

A Year of Progress

THE WORK OF PROTECTING ANIMALS allows little time for reflection on the past. New battles always lie ahead, and they must be our focus. This report, however, is a chance to take stock of the advances and victories 2005 brought.

- **The HSUS and The Fund for Animals join forces.** The year began with the union of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) and The Fund for Animals, which was founded by the legendary Cleveland Amory. Together we launched a new litigation section and major campaigns against factory farming, the fur industry, trophy hunting, and animal fighting and cruelty. We also created the Humane Society Legislative Fund to build on our political strength and shepherd reforms into law.
- **Americans answer the call to help Katrina's animal victims.** Hurricane Katrina's devastation had an enormous impact on animals. In response, we opened two massive emergency shelters and sent hundreds of rescuers into the field. In the end, we helped rescue 10,000 animals, reuniting 2,500 pets with their families. Our focus is now on rebuilding shelters along the Gulf, creating innovative spay/neuter programs, and backing new public policies to have government responders account for animals in disasters.
- **Congress passes measure to save horses from slaughter.** The U.S. House and Senate overwhelmingly passed temporary measures to stop the slaughter of 90,000 American horses sent overseas for human consumption each year. With the U.S. Department of Agriculture flouting the will of Congress on this issue, we are now working on a permanent ban to shutter U.S. horse slaughterhouses forever.
- **Michigan mourning dove hunts are canceled.** When Michigan lawmakers overturned a 99-year-old ban on hunting mourning doves, we began a petition drive to reverse the legislature's action. The measure's certification stopped dove hunts in 2005 and 2006, and voters will decide the issue in November 2006.
- **Laying hens are shown the battery cage door.** Launched in February, our No Battery Eggs campaign already has improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of laying hens crammed into cages so small they cannot even spread their wings. More than 80 universities and companies such as Wild Oats® Natural Marketplace, Earth Fare™, Bon Appétit, and Trader Joe's® decided to move toward cage-free egg sales and service.
- **States pull the plug on Internet hunting.** A website fired a shot heard around the world in January when a Texas man became the first to kill a confined animal via computer, setting off widespread condemnation of Internet hunting as a cruel mockery of the "fair chase" code. Lawmakers in 13 states passed legislation to ban the practice, and we are pushing bans in other states and Congress.
- **Tens of thousands protest Canada's seal hunt.** Our Protect Seals campaign stepped into high gear in late March when we sent a team to the ice floes to document Canada's commercial seal hunt. Since then, millions of Americans and hundreds of restaurants and suppliers have joined our Canadian seafood boycott until the pups are safe from sealers' clubs and guns.
- **Officials take a bite out of animal fighting.** In March, Louisiana state police arrested Floyd Boudreaux, one of the nation's most infamous dogfighters. In June, federal and state authorities shut down two of the largest illegal cockfighting pits in the country. Over the year more than 1,500 animal fighters were arrested. Other hits came from lawmakers: North Carolina passed a felony cockfighting bill, Washington State made dogfighting and cockfighting felony crimes, and the U.S. Senate passed a bill to authorize felony-level jail time for the interstate and foreign transport of animals for fighting.
- **Congress examines the trophy hunting tax scam.** An HSUS investigation blew the lid off a tax scam—trophy hunters were writing off the costs of their safaris by donating their kills to pseudo-museums. In response, Senator Charles Grassley (R-IA), chair of the Senate Finance Committee, tightened the loophole for charitable donations as part of the Senate's "tax reconciliation" bill. We will press the House to accept the Senate's action.

All of these actions have made a difference in legal reform and the relief of suffering. We at The HSUS have many hard fights ahead in our good cause, and we count on you to fight and win them with us.



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