

The Humane *Society* *of the* United States

Since 1954, The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) has worked to promote the protection of all animals. The HSUS is the nation's largest and most powerful animal protection organization, with nearly ten million members and constituents. We defend the interests of animals in the United States. The HSUS have a close bond with animals, and fight cruelty and abuse in all its forms.

We work to reduce suffering and to create meaningful social change for animals. We support public policies to protect



animals, investigate cruelty, and work to enforce existing laws, teaching the public about the issues, and control hands-on programs, such as helping animals when disasters strike. Our major campaigns aim four main issues: 1) factory farming, 2) animal fighting and other forms of animal cruelty, 3) the fur trade, and 4) inhumane sport hunting practices.

Our other campaigns take on puppy mills, the private ownership of unique animals as pets, greyhound racing, and mostly unacceptable

animal research and testing practices, like the use of great apes in research. Our two signature programs -- Pets for Life and Wild Neighbors -- share the special bonds between people and animals who live with us or in our communities, and teach people how to solve human/animal conflicts humanely. Plus we give direct care for thousands of animals at our sanctuaries, wildlife rehabilitation centers and mobile veterinary clinics.

Pets for Life



As the destruction and heartbreak of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were on t.v screens around the world last fall, it quickly became clear that thou sands of animals were also victims, who were in desperate need of help.

People should not take into consideration for their own safety, but also the safety of their pets. The bond between people and their pets are so great that it's nearly impossible to seperate the two. Emergency preparedness plans have to see the idea that pets are part of the famly.

The new bill called the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act (**PETS Act**) may change all that by ensuring that pets are taken into account in future disasters planning.

Animal lovers can help make this critical legislation become a law by telling the members of Congress that the PETS Act is important to them.

Wildlife



Wild animals of all shapes and sizes are born during the spring and summer monhs. In your own backyard, you may come across baby birds, rabbits, fawns, and other young wildlife as they make their way into the world

