

# NATIONAL & LOCAL HUMANE SOCIETIES HELP STOP SUFFERING AND PROVIDE SERVICES

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Founded in 1954, the Humane Society of the United States fights to end suffering for all animals, not just cats and dogs. They work to stop large-scale cruelty such as fighting, puppy mills, factory farming and wildlife trade. Their efforts result in passing anti-cruelty laws, end the extreme confinement of farm animals in cages and used for cosmetic testing, working with the food industry to promote cruelty free technologically driven alternatives (science without suffering), eliminate trophy hunts, halt cruelty to



wildlife, dismantle dog fighting networks, push for stronger anti-cruelty laws to protect companion animals, research ways to resolve human/wildlife conflicts and bring veterinary services to pets in underserved communities. They provide care for over 100,000 animals yearly through rescue teams, sanctuaries and wildlife centers that save animals from crisis, enact



more than 1,000 state and federal laws, work to improve animal welfare and impact the lives of millions of animals in the process!

Pet owners can join the fight of the Humane Society by making sure pets all wear ID tags, include pets in family disaster plans, contact law enforcement when witness to animal cruelty, make sure pets are spayed or neutered, adopt, rather than purchase a next pet, help stop the export of American horses who are slaughtered for human consumption, support the Safeguard American Food Exports Act (SAFE), refine diets by avoiding factory farmed animal products, replacing them with plant-based options and offer to serve as a local humane society volunteer.

Local humane societies are independent entities, not run by the HSUS, but governed by their own

individual policies. However, as a national advocacy organization that primarily runs their own programs to care for animals in crises or fight the root causes of animal cruelty, the large scale work that is beyond the scope of smaller local agencies, it supports them in many ways, and run programs and spearheads campaigns designed to ease the burden on local sheltering groups. “Animal Care Expo” provides superior educational and training opportunities, while “Shelter Pet Project,” a national media campaign run in partnership with the Ad Council and “Maddie’s Fund,” encourages adoptions from shelters and rescues who receive training and important resources through “Rescue Central.” Although the HSUS does not run or oversee local shelters, they do operate rescue teams, community-based programs and five wildlife sanctuaries and care centers that directly assist tens of thousands of animals each year.



The HSUS has long been committed to achieving an end to the euthanasia of healthy, adoptable pets and works ceaselessly to eliminate pet homelessness.

Area organizations include A Journey Home Dog Rescue, Help Save Pets, Just Giant Rescue, Kendall County Pet H.A.V.E.N., Recycled Rotts, Thorse Dog Rescue, all in Oswego; Kendall County Animal Control in Yorkville; Wags to Wishes, Starfish Animal Rescue, Will County Humane Society in Plainfield; Adopt Pet Center and Naperville Humane Society in Naperville; Humane Society and Fur Angles Animal Sanctuary in Aurora; and Will County Humane Society in

Shorewood, among many, many others.

The Humane Society of the United States, located at 1255 23rd Street, NW, Suite 450, Washington, DC 20037 (202/452-1100 or 866/720-2676) is a registered 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, and as such, all contributions/donations are tax deductible. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8 AM to 11 PM. Saturday and Sunday, 9 AM to 6 PM. Donations of \$25 or more include a one-year subscription to “All Animals,” the award winning bi-monthly magazine. Contact one of the local agencies listed to inquire about contributions/donations to them and ways you can get involved in the fight to end animal cruelty in our area.