

2025 Annual Report

Achievements for animals



**Humane
World for
Animals™**

Formerly called the Humane
Society of the United States and
Humane Society International



The generosity of our supporters enables us to win life-changing, permanent victories for animals.

Every year when I read our annual report, I am amazed by the amount of progress for animals we can make in just 12 months. So much of the work involved in building a kinder world for animals takes time: A workshop on rabies prevention lays the groundwork for ending a country's dog and cat meat trade; a presentation at a conference leads a bank to make higher farm animal welfare standards a requirement for loans; a successful spay/neuter program for street dogs ushers in the end of lethal controls. But at the same time, this work demands urgency. No matter what form it takes, animal cruelty is unacceptable. Humane World for Animals works globally, across continents and cultures, to help prevent it, prohibit it and ultimately, to condemn it to the past. That is the mission that drives us, that your support makes possible. Thank you for standing with us, for the animals.

Gratefully,

Kitty Block
CEO and President



Our mission

Together, we tackle the root causes of animal cruelty and suffering to create permanent change.

On the cover:

A fox we rescued from a fur and urine farm settles down for a nap at Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation in Kendalia, Texas. Read how we saved this fox and more than 300 other animals on page 25.

Humane World for Animals staffer Sanjay Rawat cuddles a dog we saved from slaughter in Thai Nguyen, Viet Nam.



Our effectiveness comes from 70+ years of fighting to protect animals. Our strength comes from our supporters.

Our commitments

We drive change with human action

We make real, lasting change for animals. We help people, governments and corporations shift behavior—providing the right support and advocating for policy change to stem the root causes of suffering and cruelty.

We drive change at scale

Animal suffering is rarely constrained to geographies or species. We make bold progress for all animals by working together on the biggest problems—no matter where they are or how deeply entrenched, we focus on where we can make the greatest impact.

We drive change with deep expertise

It takes an extensive toolkit and diverse specialists to tackle the complex root causes of animal suffering. From field responders, scientists and program advocates to litigators and experts in policy change—our teams pull every lever on behalf of animals.

We drive change with compassion

Driven by the belief that we can build a better world for animals, we work to end suffering and cruelty for good by welcoming all supporters, no matter their starting point, to join us in tackling the root causes and creating the solution.

At right: We helped rescue seven lions from a notorious roadside zoo in Canada—the type of captive wildlife exploitation we're fighting to end—and move them to accredited sanctuaries in the United States.



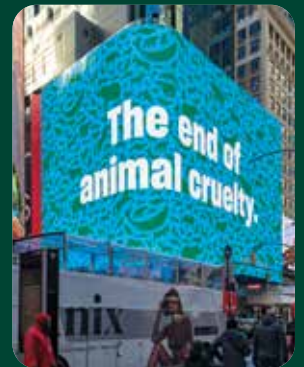


Our new name reflects our global vision: An end to animal cruelty

In February 2025, we announced a merger of our U.S. and international programming and changed our name to Humane World for Animals—a truly global force for ending animal cruelty.



We launched our new brand at events in 11 countries.



Sia lends us her star power

The singer recorded Peter Gabriel's 'Solsbury Hill' for our ad campaign, with all proceeds benefitting Humane World for Animals.

AP

Sia discusses covering classic Peter Gabriel song 'Solsbury Hill,' with proceeds going to Humane World for Animals

The Grammy winner's proceeds from the song will go directly to the charity, which has rebranded from "The Humane Society of the United States" and "Humane Society International" to "Humane World for Animals."



Sia performs "Solsbury Hill (Humane World for Animals Cover)" on *Jimmy Kimmel Live!* dressed in a stunning custom Christian Siriano gown and bow featuring our animal print.

'A world of hope'

Our brand launch campaign reflected our commitment to advancing animal welfare and won several international awards.



Scan the code to watch the award-winning ad



ADWEEK

Humane Society Unveils New Name, New Logo—and an Ad Starring Animal Puppets

The Humane Society—which is officially changing its name to Humane World for Animals—is using the song in a 30-second ad that envisions the sort of animal-respecting world that the nonprofit hopes to bring about.

Forbes

"The new brand isn't just a name, it's a narrative."

FAST COMPANY

"A mission that's bigger than just one country."

People

"Pure magic."

CREATIVE BOOM

"A global campaign grounded in hope rather than horror."

Two of the 67 dogs we rescued from a dog meat farm in Cheongju, South Korea, are comforted by Haewon Lee (left) and Sangkyung Lee.



Ending the trade in dog and cat meat

Across Asia, our local teams and partners are working to end the dog and cat meat trade, which causes immense suffering to millions of dogs and cats each year and poses a significant risk to human health through the spread of rabies and other zoonotic diseases. Our work in China, India, Indonesia, South Korea and Viet Nam is strategic and multifaceted. We build public support for legal protections for cats and dogs, reduce consumption demand through awareness campaigns, engage in legislative advocacy to strengthen and introduce bans, support law enforcement through training and capacity building, and provide humane livelihood alternatives for participants in the trade.

South Korea

In 2025—the first year of the three-year phaseout period leading to a complete ban on the trade—Humane World for Animals Korea worked with the government to increase public awareness and support for the Dog Meat Ban Special Act to ensure that it is fully implemented and enforced.

We uncovered an illegal dog meat farm that had violated the country's Animal Protection Act and rescued 67 dogs after authorities closed it down. One of our allies, Korean American actor Daniel Henney, joined the rescue and helped us increase media coverage.

We flew seven dogs who survived a terrible wildfire at a dog meat farm, where nearly 700 dogs died, to our U.S. care and rehabilitation facility. There, we treated their injuries and helped them overcome their trauma so they could be placed in loving families.

We held a campaign to reframe Bok Nal—the period of summer when tradition holds that eating dog meat enhances well-being—as a celebration of healthy physical activity. We invited the public to a themed 4.6K run or 4,600-step walk—a distance representing the 460,000 dogs still trapped in the country's dog meat trade.

India

We launched a comprehensive new strategy aimed at ending the illegal dog meat trade that emphasizes cultural sensitivity, local partnerships and enforcing local laws.

We introduced a program for dog meat vendors that helps them transition out of the trade and into alternative, safer and sustainable businesses; 25 did so in 2025.

We trained more than 140 police officers in how to enforce laws against the dog meat trade.

We helped several puppies rescued from a transport taking them to slaughter by finding care for them until they could be adopted.

Indonesia

The Dog Meat Free Indonesia coalition, which we helped create, continued to drive progress; 116 jurisdictions have introduced bans on the dog meat trade, and a proposed national animal welfare bill that would ban dog and cat meat is under consideration in the House of Representatives.

Jakarta prohibited the commercial trade and slaughter of dogs and cats for human consumption after DMFI engagement.

We partnered with Jakarta Animal Aid Network to highlight the link between rabies and the dog meat trade, making the case that ending the trade is essential for public health.

Viet Nam

We worked with the city of Thai Nguyen on a mass vaccination project that exposed the link between dog meat and rabies, which kills some 70 people every year in Viet Nam, according to the World Health Organization.



Our Models for Change program helped this dog meat restaurant owner in Viet Nam close his business and transition to a humane livelihood.

China

We helped our Chinese partner produce a report on sales of dog meat and public attitudes toward dog meat consumption in Yulin, a hub of the trade. The report will underpin our 2026 campaign against Yulin's notorious dog meat "festival."

We also helped our Chinese partner conduct a public opinion survey in Dalian—a city where the dog meat trade is rampant—that found overwhelming support for ending the trade and better protecting companion animals. Our partner won the support of several government agencies for a first-of-its-kind proposed bill to strengthen companion animal welfare and ban the dog and meat trade in the municipality.

Saved from slaughter

In May, our staff rescued 67 dogs from a dog meat farm in Cheongju, South Korea, and brought them to our care and rehabilitation centers in the U.S. and Canada. There, they spent time healing and adjusting to normal life before becoming eligible for adoption. One of the rescued dogs, a Jindo we named Moose (pictured at right,) was part of the group that went to Canada, where Paule Geoffroy and Victor Gaudreault were looking to adopt a dog. They knew they had found the one when they met Moose. They renamed him Kimchi, a reference to his heritage. "Kimchi has completed our family," they told us. "We are excited about all the adventures ahead of us together, and we hope that every dog in South Korea can be given a second chance, just like Kimchi."



Improving the lives of animals raised for food

Most animals raised for meat, dairy and eggs around the world endure a life of suffering, subjected to cramped confinement in pens, crates and cages. We work to end institutionalized cruelty toward animals on industrialized farms while driving the transformation of food systems away from animal-based agriculture. We use science and advocacy to persuade corporations, financial institutions, governments and producers to take meaningful steps that improve the lives of farmed animals, and we help pass bans against the cruel confinement of hens, pigs and calves and the sale of food products produced through those methods.

As a result of groundbreaking campaigns by Humane World for Animals and our allies, the number of hens living cage-free hit an all-time high: Roughly 137 million birds, or nearly half of all hens used for eggs in the U.S., can move freely, lay eggs in nesting areas, perch and fully spread their wings—natural behaviors they could never do if caged.

In the U.S., McDonald's met its goal of reducing the use of gestation crates for pregnant sows in its supply chain and reported it is on track to meet its welfare goals for chickens used for meat.



In Mexico, India, Malaysia, Singapore and Viet Nam, our work with producers on their farms to end cage confinement for hens in the egg industry has now improved the lives of more than 1.17 million hens, over just the last two years.

We played a key role in defending California's Prop 12, Massachusetts' Question 3 and similar state animal welfare and public health laws from attacks by the meat industry, and in Congress, prevented the Save Our Bacon Act—an attempt by Big Pork to override state-level statutes—from being passed or added to larger legislative packages.

Years of work with multinational food giant JBS resulted in 95% of mother pigs in its Brazilian supply chain spending significantly less time in gestation crates; more than half live entirely crate-free.



Kinder kitchens

We are driving a global shift toward a plant-forward food system. In 2025, we presented to more than 3,270 educators, nutritionists and staff on the benefits of plant-based eating and equipped more than 615 food service professionals with the skills to create plant-based meals. This outreach resulted in menu changes that transitioned an estimated 161 million meals from animal-based to plant-based.



In 2025, some of the largest companies in the U.S. made major strides for farm animals thanks to our work and the work of our allies in the animal welfare space.

Companies that hit their 100% cage-free egg goal include:


- Subway, which impacts more than 22,000 restaurants across the U.S. and Canada.
- Bloomin' Brands, which includes more than 1,000 restaurants between Outback Steakhouse, Carrabba's, Bonefish Grill and Fleming's.
- Caribou Coffee, in its nearly 500 U.S. locations.
- Krispy Kreme in its U.S. operations, including its more than 350 stores.
- Conagra, which owns brands such as Healthy Choice, Duncan Hines and Marie Callender's.
- White Castle, which applies to its 340 locations.
- Golden Corral, which reached its 2026 goal early across its 400 U.S. locations.



**In the U.S.,
45%
of hens
are now
cage-free.**

Companies that made important progress for pigs include:

- Compass Group, which became the first major food company to agree to share monthly updates on progress toward reaching its goals as 92% of its pork purchases meet its reduced-crate or crate-free standards.
- Albertsons, which adopted its first-ever glidepath for increasing reduced-crate pork at its 2,200-plus supermarkets. It will increase by 20% annually.
- Denny's, which strengthened its reduced-crate pork commitment from 50% by 2028 to 100% by 2030.
- Dine Brands, which owns Applebee's and IHOP, announced that it will publish interim targets in its annual reports along with disclosing its percentage of reduced-crate pork as it strives for 100% by 2030.



We spent weeks rescuing hundreds of foxes, raccoons, wolf-dog hybrids, skunks, opossums and coyotes from a derelict fur and urine farm in Rome, Ohio.

Ending the use of animal fur in fashion

Whether raised in misery on factory farms or cruelly trapped in the wild, animals victimized by the fur industry experience immense suffering. We have been campaigning for decades against this cruel business. Today, only a handful of major designers and retailers still cling to the unfashionable and unethical use of animal fur, and 23 countries have banned fur farming. From 2014 to 2023, the number of animals confined and killed on fur farms shrank from 140 million to 20 million, an 85% decline. But even one animal killed for the fur industry is too many.

Our work with Hearst Magazines, parent company of *Harper's Bazaar*, *Cosmopolitan*, *ELLE* and several other media titles, helped convince the company to end all promotion of fur across its global platforms, including editorial content and advertising on print, websites and social media.

We also engaged with Condé Nast, parent company to *Vogue*, *Glamour*, *GQ*, *Vanity Fair* and several other publications, in advance of its announcement that all its titles would be fur-free.

Our advocacy work in Europe helped lead Poland to ban fur farming, becoming the 23rd country to do so.

The European Union added American mink to its list of Invasive Alien Species of Union Concern, which could effectively ban mink farming across the bloc.

In a historic milestone for the global movement to end the fur trade, New York Fashion Week went fur-free. The Council of Fashion Designers of America announced that it will no longer promote fur at any New York Fashion Week events or social media channels and website as of September 2026.

As part of NYC Climate Week, we partnered with Harlem Fashion Row and visionary creative director Khary Simon on a panel about animal welfare and sustainability in the Black fashion community.

New York State Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal introduced a bill to prohibit the sale of new fur products in New York—the largest fur-selling state in the U.S.—and Massachusetts lawmakers considered a proposal to end the sale of fur products from animals raised in fur factory farms.

As part of the #FurFreeBritain coalition, we delivered a petition with more than 1.5 million signatures to Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer's office calling for the UK to ban the import and sale of fur.



MP Ruth Jones, who supports our campaign to ban UK fur imports, delivered Fur Free Britain's petition with 1.5+ million signatures to the prime minister.



NYFW goes fur-free!

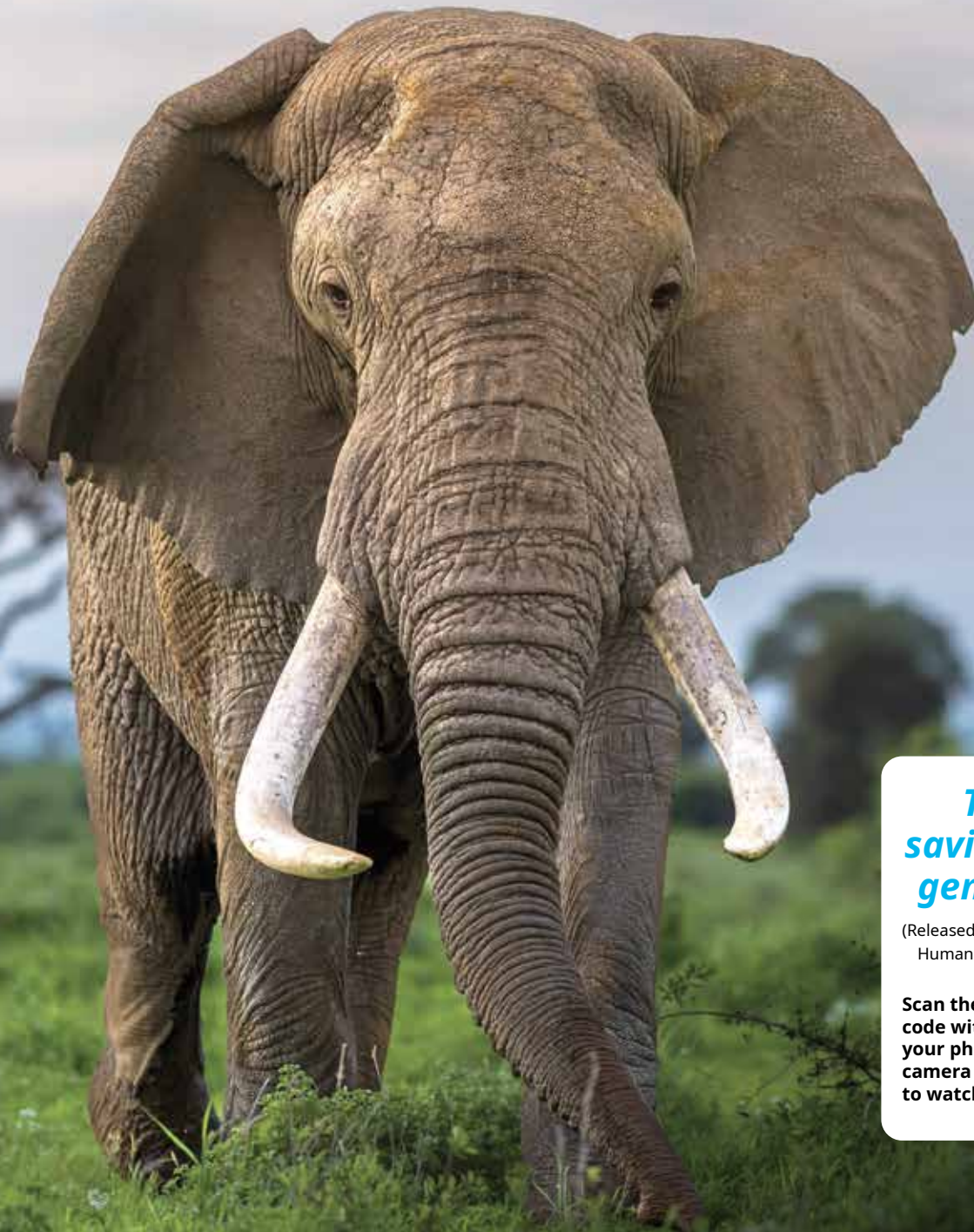
New York Fashion Week announced it would be fur-free as of September 2026, and world-renowned designer Christian Siriano showed a top, coat and pants made from fabric inspired by our new logo in his fall show.

Protecting wildlife from human harm

Our vision is a humane world in which people and animals live peacefully together, and no animal suffers intentional human harm. In this era of ever-increasing pressures from climate change and the loss of biodiversity and habitat, we work to keep wild animals safe from trophy hunts, out of captivity and free from persecution for expressing natural behaviors. In 2025, our progress, programs and victories improved life for wild animals around the world.

As a direct result of our advocacy, the Australian government promised to ban the import of hunting trophies from the 20 most frequently imported species, which includes giraffes, zebras, baboons, hippos and brown, black and polar bears.

Humane World for Animals Africa released a documentary about East Africa's super tusked elephants to highlight the threat to them from renewed trophy hunting in the region.



Tuskers: saving the last gentle giants

(Released under our former name,
Humane Society International)

Scan the
code with
your phone
camera
to watch





A Temminck's pangolin rescued from the wildlife trade and fitted with a VHF telemetry unit to facilitate monitoring is released back into the wild.

A federal judge ruled in our favor and declared that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service broke the law in 2024 when it denied our petition to give gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains Endangered Species Act protections. The FWS must now reconsider the wolves' status.

We also won our 10-year legal fight to get the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to consider granting seven threatened species of pangolins ESA protections.

We rescued seven lions from a roadside zoo in Canada that went bankrupt. We built them temporary housing facilities until they could be placed in wildlife sanctuaries in the U.S.

In Poland, we trained more than 600 police officers and prosecutors on wildlife protection issues and co-developed a handbook on wildlife law enforcement for authorities that is now being used in police training.

We helped defeat 57 proposed bills in multiple U.S. states that would have eliminated or weakened protections for wildlife, including attempts to open new hunting seasons on black bears, mountain lions and wolves; delist gray wolves at the state level; open year-round hunting of mountain lions; and allow or expand the cruel practice of hounding. We also helped stop measures that would have enshrined widely opposed practices such as trapping, baiting and hounding in state constitutions.

Our undercover investigation in Pennsylvania found nearly 400 items made from elephant, whale and hippo ivory for sale at dozens of stores; our findings revealed the weakness of current laws against the trade in threatened animal parts and boosted efforts to strengthen them.

In Iceland, we partnered with Whale Friends to urge international tourists visiting the country to take the "For the Love of Iceland" pledge not to eat whale meat.

After years of pressure from Humane World for Animals Australia, the government in Victoria announced it would end the dingo "unprotection order" in the Northwest, where the state's most threatened dingo population lives. The decision means dingos can no longer be shot, trapped or poisoned on private land in that area.

We helped ARCAS Wildlife Rescue Center in Guatemala release 117 rehabilitated wild animals—crocodiles, tortoises, parrots, raptors, owls, monkeys, raccoons, anteaters and opossums—who had been rescued from the pet trade and other crisis situations.

Through our partnership with El Salvador's Ministry of Environment's wildlife clinic, we supported 2,500 birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians who had been kept as exotic pets, illegally trafficked or injured by humans, cats or dogs.

We partnered with award-winning wildlife photographer Britta Jaschinski on an exhibit called "Still Life" in London to raise awareness of our efforts to win a UK ban on trophy hunting imports.



Photojournalist Britta Jaschinski's images of illegal, confiscated wildlife products show trophy hunters' utter disregard for the lives of wild animals.

Ending animal experiments

Every year, nearly 200 million animals—cats, dogs, mice, monkeys, rabbits, rats and more—are used in experiments. Procedures are often done without adequate pain relief and can't predict how humans would respond. In pursuit of a world without animals used as disposable lab equipment, we lead with arguments that center around science and sentience. We push for the adoption of non-animal methods, advocate for animals trapped in laboratories and forge critical partnerships to help advance our humane agenda.

South Korea broke ground on a national animal-free testing facility, scheduled for completion in 2026. The government-funded center will provide shared infrastructure for non-animal toxicity testing, training and international collaboration using human cells, 3D models and artificial intelligence-based tools.

Thanks to continued pressure from Humane World for Animals and other animal advocacy organizations, the UK government released plans to accelerate the phaseout of animal experiments in research and testing.

We contributed to Canada's new strategy to guide and promote the use of non-animal approaches that replace, reduce or refine the use of vertebrate animals in toxicity testing of chemicals and polymers whenever possible.



In Brazil, we hosted a *Biomedical Research for the 21st Century (BioMed21)* workshop in collaboration with the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Our campaign of more than a decade in Brazil, South America's largest beauty market, culminated in a national ban on the sale of cosmetics tested on animals. Brazil was also the host nation for the 13th World Congress on Alternatives and Animal Use in the Life Sciences, where we launched a global campaign to end lethal dose testing.

We exposed Canada as one of the world's only two commercial importers of endangered, wild-caught, long-tailed macaque monkeys and urged the government to ban the import, sale and use of all wild-caught primates.



In 2025, Colorado became the 17th state to give dogs and cats

used in laboratories a chance to find adoptive homes after they are "retired." And in more than 20 states, lawmakers introduced legislation to support the replacement of animal experiments with non-animal methods, strengthen protections for animals in laboratories or make it easier to adopt animals after their time in a lab is done.

In memory of Nanette

September 17, 1987–July 2, 2025

Nanette, a Rhesus macaque, came to our Black Beauty Ranch sanctuary in 1997, following a decade at a medical research lab. She spent the next 28 years climbing trees and foraging for wild berries in her half-acre wooded habitat. Nanette's care team remember her as playful and feisty, and how she loved to explore her expansive habitat throughout the day. She also acted very protectively toward Big Bit, another rescued macaque at Black Beauty Ranch. Our work to end animal experiments envisions a world where primates are no longer bred or captured for use as lab equipment.



We moved closer to our goal of ending animal research in the U.S. government. This is unprecedented progress!

- *Science* magazine reported that the **U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** is phasing out all research involving monkeys—work that involves approximately 200 macaques.
- **The Food and Drug Administration** said it plans to make animal tests the exception and not the rule for testing medicines and clarify that animal testing by pharmaceutical companies is not required and should be replaced by non-animal methods.
- The **National Institutes of Health** announced that it would “prioritize human-based research technologies.”
- The **Environmental Protection Agency** announced that it would resume efforts to reduce animal tests.
- The **U.S. Navy** announced a plan to end experiments on dogs and cats.

Ending the inhumane breeding of dogs

Puppy mills are inhumane, poorly regulated businesses where dozens and even hundreds of dogs can legally be confined in small cages their entire lives and mother dogs are continuously bred for profit. In the U.S., hundreds of government licensed breeders are allowed to operate despite repeated violations of animal welfare laws. Pet stores are the economic backbone of the puppy mill industry, providing a steady demand for breeds they can sell for thousands of dollars. That's why we are determined to end the retail sale of puppies and eliminate the market for puppy mills.

Over 750 dogs were rescued from puppy mills that shut down or faced court action in 2025 after appearing in our Horrible Hundred puppy mills report in recent years, including more than 400 dogs in Oklahoma, more than 160 dogs from Colorado, more than 130 dogs in Georgia and 49 in Iowa.



In the last five years, the number of dogs born in puppy mills has dropped by 44%, representing 550,000 fewer puppies born in misery.

Notorious puppy stores were fined and closed, including Puppy Town in Nevada, which was fined \$20,000 based on violating a local pet store ordinance that we helped pass. Petland stores that we investigated in recent years also closed, including one in Kansas. We also reported several puppy yoga businesses to law enforcement for having links to puppy mills or for allowing puppy sales in areas that prohibit the sale of puppies in retail establishments, including in Nashville and Chicago.

We reported numerous puppy stores in New York that failed to stop selling puppies after the state humane pet store law went into effect; most of them have now closed or stopped selling dogs.

Reflecting the strength of our Petland campaign, eight Petland stores closed or stopped selling puppies in 2025. Our legal team filed lawsuits against, and won compensation from, Petland on behalf of families who unknowingly bought sick puppies.



We released two new undercover investigations, one focused on six Nevada puppy stores and one into AKC-linked breeder Sportsman's Kennels, where our investigator found hundreds of dogs languishing in appalling conditions. Following both investigations, legal citations were issued. In addition, after the Nevada investigation, the Puppy Heaven store in Las Vegas was fined and the city of Las Vegas passed an ordinance that will end the sale of puppies in pet stores.

We have now helped more than 500 localities end the sale of puppies in pet stores. As of 2025, a total of 523 localities have passed humane pet store ordinances that prohibit the sale of puppies (and often kittens and rabbits, too) in retail stores, including Denver, Detroit, Jersey City and Las Vegas. Fifteen of the 20 largest cities in the nation have now moved to end the sale of puppy mill puppies in stores.

We convinced more pet supply stores to endorse local bills to end the sale of puppies and kittens in pet stores—more than 475 to date—proving that the pet industry itself supports reform.

We helped defeat all of Petland's legal efforts to block our work to end retail puppy sales, including statewide proposals in Oklahoma and Kentucky.

At a breeder's residence in Maryland, we found dogs confined in filthy wire-bottom cages without apparent access to food or water.



Scenes of suffering at an AKC-linked breeder

Our Animal Rescue Team deployed to Harford County, Maryland, at the request of local authorities to rescue more than 100 dogs suspected of suffering terrible neglect in a breeding operation. Some dogs were roaming freely, and others were in filthy, wire cages stacked on top of each other. Dogs were severely matted, and several had dental abscesses, eye discharge and skin infections. The dogs were part of a Havanese and Biewer terrier breeding operation; on the walls of the house, we saw multiple ribbons and certificates from the American Kennel Club. The puppy mill industry dupes people who love dogs into supporting systemic animal cruelty. Misleading advertisements and “certifications” from the AKC and other dodgy organizations lead people to buy puppies from inhumane breeders or pet stores, which source puppies from puppy mills. Without knowing it or meaning to, these buyers provide the market for an industry that shows dogs no love at all, an industry so cruel it shouldn't exist.





Our Rural Area
Veterinary Services
program provided
wellness care and spay/
neuter surgeries for 508
animals who would
otherwise have no
access to veterinary
services during a field
clinic on the Turtle
Mountain Reservation in
North Dakota. Here,
RAVS veterinary
technician Kelsey
Wahowiak comforts a
kitten patient.

Expanding access to care for animals in the U.S.

In the United States, millions of families struggle with the cost of pet care or live somewhere without adequate pet care resources. Our vision is a world where everyone who wants to experience the joy of a pet is able to bring an animal into their home and then keep them happy and healthy for life. Our access-to-care work encompasses direct support, capacity building, community outreach, policy work, professional training and more.

In the core communities where we work and through our many partnerships, Humane World for Animals' Rural Area Veterinary Services (RAVS) and Pets for Life programs provided 47,350 pets more than 178,000 services in 2025. We also granted over \$2.2 million to local organizations to establish and expand their own access-to-care programs for pets in their communities.

We sent 332 truckloads carrying 8.3 million pounds of food and 2,200 pallets of supplies—valued at more than \$27.5 million—to communities in need in 44 states and Puerto Rico.

Our More Than a Pet campaign corporate partners contributed over \$25 million to support our access-to-care work, like our Unpacking Pawties that provide free pet food and supplies to entire communities.

Improving access to pet care requires building a strong network of veterinary and shelter professionals. Our Humane Veterinary Medical Alliance (HumaneVMA), RAVS and Shelter Outreach and Engagement programs offer opportunities for

learning, scholarships and support for veterinary professionals, animal shelters and animal services agencies.

In 2025:

- RAVS provided 1,200 veterinary students and professionals training and hands-on experience through field teaching clinics and workshops.
- HumaneVMA awarded \$60,000 in scholarships to five veterinary students and two veterinary technician students involved in initiatives related to access to care.
- More than 600 veterinary professionals attended HumaneVMA's trainings that covered a variety of access-to-care topics.



Public policy also plays a role in increasing access to care.

In 2025, we supported over 100 state bills, rules and local ordinances aimed at improving access to veterinary services, caring for community cats, expanding pet-inclusive housing and eliminating breed-specific bans. Some highlights:

- Georgia established a loan repayment program for veterinarians in shelter medicine and nonprofit clinics.
- Rhode Island passed a bill that supports trap-neuter-return cat initiatives.
- Nevada eliminated breed-based discrimination in insurance policies for commercially owned properties and now requires certain state-funded housing to allow pets.
- Colorado now requires certain affordable housing developments to allow pets.
- The District of Columbia will now cap pet deposits and pet rent and eliminate dog breed and weight restrictions.
- Prince George's County, Maryland, repealed a decades-old ordinance that prohibited certain breeds of dogs in the county.

2025 Community Hero Award winner

Demonte Moore was voted the 2025 More Than a Pet Community Hero for the good he has done for his community of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and its animals. Wisconsin Humane Society, the organization that nominated Moore, received \$10,000 to boost its efforts for companion animals and the people who love them.



Helping care for cats and dogs around the world

A humane world is a world where people can access care and support for pets and unowned community animals no matter their geographic location or economic circumstances. From remote villages to small towns, urban centers to island nations, we work to make that a reality. Our approach is different everywhere we work because we design our programs around the unique needs of the animals and people in each region. But the goal remains the same: better lives for cats and dogs everywhere.



Our mobile animal clinic in densely populated Hubli-Dharwad, India, is the only veterinary help available for free-roaming cats and dogs. In 2025, we helped more than 1,200 animals in need with it. Humane World for Animals has long been a leader in the humane population management and care of street dogs, 70 million of whom call India home.



In Romania, one of our veterinary partners, Dr. Aurelian Stefan, performs a spay surgery as part of a community engagement effort.

Our Animal-Friendly Communities program in the Costa Rican village of Tortuguero provided 315 veterinary consultations, trained 17 local people in basic animal first aid and reached 70% of the population with information on raising healthy pets and how to prevent interactions between pets and local wildlife.

In Chile, our mobile veterinary clinics provided 2,700 animals with spay/neuter or wellness care, and our new internship program for veterinary medicine students gave six interns hands-on experience with our field clinics.

In Aguascalientes, Mexico, our comprehensive companion animal program gave almost 5,000 animals preventive wellness care, and we trained several government veterinarians and more than 60 veterinary students in humane animal handling and wellness medicine.

In Romania, we partnered with local groups to give more than 1,500 dogs and cats in severely underserved communities urgently needed veterinary care. We also strengthened our partnerships with local authorities to improve access to care in the most marginalized communities.

In India, we trained more than 50 veterinarians and animal care professionals in quality surgical care, pain management and humane handling to meet the growing need for spay/neuter services.

Also in India, we treated more than 1,200 dogs and cats who had been involved in accidents, were ill or needed lifesaving surgeries, with our mobile vet clinic in Hubli-Dharwad, an urban area with too few animal care resources.

This kitten was among many pets whose owners traveled by boat to our free veterinary clinics in the remote town of Tortuguero, Costa Rica.



Responding to animals in crisis

Hurricanes, typhoons and floods. Wildfires and earthquakes. The disasters that scare us are even more frightening for animals; unlike people, animals don't have evacuation plans, emergency shelters, stockpiled food and water supplies or access to medical care. That's why Humane World for Animals not only deploys to crisis-hit areas to search, rescue and care for impacted animals, we also help communities make animal-inclusive disaster plans before they're needed. When animal suffering is caused by humans—whether animal fighting rings, backyard breeders, neglect or outright cruelty—we not only rescue the animals involved and provide all needed care, we also help law enforcement bring charges against perpetrators and work to strengthen laws against animal cruelty.

Our Animal Rescue Team deployed to Alaska after Typhoon Halong caused catastrophic flooding in the remote village of Kipnuk and forced the evacuation of some 1,500 people. We helped our partner, Bethel Friends of Canines, which sheltered more than 170 dogs, by providing food, crates, leashes and collars. We also funded flights out of the destroyed area so dogs could be reunited with their owners.



Our Animal Rescue Team deployed to Kipnuk, Alaska, to help stranded pets after Typhoon Halong caused devastating flooding in remote areas.



A dog we rescued from a case in South Carolina, where dogfighting is a felony, involving multiple properties suspected of hosting fighting operations.

We provided grants to five animal shelters in southwestern Poland that sustained major damage as a result of devastating floods in 2024. Our financial support allowed the groups who run the shelters, which took in countless abandoned and lost animals after the disaster, to rebuild destroyed buildings, provide veterinary treatment, distribute food and make infrastructure improvements.

Too often, dogfighting operations were why our Animal Rescue Team was needed in 2025. Over a period of six months, our responders answered several requests for help from the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division as it targeted locations where suspected dogfighting was taking place. In total, we helped rescue some 100 dogs from seven properties. Everywhere we went, we found dogs on heavy chains, with infected puncture wounds and flea infestations. Most were scarred, frightened and injured, but still wagged their tails when they saw us. We transported every dog to safety, where they received medical care, love and nourishment so they could begin to heal and recover.

We responded to an unusual request for assistance by authorities in Sandusky County, Ohio, where a property owned by a licensed veterinarian was found to have nearly 100 animals in a shocking state of suffering—dogs, cats, birds, donkeys and alpacas among them. Many were severely dehydrated, and some had upper respiratory illness, parasites and fur loss. We moved every animal to safety and immediately provided much needed medical care and attention. Eventually, all the animals who were healthy enough were placed with our shelter partners to be adopted.

At a property in Ohio, we rescued nearly 100 animals from a scene of terrible neglect. Following the rescue, more than 25 animals received urgent surgeries, many for severe dental disease.





Felipe Márquez, program manager for Latin America disaster response, comforts a dog in Veracruz, which was impacted by severe floods.

After record rainfall caused terrible flooding in five states across Mexico, we sent a team of veterinarians and disaster management experts to Poza Rica and Álamo de Temapache, Veracruz, where they coordinated with local organizations and the area's veterinary association. After assessing the needs in temporary shelters housing both people and their pets, our teams treated nearly 500 animals and provided more than 1,600 pounds of food.

In Oaxaca, Mexico, we came to the aid of animals and communities suffering in the wake of Hurricane Erick. Our team of veterinarians and disaster response volunteers helped more than 1,000 dogs, cats, chickens and other farmed animals by providing veterinary care, food and emergency supplies in the worst-hit communities.

When Hurricane Melissa devastated Jamaica, we rushed to help animals and communities. Our Animal Rescue Team delivered crucial supplies—including animal food and medicine—and equipment to local shelters and communities struggling in the aftermath of the disaster. We gave food and other supplies to Negril Puppy Rescue to help care for 90 dogs they sheltered during the storm, and we supported Montego Bay Animal Haven, a volunteer-run shelter, to evaluate rebuilding needs after the facility was badly damaged. We also distributed animal food and supplies and humanitarian relief packets that included bottled water, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste and food throughout communities.

Our team in India launched an urgent disaster response operation to assist animals affected by historic flooding in Punjab. We deployed to the worst-hit areas of Amritsar and Jalandhar to distribute emergency feed to prevent farmed animals from starving, supply veterinary medicines needed to treat sick and injured animals, and provide food and basic care for dogs and cats.



Left: Humane World for Animals India provided food to over 12,000 animals after flooding in Odisha. Above: One of several puppies we helped care for following severe flooding in Punjab.



The scene at an abandoned fur and urine farm in Ohio was one of the worst our rescuers had ever seen. The conditions were abominable. Happily, the animals are now safe at accredited wildlife sanctuaries across the U.S.

A harrowing scene in Ohio

In one of the most difficult rescue deployments in our history, our team spent weeks working in freezing winter weather at the site of a large-scale neglect case after answering a call for help from authorities in Ashtabula County, Ohio. We found hundreds of sick and starving wild animals living outdoors in cramped wire cages, with little or no protection from frigid conditions, at a derelict fur and urine farm whose owner had died. For more than a month, we provided daily food and care to over 300 foxes, raccoons, wolf-dog hybrids, skunks, opossums and coyotes until they could be safely removed and taken to licensed wildlife rehabilitators and accredited sanctuaries around the country. We stayed on this case until we were sure every animal we rescued had a safe home with caring wildlife professionals.



And after: A rescued skunk explores their new home at Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation in Kendalia, Texas.

Humane World for Animals staff temporarily transferred chimps at our sanctuary from their island home to the mainland, so that new structures, including a clinic, can be built.



Providing care for animals saved from cruelties we're working to end

A decade ago, the fate of dozens of traumatized chimps who had been used in invasive medical research hung in the balance after funding for their care at an island sanctuary in Liberia ended. Their dedicated caretakers, unpaid, continued feeding the chimps, and when we learned about their plight, we took over responsibility for the sanctuary. Today, Second Chance Chimp Sanctuary is their lifelong home.

In 2025, we embarked on a multiyear project to upgrade this peaceful island sanctuary. Primate experts from Liberia, Uganda, South Africa, the UK and U.S. came to Second Chance to help us sedate and transport a first group of

chimps from their home on Island 4 to a new, purpose-built chimp villa on the mainland. The relocation is temporary, while construction takes place on the island. The Second Chance team already provides exceptional veterinary care, but these upgrades, which include a clinic, will allow them to better care for injured or sick chimps without having to move them off the island. The new structure will also serve as a shelter in extreme weather. The improvements will continue, island by island, through 2029.



Humane World for Animals' primary sanctuary, Black Beauty Ranch in Texas, is home to nearly 600 animals representing more than 40 species who were rescued from neglect, the exotic pet trade, roadside zoos, research laboratories, canned hunting operations and other causes of suffering.

In 2025, the sanctuary welcomed nearly 100 horses, donkeys and mules—among them, former racehorses and wild horses who were removed from public lands. To our delight, two of the new arrivals, MaryAnn and Prospect, have become great friends. The sanctuary now has 430 horses in its care.



Another highlight of 2025 was black bear Sammi's 26th birthday. Sammi arrived six years ago, after 19 years of exploitation in the entertainment industry. He was able to overcome that trauma with help from the other black bears at Black Beauty Ranch: Eve, Jackie and Russell. Their example, along with gentle encouragement and plenty of enrichment from his care team, helped Sammi emerge from his shell and become comfortable expressing natural bear behavior. Because of the work of Humane World for Animals and other groups, many states now ban the use of wild animals like Sammi in circuses and traveling shows.



For the first 20 years of his life, Sammi was in a traveling show, forced to perform and pose for photos. When he came to Black Beauty Ranch, he didn't know how to be a bear and did tricks when caretakers brought him food.



Ike uses his flexible nose to thoroughly explore his habitat.

Meet Ike, one of Black Beauty Ranch's elder statesmen

Age Senior

Hobbies Exploring his habitat, greeting caregivers

Background Rescued from a roadside zoo

Ike, a South American coati, arrived at our Black Beauty Ranch sanctuary in 2022 after suffering years of neglect at a Maryland roadside zoo.

At the sanctuary, Ike has embraced his new life. He roams his outdoor habitat, climbing platforms and exploring tall grass with his long, flexible nose—which he, like all coatis, can rotate 60 degrees in any direction. Mealtimes are a highlight for Ike, especially when crickets are on the menu.

Though age has slowed him down, Ike loves to come out from his warm den to greet his caregivers when they visit, says Christi Gilbreth, senior coordinator of outreach and development. With proper care, nutrition and enrichment, Ike is proof that it's never too late for a second chance.

Building a stronger animal protection movement

Law enforcement outreach and engagement

In 2025, in partnership with agencies nationwide, our Law Enforcement Training Center (LETC) hosted 105 trainings, reaching over 10,000 law enforcement officers, prosecutors and animal care professionals. Trainings were held across 33 U.S. states and in the Northern Mariana Islands, and some 2,500 attendees participated in an LETC class for the first time.

Our law enforcement partners helped strengthen and defend important animal protection laws throughout the country, including a new Tennessee law that added animal fighting to the organized crime statutes.

For the first time, LETC's animal cruelty and fighting course became IADLEST (International Association of Directors of Law Enforcement Standards and Training) certified, elevating the status of the program among law enforcement professionals. IADLEST establishes uniform national standards for high-quality, legally defensible training, which is often accepted by state accrediting agencies for continuing education.



In the U.S., local sheriffs' offices are our partner in animal protection. We work closely with them on many of the animal rescue cases we're called to help with.



Taking Action for Animals (TAFAs) is our annual conference for citizen activists who want to learn more about how to engage with animal welfare issues.

Shelter outreach and engagement

The Shelter and Rescue Partner program grew to 473 organizations, including 27 new partners from all five regions of the U.S. and our first partner in Nebraska.

We placed 827 rescued animals with our shelter and rescue partners and other trusted organizations. The average length of stay in our care before placement was 36 days.

We provided \$75,000 in shelter grants through the shelter mentorship program, helping local organizations in the U.S. focus on improving community cat programs, address pet-inclusive housing and improve wildlife response.

We hosted the second annual Rural Summit to elevate the voices of animal welfare professionals working in rural spaces, which attracted over 30 organizations representing animal control, shelters, spay/neuter clinics and national programs.

In collaboration with our Access to Care team, a total of 87 trucks full of donated pet food and supplies from Chewy were delivered to shelter and rescue partners, representing an estimated in-kind value of over \$6.5 million.

In Chile, we are bringing veterinary services to the heart of rural communities in a pilot program we hope to replicate in other remote regions around the world.



Volunteer veterinary students from the University of Chile with Humane World for Animals staff in Caleta El Toro, one of several remote communities in Chile where we provide free preventive veterinary care, spay/neuter services and information on responsible pet ownership.

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Join our work to protect all animals

Thousands of animal lovers volunteer with Humane World for Animals. Whether you're able to give a little or a lot of your time, make a one-time or ongoing commitment, there are so many ways you can help us tackle the root causes of animal cruelty and suffering to create permanent change.

Policy Volunteer program

One of the biggest ways to get involved is to volunteer with our Policy Volunteer program—the largest and most effective volunteer program of its sort in the U.S. Policy volunteers are essential partners in our lifesaving work for all animals and an integral part of a community of compassionate individuals who are deeply committed to advancing humane public policies for animals. These volunteers meet with elected officials and work in their communities to pass ordinances and resolutions on Humane World for Animals-supported initiatives.

Find out **how you can volunteer** to join our work to end animal cruelty at [humaneworld.org/volunteer](#).



A dog is checked in for care at our mobile clinic in Aguascalientes, Mexico, part of our Mars Ambassadors Program.



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- **June 7-13**
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- **Oct. 13-18**
Costa Rica
- **Dec. 6-15**
India

For the year ending Dec. 31, 2025

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position (\$ Millions)

Assets		Liabilities	\$38.0
Cash and cash equivalents	\$25.0	Net Assets	
Receivables	22.8	Without donor restrictions	435.1
Prepaid expenses, deferred charges, and deposits	3.6	With donor restrictions	94.3
Investments, at market value	479.2	Total Net Assets	\$529.4
Fixed assets, net of depreciation	26.2	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$567.4
Conservation property	10.6		
Total Assets	\$567.4		

Consolidated Statement of Activities and Changes in Net Assets (\$ Millions)

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
Support and Revenue			
Contributions and grants	\$126.6	\$13.1	\$139.7
Bequests	67.5	1.2	68.7
Other income, net	1.3	0.1	1.4
Net assets released from restrictions	26.6	(26.6)	—
Total Support and Revenue Before Gains on Investments and Other Assets	\$222.0	(\$12.2)	\$209.8
Realized and unrealized gains on investments and other assets	\$56.4	\$7.0	\$63.4
Total Support and Revenue	\$278.4	(\$5.2)	\$273.2
Operating and Supporting Expenses			
Animal Protection Programs			
Ending the cruelest practices	\$47.3	—	\$47.3
Caring for animals in crisis	66.7	—	66.7
Building a stronger animal protection movement	56.8	—	56.8
Total Program Expense	\$170.8	—	\$170.8
Supporting Services			
Management and general	18.7	—	18.7
Fundraising	43.8	—	43.8
Total Operating and Supporting Expenses	\$233.3	—	\$233.3
Change in Net Assets	\$45.1	(\$5.2)	\$39.9
Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$390.0	\$99.5	\$489.5
Net Assets at End of Year	\$435.1	\$94.3	\$529.4

These numbers are preliminary and are subject to change upon audit. The final audited numbers will be available later in 2026 at humaneworld.org/annualreport and humaneworld.org/financial-information.

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Animal protection programs
- **19% \$43.8**
Fundraising
- **8% \$18.7**
Management and general



- **51.1% \$139.7**
Contributions and grants
- **25.1% \$68.7**
Bequests
- **23.3% \$63.4**
Realized and unrealized losses on investments and other assets
- **0.5% \$1.4**
Other income



- **39.1% \$66.7**
Caring for animals in crisis
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