

Advocacy Initiatives

Listed below are topics that will be a continuous focus for HSHV in regards to advocacy, education and outreach. As legislative efforts move forward for particular issues, HSHV will prioritize topics that are likely to be passed through to law and directly impact the well-being of any animal species.

Animals Used for Food

- Proper care and housing
- Farm industry standards and reform
- Plant based diets
- Dog/cats used for consumption

Animals Used in Entertainment

- Horse slaughter and soring
- Animal racing
- Transport/export of animals used in entertainment
- Breeding and ownership of large carnivores
- Captive exotics welfare

Domestic Animals

- Declawing ban
- Animals left in hot cars and extreme weather
- 1919 Dog Law and Stray Hold law updates
- Adopt, Don't Shop movement
- Puppy mills and pet stores
- Breed discrimination and awareness
- Anti-chaining laws
- Animal cruelty laws for "living property"
- Impact of fertilizers and pesticides on animals

Wildlife and Marine Life

- Wildlife killing contests and trophy hunting
- Inhumane trapping and poaching
- Lethal, inhumane population management
- TNR and protection of outdoor cats
- USDA Wildlife Services practices
- Wildlife trade and trafficking
- Animals used for fur/clothing/materials
- Fish farms and transport/export of live animals
- Healthy aquatic ecosystems (PFAS, Plastics, Fishing)
- Humane conflict resolution with backyard wildlife

Animal Rescues and Shelters

- Regulation and oversight of shelters and rescues
- Improved standards for rescues
- No Kill initiatives
- Spay/Neuter initiatives
- Access to veterinary care

Animal Testing and Research

- Welfare of animals used in research
- Oversight of animal research facilities, including universities
- Adoption of animals "retired" from research
- Alternatives to animal use