

VOICE FOR THE ANIMALS – 2020

Our efforts are making a difference as some of the worst dog breeders in the state have finally been closed and are facing legal action including all of the breeders that we have highlighted in our past Newsletters. These referrals came about as a result of our lobbying efforts with Governor Mike Parson and Attorney General Eric Schmitt.

We have also made great strides at the federal level where **we were able to persuade the Office of Inspector General to audit USDA in an effort to expose the Agency's malfeasance regarding its lack of enforcement of the federal Animal Welfare Act especially with regard to puppy mills.**

It is for this reason that the animals need a **voice** with our state legislators and public officials. **We are therefore asking for your support of our annual "Voice for the Animals" campaign.** Will you sponsor ONE WEEK of lobbying during the legislative session to support our lobbying efforts at the cost of \$500? With only 18 weeks in the session, each week is critical in maintaining a strong presence in the Capitol and to ensure that the voices of the animals are heard.

We are also offering the option of sponsoring a day (or two or three) at \$100 per day of the session rather than an entire week. I hope this will enable you to support this important campaign at a financial level that is suitable for you.

Specific weeks will be assigned after we receive your response. Those who elect to sponsor a full week of the session will receive personal periodic updates describing the legislative activities in Jefferson City and our efforts on animal legislation. This is a great way for you to become personally involved without having to travel to the Capitol!

Please help us to continue our important work for the animals this coming session. It is imperative that the animals have a voice with our lawmakers and government officials. We have achieved monumental progress for the animals over the past three decades and especially towards our goal of ending puppy mill cruelty in Missouri. **This has only been accomplished because the animals had a presence at the Capitol.**

Please consider being a Voice for the Animals. You can show your support of the animals in the upcoming Legislative Session by contacting us and letting us know what week or days you are willing to sponsor.

