



Animals' Angels

Annual Report 2017

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

My dear friends,

While we can't possibly describe everything we've tackled and accomplished in [2017](#), we do want to provide you with some highlights—and to thank YOU, our loyal friends and supporters. Without you, none of these achievements would have been possible.

If you read our monthly newsletters and investigation reports, you will likely be familiar with much of the information presented here. We encourage you to also visit our [website](#), where you can access in-depth resources, review [investigations](#), and keep up-to-date on our [activities](#) and the issues affecting the animals.

At Animals' Angels, we feel strongly that animal cruelty must be confronted wherever we find it. It must be stopped wherever it is taking place. We must all speak out each and every time an instance of cruelty is witnessed. And, while we strive to bring justice for the many animals subjected to abuse, our goal is to ultimately prevent it from happening in the first place.

With your support, we are creating change that will deliver better conditions to the animals who need our help. As we forge ahead into the New Year, we are grateful to have friends and supporters like you on our side—and more importantly, on the animals' side.

Sincerely,

Sonja



KEY ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ***EU Campaign Moving Forward and Creating Change***

AA's EU Awareness Campaign to protect our horses from the horrific fate of slaughter has continued to create demonstrable improvements and gain momentum. We are regularly supplying the EU Commission with our latest field reports, and we are reaching out directly to European consumers to [raise awareness](#) of the stark realities behind how food ends up on their plates. We're happy to report that the number of U.S. horses shipped for slaughter across our borders has significantly declined.

In fact, according to figures obtained from customs officials, tens of thousands of horses have been spared from the slaughter pipeline in Mexico and Canada.

- ***Another Conviction at New Holland***

Our past investigations have ensured that New Holland Sales Stables in Pennsylvania has been held accountable for the grossly inhumane treatment of animals at their facilities.

In the [latest incident](#), in 2017, the evidence provided by one of our investigators—and our persistent diligence in reporting animal cruelty every time we come across it—led to the conviction of an auction employee for animal cruelty in the case of a suffering pig.

- ***Puppy Mills Exposed in Pennsylvania***

To further our initiative on puppy mill operations, we have increased our field investigations into commercial breeders, both licensed and unlicensed.

This year, we published a [detailed exposé](#) on commercial breeders in Pennsylvania, showing that the minimal standards of care were routinely ignored and lobbying to give more "teeth" to enforcement when animal cruelty charges are warranted.



RAISING AWARENESS TO CREATE CHANGE

- **Taking a Stand Against Cruelty**

Animals' Angels partnered with Compassion over Killing and 33 other organizations to fight the looming threat of [unabated animal cruelty](#) at slaughter plants.

- **International Day of Awareness—Stop Long Distance Transport**

We were thrilled, once again, to help raise animal cruelty awareness on a global level. The goal of this very important [day of action](#) is to draw people's attention to the brutality inherent in the live transport of animals bound for slaughter. Farm animals deserve humane treatment, and we will always be their voice.

- **We Are There with the Animals, Thanks to YOU**

Because of your generous contributions, we were able to maintain a busy [schedule](#) in the field this past year. From a horrific auction [in Missouri](#), where animals of all kinds suffered under inhumane conditions and a grievously injured horse simply disappeared, to [Montana](#), where "downer" cows and other animals faced appalling treatment, to an update on our well-known friend in Texas, [Mike McBarron](#), to a horse trader and broker-program partnership building an empire on the backs of the innocent in [Kansas](#), our investigations throughout the United States uncovered the cruelty and abuse that seem to run rampant at auctions and feedlots.

At Animals' Angels, we consider our work—ensuring animals are treated humanely—as a fight for justice waged against the businesses and individuals who exploit helpless creatures for profit to their bottom line. Your support in 2017 allowed us to expose the continued atrocities, like those at [California auctions](#), push for legal action, and inspire meaningful change.



EXPOSING CRUELTY AND PROTECTING ANIMALS

Since slaughter is, sadly, not the only threat our horses face, we revisited the issue of equine [blood farms](#) to uncover additional details on how these majestic animals are exploited simply to increase production in the pork industry. Evidence secured from these investigations is being used to promote awareness and, more importantly, change for affected animals. To further push for an end to the barbaric treatment endured by horses trapped on blood farms, our animal welfare alliance has filed a criminal complaint against IDT Biologika in Dessau, Germany, for aiding and abetting cruelty to source their PMSG products using horses on South American blood farms.

Where are the Missing Horses? Two years of field work and in-depth research uncovered an apparently ongoing [clandestine operation](#) involving rejected slaughter horses. According to our investigations, thousands of horses that were shipped into Mexico, destined for slaughter (or to the border crossing for inspection), are being sent back to the United States via New Mexico—where they simply disappear. What is happening to these horses? And why?

GOALS FOR 2018

We were able to make great strides in 2017. However, more work needs to be done to end the atrocities perpetrated on farm animals and slaughter-bound horses across the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. We are entering 2018 more determined than ever to be a strong voice for the animals.

Our emphasis in the coming year will be to expand our investigations with an eye towards increased enforcement activities. Focusing on auctions and feedlots, including those that deal in exotic animals, we will work to uncover the cruelty and suffering the animals are forced to endure. Shedding light on these often-hidden crimes will allow us to not only take legal action against the perpetrators, but to also advocate for the long-term, positive improvements these animals need and deserve. Thanks to your loyal support, we are creating broad-reaching impacts, spreading critical awareness, and protecting precious animals.



Financial Report for 2017

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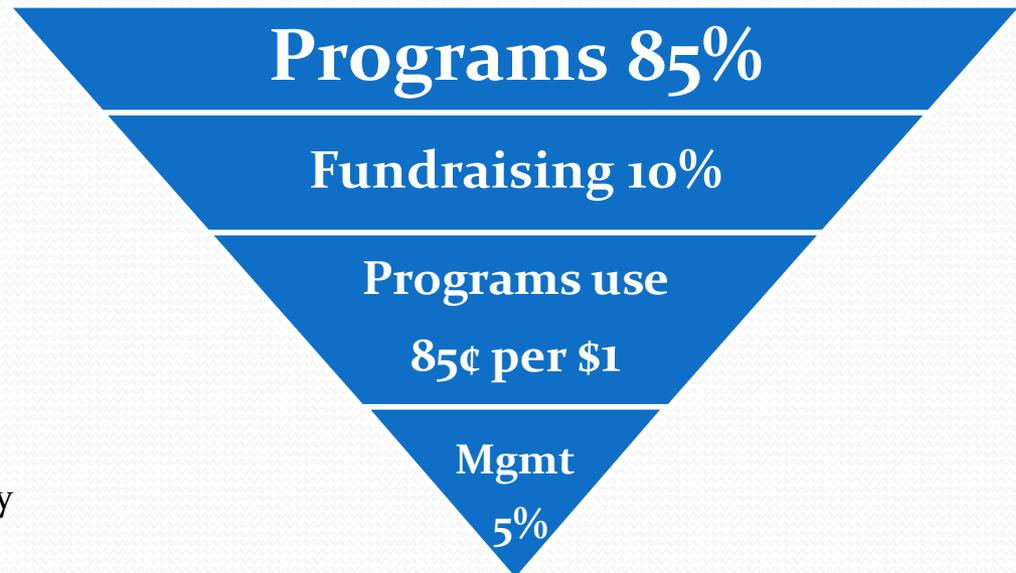
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