Dear Friends:

I’m happy to provide our annual report to you, which details our work & accomplishments for 2013. Without your generous help and support our work would not have been possible. 2013 proved to be a stellar year for Animals’ Angels, all due to generous gifts from donors like you. I want to take a moment to thank you personally from the bottom of my heart. You provide the financial and moral support for us to continue our mission.

Animals’ Angels was on the road for 219 days, and conducted a total of 168 investigations covering over 20,000 miles in 20 US states. Our EU Campaign was so successful that it prompted several follow-up campaigns which now span over 6 countries. We focused the latter quarter of 2013 on our EU Campaign, and were able to gather undeniable evidence that will shake the horse slaughter industry to its core. Our investigations will be released early in 2014.

You’ve demonstrated your deep commitment to our work, and your support has repeatedly played a key role in our continued success. There is no way for me to fully express my gratitude for your loyalty, but I want you to know that your dedication and generosity are a continuous inspiration to me. I am extremely excited to share with you how your gift directly impacted the lives of countless animals. We succeeded because of you, and I thank you for believing in our work.

True to form, Animals’ Angels remains dedicated to improving conditions for farm animals, exotics and horses. We have high expectations for 2014. We anticipate and embrace substantial growth, as we diligently press onward accomplishing our mission. Our successes are your successes and we couldn’t do our work without you. We thank you for your continued generosity, support and commitment.

Sincerely,
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2013 Key Accomplishments

- Our EU Campaign has countries that consume and import horse meat pulling meat off of supermarket shelves to reduce demand for the product. Our investigations that shined a light on the realities of horse slaughter began airing in Switzerland in February 2013 and created a firestorm of reaction with grocers pulling more than 50% of horse meat products off the shelves.

- Animals’ Angels obtained over 1,100 photographs and written documents that outlined the horrific treatment of horses delivered, housed, and slaughtered at the Cavel slaughter plant in DeKalb, Illinois. The violations, injuries, conditions, and treatment were identical to what was seen by AA at the Beltex plant in 2008. We were able to prove, once again, that horses bound for slaughter are treated with callous indifference whether slaughtered on American soil or transported across the borders.

- Animals’ Angels uncovered and exposed grave discrepancies of BLM mortality rates. The BLM had been drastically under-reporting the actual number of horses and burros that died while under their care. Joan Guilfoyle, Head of the Wild Horse and Burro Program, even addressed our report on the discrepancies at March’s BLM Advisory Board Meeting in Oklahoma.

- Dorian Ayache, Kill buyer & Transporter (Three Angels Farm) The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) had ordered all of Ayache’s trucks and trailers owned, leased, rented, or otherwise operated by Ayache to cease all commercial motor vehicle operations. The order also prohibited the use of said vehicles by any other motor carrier or driver, as all of Ayache’s vehicles posed an “imminent hazard” to the safety of the public. AA revealed the relationship between Dorian Ayache and David Merrell and documented Merrell using Ayache’s vehicles to transport horses to slaughter. We provided all proof to Tennessee authorities and hope that our evidence will boost the prosecution’s side for Ayache’s upcoming trial.

- Dennis Chavez, Kill buyer (Southwest Livestock Auction) Facing multiple counts of animal cruelty, Dennis Chavez pleaded guilty to “Failure to exhibit written evidence of ownership or legal possession of livestock.” He received a sentence of one year probation, and was also ordered to pay $5,000. Animals’ Angels had exposed his operation in 2012 and had provided extensive documentation to New Mexico authorities for the 2013 trial.
EXPOSING CRUELTY & PROTECTING ANIMALS

Thanks to the efforts of our dedicated team and the generous support given by our donors, this past year Animals’ Angels helped to significantly improve the well-being of animals across the globe. We were able to once again increase the number of investigations conducted over the course of the year which resulted in more exposure, awareness, and education of our causes. We conducted 168 investigations which were held in six countries, 20 US states, and spanned 20,000 road miles over 219 days.
IMPROVING CONDITIONS & ADVOCATING CHANGE

In February, we launched our EU Campaign in Switzerland designed to hit the industry where it hurts: the demand level. We successfully documented the appalling conditions at horse slaughter facilities in Canada, Argentina, Mexico and Uruguay, all of which supply horsemeat to Switzerland. Alarmed by the evidence AA presented about the Bouvry horse feedlot in Canada, Switzerland’s large scale meat importer, Migros, forced Bouvry to build a new feedlot strictly for the horses being shipped to Switzerland. As the campaign progresses we continue to gain more momentum each day.

We also provided evidence of the cruel treatment at US kill buyer collecting stations, feedlots, and slaughter auctions.

Additionally, we have continued pressing auction owners across the country for better conditions & handling of all animals. (Example: Sugarcreek Auction, OH and New Holland, PA).
RAISING AWARENESS

In Mexico, Milenio Television, one of Mexico’s largest TV stations, aired a strong anti-horse slaughter piece targeting US imports using information gathered from AA investigations such as footage from both the Southwest Livestock Auction and the Texas export pens. This was the first time horse slaughter had ever been reported on prime time television and the positive feedback from the TV station has been incredible.

Animals’ Angels was honored to serve as keynote speakers at this year's Thundering Hooves event where we had the chance to discuss alternatives to horse slaughter with more than 2,000 attendees. The event was held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, an important venue location because the state’s residents are fighting to prevent Valley Meats from opening a horse slaughter plant in Roswell. A resounding success, Thundering Hooves and Animals' Angels were featured in numerous state-wide publications.

Footage recorded by Animals' Angels was used in the hauntingly beautiful video for Lynny Prince’s song, 'Ride it Out'. Lynny was inspired to write the song after becoming aware of AA investigations at the inaugural Thundering Hooves event. A portion of the song’s proceeds will go towards funding future investigations.

Our annual Light the Sky event was once again successful in raising awareness. More people than ever are learning of the cruel treatment so often suffered by animals at auctions and feedlots.
Education

In August, Animals' Angels launched a groundbreaking police training program in Eagle Pass, Texas to educate law enforcement agencies on the various aspects of transport as it relates to slaughter bound horses. This multi-jurisdictional training was attended by nearly 50 police officers and representatives from the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division of the Department of Public Safety (DPS). We have already started to see the successful implementation of training techniques as DPS officers have been observed checking horse haulers along the Mexican border in Texas. We plan to offer this training to other law enforcement agencies.

Animals’ Angels has always been passionate about raising awareness of the plight of slaughter horses. We believe that through this radical new training program even more can be accomplished. This is an entirely new step on the road to successfully holding violators accountable for their actions and at Animals’ Angels, we’re proud of this achievement.
GOALS FOR 2014

- Due to the enormous success of our EU Campaign, we will be extending our campaign in 2014 to include other horsemeat importing European countries.

- We remain dedicated to our mission and believe that 2014 will be another stellar year. We anticipate yet another substantial increase in investigations, legal actions against perpetrators, and improvements for the animals we seek to protect.

- Although the number of investigations we are undertaking have filled our schedule, it is our intention to add even more to next year’s calendar. We are dedicated to making a change for the animals going through these auctions. All livestock deserve humane treatment and we will not stop in our efforts to ensure that they get it.

- We also expect our groundbreaking training program to reach an even broader audience of law enforcement divisions. We are excited to share our police training program across the country and are happy to help create long-standing relationships with members of law enforcement.

- We plan to partner with a variety of organizations which will allow the truth to reach new audiences. Raising awareness is key to promoting the positive change the animals so deserve.
Financial Report for 2013

Program Expenses 83%
Fundraising Expenses 9%
Management 8%
Funds avail for program use $0.85 per $1

Total End Net Assets $451,811

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Animals’ Angels received the Guidestar Seal of Excellence for our commitment to transparency