From the Members of the Coyo-te Party

Your excellent story “Coyotes Under Fire” (March/April 2012) exemplifies a government program at its worst—rife with corruption and good ol’ boy cronynism top to bottom. Despite the unreeceptive, entrenched bureaucracy and monied lobbyists like NRA, I urge The HSUS to strengthen ties and support to groups that are working to develop and fund nonlethal predator controls. Eventually even Congress will get the message and cut the purse strings to agencies such as Wildlife Services. — BOB VARDEN, MOUNTLAKE TERRACE, WASHINGTON

I am appalled, to say the least, to read what our government is doing. Killing coyotes is as ridiculous as Congress itself. When will common sense kick in? There is no good time to spend money on a practice such as this but least of all now when we are in such dire straits on the budget. Even if we were flush with money, you can’t just kill what you perceive as a threat, period. We must stop funding this awful killing. — AUDREY REGALIA, COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

My husband and I love living in the country and we have great respect for nature. We (and our many rescued pets) work hard to coexist with wildlife, as we have moved into their habitat. Sadly, coyotes have become a problem in our area, as humans introduced them for hunting purposes and they also migrated here easily as all of their natural predators have been hunted to near extinction. We also keep our small pets inside. It is nice to see The HSUS stepping up to the plate to once again speak out for those who don’t have a voice. — CAROLE EDMONDS, PISGAH, ALABAMA

I live in the Arizona desert. I have horses and small dogs yet have never lost any animal to the many coyotes who live around me. I’m not saying it doesn’t happen; my neighbor lost a very small dog. My solution was simply to be more cautious. I built a coyote-unfriendly fence, and if I happen to see one snooping around, I take the alpha role and throw rocks and yell. After a couple of times like this, the coyotes quit coming up by the fence. (I’m not really sure if they take me seriously or just feel sorry for that poor human making such a fool of herself!) — PEGGY NELSON, APACHE JUNCTION, ARIZONA

Hoping for a Hoppy Ending

I was sickened to read about the serval cat cross breeder in North Carolina (“To the Rescue,” March/April 2012). You did mention that a rabbit had also been found at the location; however, you failed to give details. As a lagomorph lover, owner, and enthusiast, I would like to have known what happened to this rabbit. Rabbits are the most abused, neglected, discarded pet in America, and since they are considered livestock, they have few advocates to give them a voice. Please let us know what happened to the rabbit mentioned in this article. — BRANDI BOHAY, OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA

EDITORS’ NOTE: Kim Alboum, our North Carolina state director, reports that the rabbit found a new home through the Guilford County Animal Shelter.
Fresh Starts

I was genuinely uplifted by your article “To the Rescue” (January/February 2012) about the puppy-milled malamute pups and fighting roosters and how they readily responded to your rescuers' kindness and care after being liberated from their dismal straits. There is an affinity and bond we share with all life's creatures, that vast, unspoken silent multitude, which is akin to our charity and tears. Continue the fine efforts.

— ROBERT FLACHS, WEST HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK

All in the Family

As a sophomore in high school and member of The HSUS, I have been reading All Animals for more than a year, and it never disappoints. After receiving this magazine every other month, I purposefully left it around the house, hoping my parents' curiosity would get the better of them. Fortunately, my plan succeeded, and now both of my parents regularly read your magazine. My father recently liked your Facebook page, and my mother makes wiser decisions when thinking about dinner. My father and I also send letters urging meat producers to end the use of gestation crates, among other practices. Thanks to the brilliant work of the people at The HSUS and this magazine, we are becoming an aware, proactive family against the cruel abuse of animals.

— ALEXA RUTHERFORD, OAKDALE, MINNESOTA

A Cookbook That Deserves a Look

I love All Animals, including the “In the Kitchen” section that features vegan recipes. However, a problem I find with a lot of vegan recipes, including the corn chowder recipe in the January/February 2012 issue, is that they involve so many ingredients and are just too much work for busy home cooks. Thus I'd like to recommend another cookbook I've found recently, The 4 Ingredient Vegan by Maribeth Abrams and Anne Dinshah, published in 2010. The recipes I've tried so far have been quick, delicious, delightfully easy, great everyday vegan food.

— LOUISE SCHROCK, SEATTLE, WASHINGTON