

BEWARE OF GROUPS CLAIMING TO “HELP ANIMALS”

The Humane Society of the United States is an organization that has claimed to exist to help animals in need, rescue them from cruelty, and provide care for these animals in need. **The reality is that this organization is a money-making machine to pay exorbitant salaries to a few individuals.** Federal tax records show HSUS has gross receipts of over \$100 million per year and less than **one-half of one percent** of these funds are used to provide shelter or care for animals. The remainder of the funds are used to pay salaries to a few individuals.

Some of the things the Humane Society of the United States **is not:**

- ✓ **It is not affiliated in any way with local pet shelters. The HSUS simply borrowed the name in a fraudulent way to encourage donations.**
- ✓ **The HSUS does not represent local humane societies in any way.**
- ✓ **Your local humane society or pet shelter is not affiliated with HSUS in any way.**
- ✓ **HSUS does not provide any assistance to your local humane society or pet shelter.**

As a result of these actions and others by HSUS, it has been charged with racketeering, fraud, bribery, obstruction of justice, and money laundering in federal court.

Before making any donations to organizations claiming to assist or care for animals, be sure they are legitimate. The unfortunate truth is that many of the sad pictures of animals- and even children- we see in the media are simply money machines. Your local pet shelter or humane society will usually be able to identify organizations that use their funds appropriately for the care of the animals. You may also contact the organization and ask them to specify how they spend their money, where the shelters are they operate, and how many animals they directly care for.