



**HUMANE SOCIETY
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Humane Society International (HSI) extends the work of The Humane Society of the United States around the globe to promote the human-animal bond, protect street animals, support farm animal welfare, stop wildlife abuse, curtail and eliminate painful animal testing, and confront cruelty to animals in all of its forms.

Global Initiatives

HSI and its partner organizations together constitute one of the world's largest animal protection organizations — with over 11 million constituents worldwide.

As an effective force for animals, with the support of advocates and donors, and depth of technical and scientific expertise, we have helped to build greater awareness, to improve animal care, and to help enact strong legislation to protect wildlife, companion animals, farm animals and lab animals throughout the world.

HSI supports local animal advocates and organizations in numerous countries world-wide to provide direct, hands-on care to animals in need and to spread the culture of compassion. HSI strikes at the root of problems affecting animals by providing the tools and resources to prevent animal suffering both now and in the future.

HSI is one of only a few international animal NGOs working to assist and protect not just companion and wild animals but also animals in laboratories and on farms. Unlike wildlife conservation organizations,



Controlling elephant populations is an important step in their protection.
[Peter Malsbury/iStockphoto](#)

HSI works to advance individual animal welfare as well as protecting threatened populations. For example, while some conservation groups argue that the elephant ivory trade is acceptable because it is sustainable in southern Africa, we oppose the ivory trade because it is cruel and provides a legal cover for illegal poaching, just as we oppose the global traffic in parts of wild animals.

HSI conducts a variety of programs aimed at stopping wildlife suffering and abuse. These include a major campaign aimed at stopping the killing of seals for commercial purposes, a campaign to stop shark finning and the consumption of shark fin soup, a campaign against mercy release programs that encourage the capture and subsequent release of wild animals and substantial work on the wildlife trade (via CITES and other activities), on efforts to stop commercial whaling (via the IWC), and attempts to improve wildlife protection mechanisms in international trade negotiations. In addition, HSI is active in campaigning against fur garments and in

promoting wildlife contraception as a humane way to manage wildlife populations (particularly elephants) without the stress of capture and release.

HSI actively supports the education and development of animal protection organizations through a variety of educational and hands-on programs. Every year, HSI organizes an international track as part of the Animal Care EXPO aimed specifically at attendees from international animal organizations.

HSI also organizes and supports workshops across the world to enhance the capacity and skills of the international animal movement. As part of this approach, HSI has developed programs and technologies that permit high volume sterilization of street dogs. These projects train veterinarians, veterinary technicians and animal handlers, change the way communities view street animals, and indirectly and directly enhance the capacity of local organizations while also improving the wellbeing of street dogs.

HSI has active campaigns against confinement agriculture in India, Brazil, Mexico and Canada. In addition, HSI is engaging the European Union, the FAO and the OIE on farm animal welfare and cooperating with international animal NGOs to press for husbandry improvements that will reduce animal suffering in many nations.

Companion Animals and Engagement

In 2011, HSI Canada was invited to partner with the Quebec authorities to rescue and eventually find homes for more than 600 dogs and puppies from the largest commercial dog breeding operation in Canada. The facility subsequently pled guilty to 17 charges of violations of the provincial animal welfare law.

HSI's CNVR humane and effective program is helping to alleviate the concerns of the street dog overpopulation problem in Bhutan. These "community dogs," meaning they live within a certain territory or neighborhood rely somewhat on human charity for survival. Although not considered pets, they are tolerated and in some cases, cared for, by local people in a given location. In turn, the dogs provide a sense of

security. Unfortunately, a fear of rabies, continuous litters of puppies, and the aggression sometimes seen can create friction in this otherwise harmonious relationship.



Prayer flags wave in the background of this sleeping dog. The flags bring good luck and merit to all sentient beings. [Kathy Milani/HSI](#)

HSI established a veterinary care and animal welfare center in Haiti in partnership with the Haitian Agriculture Department and the Christian Veterinary Mission. Multiple field programs to assist street dogs and working equines are expanding through a network system linking veterinary leaders in most main cities. HSI also has provided substantial support to Japan after the March earthquake and sent a response team to Thailand to help local groups dealing with a major flooding event.

In the Philippines, Cebu City local government fully implemented an overall humane animal control program (destroying gas chambers for killing dogs, replacing wire nooses with humane net capture, and updating pound management standards and protocols. In 2007, 8,800 dogs were gassed; in 2011, 311 dogs were euthanized using a humane injectable method and 3,000 dogs were sterilized.

HSI has established a program in the Philippines to train Filipino veterinarians. To date, 45 vets have passed through the program, and we have reports that our "graduates," many of whom are the senior vets on the island, are now implementing spay/neuter approaches to replace culling programs.



Spay Day International 2011

Spay Day International 2011 resulted in 60 international organizations participating, up 14% from the previous year. Animal Care Expo included 80 international attendees with 45 countries represented, up 33% from the previous year.

Based on a 2011, HSI supported a mass vaccination pilot program in the Democratic Republic of the Congo in conjunction with the government prevented the culling of thousands of dogs. This pilot program is now being provided for use by local governments within the country.

Farm Animals

HSI-Farm Animals' team of experts in animal science, climate change, public health, and food policy supports both domestic and international farm animal welfare initiatives through the development of new white papers, the submission of academic papers to peer-reviewed journals and academic conferences and by contributing comments and expert opinions on farm animal issues to government and international agencies.

This department is also involved with planning and implementation of factory farming campaigns in India, Brazil and Mexico. Staff members from HSI-Farm Animals addressed factory farming at for a including the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE), the United Nations Framework Convention of Climate Change (UNFCCC), and the World Bank.

Our cage-free initiative is gaining support in India, Brazil, Mexico and elsewhere in the developing world.



Current industry housing standards allow for outdated and cruel practices such as confining hens in barren battery cages for their entire adult lives.

Animal Welfare Board of India, with HSI's support, banned the use of starvation to force egg-laying hens into a molt phase.

Research and Toxicology

Each year, more than 100 million animals worldwide are bred, injected, infected, cut open, genetically altered and force-fed drugs and chemicals for the purposes of scientific research, product testing and education.

HSI's science team negotiated the largest-ever reduction in animal testing requirements and adoption of humane alternatives during political negotiations concerning Europe's new biocidal products (non-food pesticides) regulation.



HSI established a major consortium of multinational corporations, research institutes and animal advocates with the goal of greatly accelerating and improving toxicity testing without using animals.

Wildlife

With HSI's urging, the European Union adopted legislation requiring the mandatory labeling of animal-derived materials, such as fur and leather, in textile products.

HSI's Wildlife anti-shark finning campaign is gathering steam as the cruel practice is being stopped altogether or curtailed through a range of initiatives shark finning in the U.S., European Union, Taiwan, and Latin America. The sale of shark fins has been banned in California, Washington, Oregon, some of the Pacific islands, and the city of Toronto. HSI has also placed anti-shark-finning language on the agenda for international trade agreements.



Sharks are an integral part of the ocean ecosystem. [Douglas J.Hoffman](#)

The animals that suffer from wildlife crime most often are endangered species such as tigers, sea turtles and elephants that have already endured very high levels of exploitation for their commercially valuable bones, skins, shells and ivory. In 2011, HSI has become a partner with INTERPOL in fighting wildlife crime and our

support has helped INTERPOL's Environmental Crime Programme pursue its strategic goals.

In 2011, HSI and partners joined together and held a day-long training workshop on confiscated wildlife handling in Honduras; conducted training workshops on confiscated wildlife handling for law enforcement personnel in Dominican Republic and El Salvador.

HSI called on the International Whaling Commission to expand whale protection and prevent the resumption of commercial whaling at the 2011 meeting of the IWC in the Bailiwick of Jersey, part of the British Crown.

The African lion is in danger of going extinct. To prevent this from happening, HSI and several organizations banded together in 2011 to petition for a listing under the Endangered Species Act.



They could go extinct sooner than we think. [David Youldon/istock](#)



Financials

For the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2011

Revenue

Contributions and grants	\$	4,841,047
Program support		3,200,000
Bequests		49,952
Other income		87,047
Total Revenue	\$	8,178,046

Expenditures

Companion Animals	\$	2,506,396
Farm Animals		1,408,423
Wild Animals		3,988,501
Management and general		459,986
Fundraising		680,643
Total Expenditures	\$	9,043,949

Change in net assets from operations	\$	(865,903)
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Ending net assets	\$	(421,931)
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Ratios

Program services	87.4%
Management and general	5.1%
Fundraising	7.5%
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International Partnership Activities (a selection)

HSI is represented at the annual meeting of the World Animal Forum (a meeting of the CEOs of international animal protection organizations).

Dr. Andrew Rowan is on the Board of the World Society for the Protection of Animals.

HSI is an international member of Eurogroup for Animal Welfare.

HSI is a founding member and is represented on the Executive Committee of the Species Survival Network.

HSI is represented on the coordinating committee of ECOPA, the European association of alternatives to animals' centers and programs.

HSI is a member of InterAction, the association for international development and disaster response organizations in the USA.

HSI is a founder and member of the Fur-Free Alliance.

HSI is a member of ICAM (International Companion Animal Management Coalition).

HSI supports the Asia for Animals conferences, the Middle East Network for Animal Welfare conference, a conference for Caribbean animal organizations and the Africa Network for Animal Welfare.

HSI provides advice on animal welfare matters to the U.S. Trade Representative's Office as a member of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC).

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