

2016

Victories & Highlights

OUR MISSION — To advocate for and protect the rights, welfare, and habitats of animals — to make the world a more just and compassionate place for all our fellow beings — by raising their status beyond mere property, objects, commodities, or things.

Letter from the President

Dear Friend,

Historic measures to protect elephants... dogs rescued from the murderous dog meat industry... thousands of young people educated in compassion... and so much more.

This year, your support made it possible for In Defense of Animals to save lives all over the world. You saved dogs from being strung up and skinned for their meat in South Korea. You stopped sickening experiments on pregnant wild horses in Oregon. You protected kangaroos from slaughter in Australia. You threw a lifeline to heartworm positive dogs in Mississippi, and gave them a new lease on life.

Thanks to you, the tide is turning against animal abusers!

This year, your support enabled In Defense of Animals to spearhead groundbreaking new animal protection projects. We fought and won against ag-gag laws in Australia. We played a key role in securing the Orca Protection Act in California. We



Marilyn and the team welcome dog meat survivors to the U.S.

stood firm against cruel and terrifying animal chase events across the US.

We cannot thank you enough.

In this special publication, we look back on some of the wonderful stories you made possible in 2016. I hope you enjoy each and every one of them.

Thank you for standing beside us as we fight the good fight - for the animals.

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Kangaroos saved from slaughter in Australia

In August, compassion won the day in Australia. Thanks to an immense outpouring of help from our dedicated supporters, one hundred kangaroos and their baby joeys were saved from being made into steaks and burgers, shoes and belts. With our partners at The Australian Society for Kangaroos, we ensured these shy and gentle marsupials were saved from hunters' guns.

Thousands of young people educated in compassion

While we are advancing positive change for animals today, our cutting-edge programs are ensuring that the

world is a better place for animals tomorrow. Through our Strength In Kindness tour with former Mr. Universe Billy Simmonds, and our partnership with Lean and Green Kids, young people are learning the importance of respect and compassion for all living

beings, and being empowered to end the suffering of farmed animals through a healthful and delicious vegan diet.

Sickening experiments on pregnant wild horses halted

The U.S. government agency, the Bureau of Land Management, finally backed down on its gruesome and dangerous plan to conduct sterilization experiments on over 200 wild mares in Oregon. It would have been a great victory for the horses and thousands of In Defense of Animals supporters if it were not for the unveiling of a devastating proposal to kill more than half of America's wild mustangs. We are spearheading efforts to ensure these American icons do not come to harm, and to stop horsemeat slaughter by back-door methods.

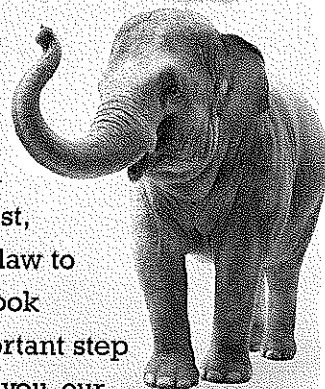


Los Angeles Times

Bullhooks to control elephants banned in California

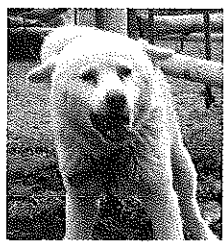
Historic elephant protection measures passed

In Defense of Animals has long been a champion for elephants, so we are pleased that 2016 brought a significant win in August, as Governor Jerry Brown signed a historic law to protect captive elephants from brutal bullhook abuse in California. The new law is an important step in the protection of elephants and we thank you, our committed supporters for making your voices heard to help pass this crucial legislation.



Dogs rescued from the murderous dog meat industry

Working with South Korean activists, we were able to save five dogs from the brink of death from the dog meat trade. Thanks to your support, we were able to save an additional two dogs after the initial rescue! All seven dogs escaped awful deaths to make an epic 7,000 mile long journey from South Korea to Hope Animal



Before in the dog meat slaughterhouse, and now in a loving home

Sanctuary in Mississippi. Kurt, Paul and Valencia, three of the original Slaughterhouse Five, have now been adopted and are now enjoying a new lease on life.

We fought and won against ag-gag laws

Every day, more people realize that the horror endured by animals on farms is the every-day norm, not the exception. Abusive mega-animal industries are attempting to silence activists who expose animal cruelty by proposing "ag-gag" laws that

restrict freedom of speech. Thousands of In Defense of Animals supporters flooded Australia's lawmakers to speak out on behalf of animals. In May, our international voice won out, and this dastardly attempt to cover up animal cruelty failed.

Heartworm positive dogs given a new lease on life

31 dogs living at our Hope Animal Sanctuary in Mississippi started the year heartworm positive. The often-lethal parasite works its way through the chambers of dogs' hearts and into the arteries of their lungs, killing the poor victims as their hearts struggle and eventually fail to meet their bodies' need for blood. Thanks to your generosity, all 31 dogs have been successfully treated, and many are now enjoying a new lease on life.



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Justice for Animals

Longtime activist and animal hero Doll Stanley is working on the frontlines to change animals' lot in the Deep South. Her daily work puts her at the forefront in stemming the flow of burnings, draggings, shootings and worse.

A regular voice for animals in local news, schools, public associations, and the chambers of power, Doll has made incredible leaps in growing a grassroots movement calling for Justice for Animals in Mississippi and beyond.



Doll & Mississippi advocates hold a courthouse vigil



Pennsylvania fair cancels 'violent' greased pig chase

Animal activism victory

Thanks to the heroic efforts of animal activist Kelly Lehman and In Defense of Animals supporters, the Ephrata pig chase will not celebrate its 40th year. This annual tradition of cruelty and abuse was cancelled this year, marking a major activist victory supported by In Defense of Animals' Sustainable Activism campaign. We are building a powerful and resilient activist community to take action for animals.



California bans killer whale theatrical shows, breeding

In Defense of Animals takes on ruthless dolphin and whale exploiters

Following in the footsteps of our respected annual list of the 10 Worst Zoos for Elephants, we

launched our brand new 10 Worst Tanks initiative to end the heartless abuse of intelligent whales and dolphins. We are already winning significant battles against the ruthless industry, and played a key role securing the Orca Protection Act in California.



Thank you!

Because of you, we have achieved so much for animals. But there is so much more we must do in 2017. So many abused and exploited animals are still suffering, and still waiting for their lives to improve.

As we draw towards the final days of 2016, we will not slow our pace. This year has seen our staff work

through hurricanes, floods, snow and blazing heat. Nothing can stop us, because the animals are depending on us.

As a true friend to animals, we thank you for standing with In Defense of Animals, and helping us to transform animals' lives everywhere.

For all you do for animals. THANK YOU!

