



2018 Annual Report

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Animals' Angels community,

2018 was a challenging and rewarding year for those of us who care about animal welfare and are working to make the world a better place for all creatures. This year, our team conducted 150 investigations in 17 states, as well as Canada, Mexico, Argentina, and Uruguay. We documented many cases of abuse and neglect, and we used these discoveries to share our messages, change public discussions around farm animal treatment, file criminal charges against bad actors, and create meaningful change. Only by shining a light on the truth can we make a difference—and we have made a difference this year. From international campaigns to local auctions, our community has created hope and healing for animals around the world.

We are so grateful to be able to rely on our dedicated supporters & friends! Thanks to the continued support of members like you, we will keep fighting injustices and serving as a voice for suffering animals—throughout 2019 and for many years to come.

Sincerely,

Sonja



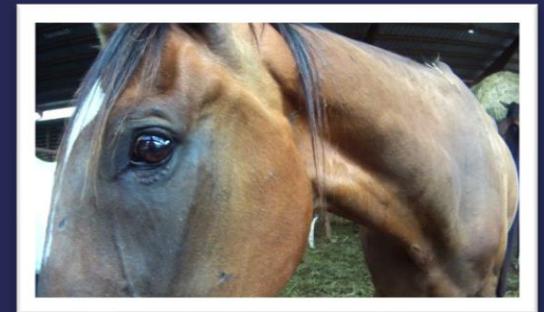
Giving a Voice to All Animals

- We have obtained more incriminating information about the New Holland auction, where we previously documented the mistreatment of sheep, cattle, horses, and more. We have filed a “private complaint” to seek much-deserved justice.
- On June 14th—in collaboration with our international partners—we recognized Stop Live Transport: International Day of Awareness. Animals’ Angels and our supporters shared our investigative reports and findings on livestock transportation to call attention to the senseless suffering of farm animals across our country and to challenge leaders in business and politics to consider simple solutions, like shortening transport times, installing on-board waterers, and preventing overcrowding and stress.
- This year, Animals’ Angels’ Facebook community grew to over 40,000 followers! We rely on this group to share our reports with family and friends and to serve as passionate ambassadors for vulnerable animals around the world.
- In December, Animals’ Angels celebrated the 10th anniversary of our annual Light the Sky event, where we lit thousands of candles to pay tribute to the animals we met this year—both the ones we were able to save from neglect and the ones who passed away under cruel conditions.



Protecting Horses from Slaughter

- This year, our investigators documented the illegal and immoral actions of some of the most notorious kill buyers and broker programs in the country, and we are disseminating this evidence to law enforcement, policy makers, and the general public.
- One of Ohio's most infamous kill buyers admitted that Animals' Angels "almost bankrupted" him, due to the immense public outcry for abuses at his facilities.
- In May, Animals' Angels released *Platinum Ticket's Final Ride*, a powerful documentary of a prized race horse who ultimately found himself trapped in the slaughter pipeline at the Knoxville Livestock Auction. The film was made available to the public and is being used as an educational tool by advocacy and media outlets around the globe.
- The notorious Stanley Brothers, kingpins of the slaughter industry in Tennessee, made significant changes to their facilities after Animals' Angels exposed the organization in May. We can't be sure the improvements are permanent, but they are certainly a testament to the power of our community.



Spreading our Message Around the World

- Animals' Angels' previous investigations helped convince the European Union to ban importation of Mexican horse meat—a ban we know has now spared over 54,000 US horses from inhumane slaughter.
- We are pushing to expand these bans to include imported products from Argentina, Uruguay, and Canada, where animal welfare violations are all too common. We have gone undercover in these countries, documenting abuses, to convince foreign governments and consumers that these industries are dangerous to animals and people.
- We are also gathering shocking data and stories from the horse blood farms in Argentina and Uruguay, where PMSG—a hormone produced by pregnant mares—is extracted from the horses at enormous cost to their health. When we released these findings in the spring, some of the largest pharmaceutical corporations in the world (including Merck & Co, IDT Biologica, and Ceva) announced a complete stop of all use of pregnant mare blood sourced in South America.



Goals for 2019

The successes we are able to celebrate this year are thanks to our passionate community of animal advocates and ambassadors. As we look ahead to the coming year, we seek to build on our recent accomplishments and achieve even more ambitious goals, including:

- Saving even more horses from slaughter through EU ban of Canadian horse meat;
- Creating better conditions for farm animals at auction & during transport with strategic investigations and dissemination of findings;
- Continuing exposure of unregulated dog flea markets & puppy mills;
- Increasing enforcement of exotic animal laws; and
- Shedding new light on the ongoing mistreatment of wild horses.

We are prepared and excited to pursue these objectives, but we know our efforts will only be successful if you continue to stand by our side. Our strength is in the power of our shared voice. Thank you for supporting Animals' Angels this year!



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Financial Report for 2018

Programs 84%

Fundraising 11%

Programs use
84¢ per \$1

Mgmt
5%

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Animals' Angels received the Platinum Guidestar Seal of Excellence for our commitment to transparency.

