members are in your debt, too. I hope that in the years to come we can continue to count on your kindness and generosity. The goal is to add more victories every year to augment those stories of causes won and cruelties overcome that you will read about in this report. And that we can only accomplish together.



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