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**2025**

ANNUAL REPORT

**Major Highlights of Our Work in 2025**

## HIGHLIGHTS OF 2025

**P**assed legislation in Congress to eliminate the 80-year-old “cow’s milk mandate” in the National School Lunch Program, giving kids more choice and potentially reducing pressure on cows to produce enormous volumes of milk, with so much of it wasted because millions of kids are lactose intolerant.

**S**aw the FDA commissioner pledge to phase out animal testing in three to five years, a remarkable pledge triggered by our work to pass the FDA Modernization Act 2.0 three years ago.

**W**ith our Kangaroo Protection Act looming in Congress, we ran the table with the nine biggest global brands in the athletic shoe industry and won pledges to stop sourcing kangaroo skins, with Adidas, Mizuno, ASICS, and Umbro joining Nike, Puma, New Balance, and others in forswearing kangaroo skins for soccer shoes.

**P**rotected Prop 12 and Question 3 from efforts in the courts and the Congress to overturn these landmark farm animal welfare laws. We are not done with our defense work, but the laws are in place and working very well, with thousands of producers becoming Prop 12 compliant.

**E**xpanded undercover investigations exposing illegal cockfighting networks and trafficking pipelines, producing arrests of the most visible and politically active cockfighting advocates in the nation. We secured more than 1,000 endorsements for the FIGHT Act in Congress — a legislative package designed to eradicate animal fighting in America.

**A**dvanced federal enforcement capacity through congressional and Department of Justice actions prioritizing animal cruelty prosecutions.

### Our Principles and Core Values

- Cruelty to animals runs counter to America’s long-standing legal traditions and religious values.
- Our nation should never tolerate cruelty, no matter the perpetrator.
- Actively addressing cruelty to animals prevents the spillover of violence and other crimes in our communities and also to zoonotic disease spillover.
- All animals deserve humane treatment, including animals raised for food.
- We must, as a society, embrace sound and cost-competitive alternatives to harmful forms of animal use where available.
- We must honor states’ rights and local authority and allow democratic decision-making to protect animals at the local, state, and federal levels.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

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Our nation needs a strong organizational voice for animals in the political sphere, and Animal Wellness Action is that voice. We need public policies to shield animals from cruelty and abuse — whether the abuse happens in a fighting pit, on a factory farm, in a drug-testing laboratory, at a horse slaughter plant in Mexico, or in a forest or field where trophy hunters or commercial trappers lay in wait to kill animals for their heads or their beautiful coats.

When you look at our campaigns — whether it’s our Cage-Free Future campaign to protect animals in agriculture, our Animal Fighting Is the Pits campaign to eliminate the scourges of dogfighting and cockfighting, or our Kangaroos Are Not Shoes campaign to bar athletic shoe retailers from keeping the skins of majestic marsupials in their supply chains — it feels sometimes like we are playing a dozen games of chess at one time. We are making bold and strategic moves, and we are locked in a political struggle with our opponents who seem hellbent on defending the status quo. With each move, the goal is to position us for ultimate success, even if it takes [a while to get there] dozens or hundreds of moves to deliver victory.

But “winning” a campaign does not translate into our political adversaries “losing” their way of life or their business operations. Our goal is to find a better way forward for the whole of society, including the people taking actions at odds with the wellness of animals.

Resistance to change is often not grounded on reason, but on reflex. Researchers don’t need to torment beagles or primates when non-animal testing methods, such as liver-on-a-chip technology, allow them to search out toxicities for drugs and to rely on more predictive human biology. Farmers don’t need to confine animals so severely that they are unable to move; keeping them in less crowded conditions is less stressful for them and doesn’t create an environment where disease spreads so rapidly. Adidas does not need to use kangaroo skins for its shoes, when sustainable fabrics get the job done better for the shoe buyer.

Hunters can use non-toxic ammunition when they go afield, rather than continue to rely on poisonous lead ammunition that they consume in the carcasses of animals they take home, while also scattering lead across more than a billion acres of American ecosystems. Their bullets and rounds [in the environment, with bullets continuing] keep killing [to kill] eagles, hawks, foxes, and other wildlife long after they’ve left the barrel.



*Animal Wellness Action, along with its affiliates the Center for a Humane Economy and the Animal Wellness Foundation, works to promote legal standards forbidding cruelty to animals and seeks robust enforcement of those legal standards.*

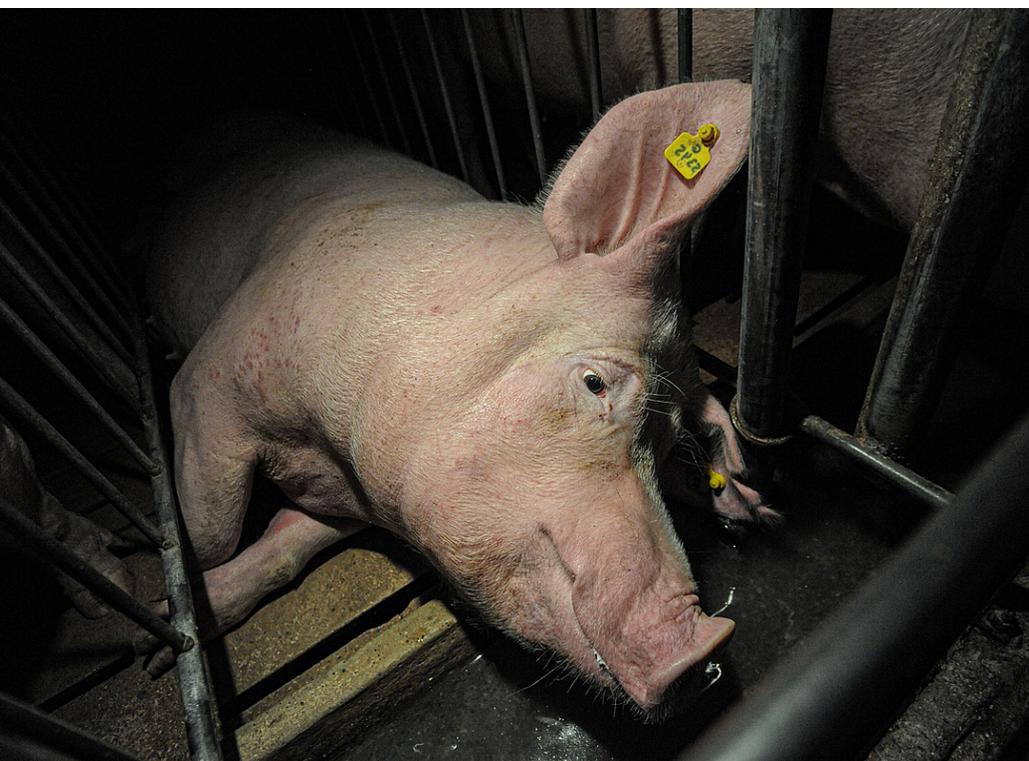
In the march of human progress, it's a combination of moral purpose and human innovation that can show us the way forward. Making simple changes, and embracing better methods of conducting science, agriculture, or sport, leads to better outcomes for the whole of society. It's the right thing to do, and it's good for just about everybody.

When you take a broad look at our policy goals for animals, you'll see that we are working to close out industries that have dogged animals for decades or centuries. But we are also tackling, and softening, major institutional uses of animals that are likely to be with us for decades to come. In fact in 2025, with a new Congress, we continued our efforts to introduce 17 new federal policy proposals in just the last few years. We are remaking the federal legislative agenda in the United States.

There's little debate any longer that greyhound racing, animal fighting, and horse slaughter are deeply unpopular. They've all got to go, and that's why we are working with diligence to create strong legal standards and enforce those standards with vigor. The laws we pass to phase out these practices will stand as statutory monuments to the moral progress we are collectively capable of achieving in our society.

For more deeply embedded practices, it's important for us to keep the pressure on, with the goal of methodically reducing the numbers of animals used. This is especially true in animal testing in science and in intensive confinement of animals in agriculture. These businesses, which seem normal to the people immersed in them, are seeing eroding public support. They don't happen to have long historical timelines; rather, they are more recent innovations that infiltrated science and testing and agriculture [came into favor] in the late 19th century or [and] even the middle part of the 20th century. Putting domesticated pigs and chickens in warehouses is just decades old, and cannot be found in the long sweep of human history since the advent of agriculture.

Factory farming, at its core, is a human innovation — but one detached from conscience. Our aim is innovation guided by conscience, where human ingenuity and moral responsibility operate in alignment. That's where we are at our best.



So many practices that cause harm to animals persist because they are removed from the daily gaze of the public — a case of “out of sight, out of mind.” But it's our duty to keep these subjects “top of mind” for the public and to show there's a better way.

Using animals for drug screening, according to so many top scientists in the field, is highly inefficient and unreliable. We can develop better, safer drugs at lower costs by shifting to drug-screening strategies grounded

*Photo credit: Jo-Anne McArthur / We Animals*

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on human biology. We will have healthier animals in agriculture when we move toward more extensive systems. One reason for the surge in egg prices is that the government feels compelled to kill every animal on a giant factory farm when there is even a single infected animal, because they believe the infection will spread to millions of animals jammed together on these farms. Vulnerable animals translates into [also mean] a highly vulnerable supply chain.

There's so much to what we do. It's hard. Complex in so many ways. But our team is deeply committed to achieving good outcomes for animals and society. And throughout the travails and setbacks and battles, you've been there to enable this life-saving, life-affirming work.

Without you, there's no progress. Only pain. When we ask for your financial support and your engagement in the political process, it's not a faint wish; it's us asking you to throw us and the animals a lifeline. Making the kind of grand change we seek for domesticated and wild animals is perhaps the toughest form of social change. The sweeping change we want is not a spectator sport, but a participatory one. We need your engagement to win. We need a mass movement to win. To win for animals and for the whole of society.

# MORE PROGRESS, LESS PAIN

Here are some of our organizations' tangible gains, whether they are small steps or leaps forward in a longer march of sweeping change and societal progress to benefit all animals.

The year 2025 was one of the most consequential years ever for Animal Wellness Action, working with the Center for a Humane Economy and other partners, to drive public policy change for animals. We put in motion efforts to introduce 17 new policy proposals in Congress, and these measures collectively now define the public policy agenda in America. We used these bills as a hammer to drive corporate change, with our Kangaroo Protection Act helping push Adidas and other global athletic shoe brands to stop sourcing kangaroo skins for soccer shoes. This was a year of unprecedented progress against animal testing, with the FDA Modernization Act 3.0 passing the Senate and exerting influence on public health leaders at the FDA, NIH, and CDC to start to wind down animal testing. We also eliminated a national cow's milk mandate that hurt cows and kids alike. We are poised to enhance the national response to malicious animal cruelty, as we zero in on animal fighting and work to dismantle the extensive networks in operation. We are in pitched battles to save wolves and North American owls, but we are confronting stiff resistance from trophy hunters, trappers, the timber industry, and even some misguided environmental organizations.

What follows are some highlights and concrete achievements we secured in 2025. We are capable of driving game-changing results only with your support.



# CAMPAIGN IMPACT: HELPING ANIMALS ON A GRAND SCALE

Across multiple sectors — from global supply chains to federal regulatory policy — our work in 2025 demonstrated the power of sustained, strategic pressure. Whether confronting multinational corporations, federal agencies, or entrenched agricultural interests, we advanced reforms designed to reduce animal suffering at institutional scale. These victories did not occur in isolation; they reflect years of coalition building, public education, litigation, and direct advocacy designed to realign markets and public policy with humane values.

## CAMPAIGN: **Dunking the Milk Mandate in the Schools**



### **Eliminating an 80-year cow's milk mandate in the National School Lunch Program**

Both chambers of Congress passed legislation to incorporate key provisions of our Freedom in School Cafeterias and Lunches (FISCAL) Act to eliminate a dairy-industry monopoly and give kids plant-based milk options in school meals. For decades, the milk mandate put bioengineered dairy cows through the rigors of hyper-production (the average Holstein now produces 25,000 pounds of milk a year) only to see much of their milk tossed in the trash. Dairy cows are often spent at a young age, sometimes becoming downers, on their way to slaughter. With our primary partner, Switch4Good, **we built a coalition** of 200 organizations, including food allergy and disease groups and educational associations, and lined up a bipartisan set of lawmakers in the House and Senate to drive forward this reform. The President signed the bill into law just after New Year's Day. Now we'll be working with Switch4Good on a national campaign to alert kids to the human and animal health challenges associated with dairy consumption.

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## CAMPAIGN: Kangaroos Are Not Shoes



**Eliminating kangaroo skins for all global athletic shoe brands.**

With the Kangaroo Protection Act looming in Congress, Adidas announced its plan to halt any sourcing of kangaroo skins for its soccer shoe models. The Japanese companies ASICS and Mizuno followed suit, as did the U.K.-based Umbro. With earlier pledges from Nike, New Balance, Puma, and others, we've now run the table with all major global athletic shoe brands, just five years after the launch of our Kangaroos Are Not Shoes campaign. These companies sell to hundreds of millions of soccer players in more than 190 nations, and it's that trade that has driven the annual slaughter of two million kangaroos in their native habitats in Australia. By reducing demand in these foreign markets, we are eliminating the commercial incentive for shooters to conduct their nighttime shooting sprees.

***Just five years after the launch of our Kangaroos Are Not Shoes campaign, all the major global athletic shoe brands have stopped, or pledged to soon stop, using kangaroo skins.***

## CAMPAIGN: Cage-Free Future

**Protecting Prop 12 and Question 3 from attacks in the courts and in Congress.**

Again in 2025, we held back attempts by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) and its factory farming surrogates to overturn the nation's most important anti-farm-animal confinement laws — Proposition 12 in California and Question 3 in Massachusetts. The U.S. Supreme Court chose not to take up a second case brought by factory farmers challenging the law and a key federal appeals court turned back an appeal by a Missouri-based factory farming company and upheld the Massachusetts farm-animal protection law. That case marked the 20th straight legal defeat of the NPPC and its surrogates on the subject. At the same time, in Congress, we've organized letters signed by 226 Democrats and Republicans opposing an effort to federally overturn these state laws. We'll keep up the fight in 2026 and continue making the case that state sovereignty matters, that farm animals deserve to fully extend their limbs, and that thousands of American farmers who've spent billions to comply with the law do not deserve to lose their investment to the advantage of foreign-owned corporate factory farms.



***We'll keep up the fight in 2026 and continue making the case that state sovereignty matters and that farm animals, at the very least, deserve the opportunity to move [to fully extend their limbs].***

## CAMPAIGN: MODERNIZE TESTING (I)

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### Winding down animal testing in America.

In April, in his first public act as FDA commissioner, Dr. Marty Makary released his agency's "Roadmap to Reduce Animal Testing in Preclinical Safety Studies," explicitly noting our 2022 legislation, the FDA Modernization Act 2.0, as the legal basis for the policy. In December, for the second time in less than 13 months, the U.S. Senate unanimously passed our FDA Modernization Act 3.0 to formally align FDA's regulations with the 2022 law, and we expect the House to act on it in the new year. Meanwhile, in a series of coordinated actions this year by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Food and Drug

Administration (FDA), National Institutes of Health (NIH), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Trump Administration began taking concrete steps to wind down federal animal testing and embrace 21st-century, human-relevant science.

In a national television broadcast in December, HHS Secretary Bobby Kennedy raised serious concerns about the continued importation of primates and the operation of the National Primate Centers, explaining that researchers had become locked into animal-based models because of profit motives even "when there are better ways and predictive models." Kennedy also emphasized the administration's focus on expanding post-research retirement options for animals, stating, "now we are building sanctuaries across the country." The CDC is **already taking practical action to phase out all monkey research**. Also in December, a powerful, bipartisan group of 20 lawmakers sent a letter urging the NIH to wind down primate testing as a show of support for the efforts of the public health agency leaders.

In a non-governmental action, Ridglan Farms, a massive beagle breeding operation in Dane County, Wisc., that supplies dogs to laboratories for invasive use, will **relinquish its license** to breed and sell beagles for experimentation in mid-2026. This announcement came after a coalition including the Center for a Humane Economy got involved. The company's exit from the beagle lab trade comes three years after the federal government shut down a Virginia facility operated by Envigo, which also maintained thousands of dogs for sale to laboratories, following multiple animal welfare violations. Just one major beagle breeding supplier — Marshall Bioresources in upstate New York — will remain, and we're focused on delivering the same outcome here.

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## CAMPAIGN: **Animal Fighting is the Pits**

### **Cockfighting derbies broken up at record pace, upgrade of federal law looms.**

Our undercover investigations and tips to local law enforcement broke up major cockfighting derbies and produced a surge in arrests, including two outspoken cockfighters who'd been organizing a pro-cockfighting movement across the nation. As a result of our complaints, the Oklahoma Ethics Commission ordered the cockfighters to dismantle their PAC and fined them \$10,000. A long-term investigation our team conducted uncovered a vast criminal cockfighting network spanning from Tulsa to Dallas, exposing a Texas front company that acts as a broker for fighting animals reared in the United States and then trafficked to the Philippines to die in fighting arenas there. We called out Korean Air as the key link in the transport chain and also blew the whistle on sales of cockfighting implements on e-commerce platforms eBay and Etsy. Though Etsy quickly complied with our request to take the ads down, we are still contending with eBay. We've attracted more than 1,000 organizations and agencies as endorsers of the FIGHT Act in Congress, including nearly all major American law enforcement agencies.



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## CAMPAIGN: **Zero Tolerance for Cruelty**



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### **House calls on DOJ to fund new prosecutors' unit to tackle animal abuse.**

Our multi-year quest to create an animal cruelty crimes section at the Department of Justice, with a team of federal prosecutors to enforce our national laws against animal fighting and other forms of malicious cruelty, took a giant step closer to reality. The Fiscal Year 2026 House appropriations bill funding the Department of Justice **urges the attorney general** to allocate \$2 million from funds provided to assemble a dedicated team of federal anti-cruelty prosecutors. Meanwhile, the DOJ also issued guidance to all 93 U.S. attorneys to make animal cruelty a priority. The DOJ and the USDA said they'll create a task force to examine animal cruelty crimes.

## CAMPAIGN: Saving Owls



### Making mass killing of forest owls in the Pacific Northwest a national scandal.

We've put the national spotlight on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plan to kill a half million North American barred owls in three Pacific Coast states. We worked with allies in Congress to write letters and introduce resolutions to stop the slaughter. Sen. John Kennedy's **floor speech** against the owl kill has already generated more than 2 million views. What's more, we've uncovered that the plan is even worse than originally described: it is not only an unprecedented assault on barred owls, but a **maneuver** by federal land management agencies and the timber industry to kill threatened Northern spotted owls and to start cutting some of the most precious old-growth forests in the Pacific Northwest. We've amassed testimonials from a dozen leading wildlife scientists (e.g., [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#)). Former top scientists at the National Park Service with the Coalition to Protect America's National Parks **asserted** that the plan opens 14 iconic national parks to owl hunting and has no chance of success. Meanwhile, we are litigating in a U.S. District Court in Portland, Ore., to nullify the costly, inhumane, and entirely unworkable scheme.

## CAMPAIGN: Protecting Wolves

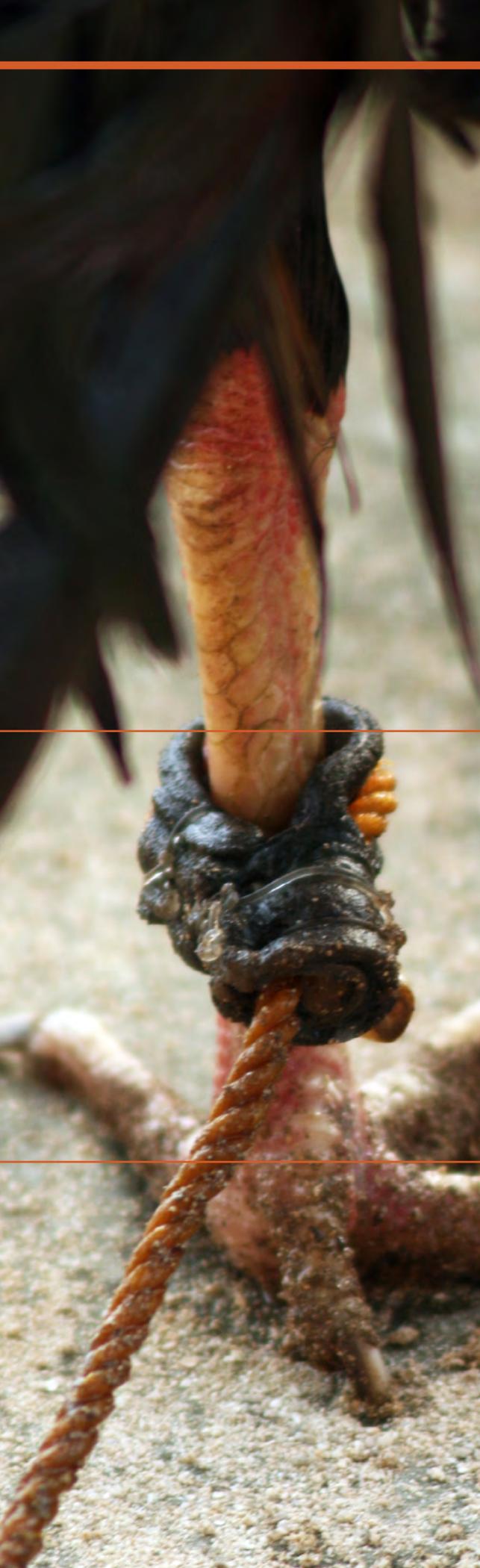
### Holding off federal delisting of wolves, but the battle continues.

For another year, we've held off efforts to strip federal threatened and endangered status from wolves across most of their range, but threats to their protected status continue to loom due to the machinations of some within Congress and the Interior Department. But we also went on the offense in the Northern Rockies region where they are not protected, securing a ruling that U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was wrong to cast aside a petition to restore federal protections for wolves. Thus far, the agency has not acted to remediate the problems identified in the courts.

And Wyoming rancher and trophy hunter Cody Roberts is being prosecuted in Wyoming after a relentless national campaign to demand justice for his savage act of animal cruelty — crushing a young female wolf with a snowmobile and then taking her captive and tormenting her. We've worked with allies in Congress to introduce the Snowmobiles Aren't Weapons (SAW) Act to outlaw the use of motorized vehicles to chase, ram, crush, or kill wolves and other mammals on federal lands.



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## INVESTIGATIONS & LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPACT

Exposing cruelty is often the first step toward ending it. In 2025, our field investigations and intelligence operations played a central role in disrupting organized animal fighting and related criminal enterprises. By pairing undercover documentation with real-time coordination with law enforcement, we helped translate hidden abuse into prosecutable cases — elevating animal cruelty from an underground activity to a visible, enforceable crime priority across jurisdictions.

### Animal Fighting Crackdowns

Our investigative teams intensified on-the-ground operations targeting cockfighting and dogfighting networks operating across the United States. Through surveillance, infiltration, and evidence gathering, we exposed fighting derbies and alerted law enforcement agencies, enabling raids, arrests, and the disruption of organized events. These efforts not only removed animals from immediate harm but also increased legal risk for perpetrators, reinforcing that animal fighting enterprises are neither tolerated nor beyond the reach of coordinated federal and local enforcement.

### International Trafficking Exposure

Beyond domestic enforcement, our investigations uncovered transnational pipelines trafficking fighting animals from the United States to overseas arenas. We documented brokerage operations facilitating the breeding, sale, and export of animals destined for organized fights abroad — exposing the international dimensions of animal fighting and the commercial actors sustaining it. By bringing these networks to light, we strengthened the evidentiary basis for cross-border enforcement and policy interventions aimed at shutting down trafficking at its source.

## E-Commerce Enforcement

Our work also targeted the digital marketplace infrastructure enabling animal fighting. Investigators documented the online sale of cockfighting weapons and implements on major e-commerce platforms, bringing these violations to public attention and to the companies themselves. By exposing how cruelty-linked commerce persists in online retail ecosystems, we accelerated corporate scrutiny and enforcement actions, demonstrating that platforms facilitating illegal animal fighting supply chains must be held accountable alongside event operators and traffickers.



## Interagency Coordination on Animal Cruelty Enforcement

Federal agencies also moved to strengthen collaborative enforcement mechanisms. The Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Agriculture advanced plans to establish a joint task force to examine and address animal cruelty crimes. By integrating prosecutorial authority with regulatory oversight and investigative resources, this partnership lays the groundwork for more coordinated, intelligence-driven enforcement strategies capable of confronting cruelty at scale.

## Advancing a Federal Animal Cruelty Crimes Unit

Our long-running campaign to establish a dedicated animal cruelty crimes section within the U.S. Department of Justice moved substantially closer to reality. Congressional appropriators included directive language urging the Attorney General to allocate federal funds to assemble a specialized team of prosecutors focused on animal cruelty enforcement. This structural investment would institutionalize expertise within DOJ — ensuring that complex, multi-jurisdictional cruelty cases receive the focused legal attention they require.

## Elevating Prosecutorial Priority Nationwide

In parallel, the Department of Justice issued guidance to all 93 U.S. Attorneys' Offices directing heightened attention to animal cruelty crimes. This action signals a meaningful cultural and operational shift within federal law enforcement — recognizing cruelty offenses not as peripheral violations but as serious crimes often linked to organized violence, trafficking, and broader public safety risks.

## Federal Enforcement & Legal Infrastructure

Lasting change for animals requires more than exposure of cruelty — it demands durable enforcement architecture within the federal government. In 2025, we made significant progress in elevating animal cruelty as a prosecutorial priority, advancing structural reforms designed to strengthen investigative capacity, coordinate federal agencies, and ensure that existing anti-cruelty statutes are enforced with rigor and consistency nationwide.

# COALITION BUILDING & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Enduring policy change for animals is rarely achieved in isolation. In 2025, we deepened our commitment to coalition-driven advocacy — uniting law enforcement leaders, national organizations, and frontline investigators in coordinated campaigns designed to amplify political influence, expand enforcement reach, and accelerate legislative progress. By building broad, cross-sector alliances, we strengthened both the credibility and the operational power behind our humane policy agenda.



## National Coalition to Combat Animal Fighting

Our work to advance the FIGHT Act continued to serve as a focal point for national partnership building. We assembled a coalition of more than 1,000 organizations and agencies in support of federal legislation aimed at strengthening prohibitions on dogfighting and cockfighting. Notably, this alliance includes leading law enforcement bodies such as the National Sheriffs' Association and the National District Attorneys Association — representing prosecutors and sheriffs across the country. Their engagement underscores the growing recognition that animal fighting is not a fringe issue but a serious criminal enterprise linked to violence, trafficking, and community harm.

## Field Investigation Partnerships

We also continued to rely on strategic partnerships to expand our investigative capacity on the ground. Working alongside Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK), our teams gathered intelligence on animal fighting operations, documented illegal activity, and coordinated with authorities to disrupt events in real time. These collaborations allow for rapid-response enforcement interventions — pairing nonprofit investigative resources with the legal authority of local and federal law enforcement to drive immediate protective outcomes for animals.





## RESEARCH, SCIENCE & THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Durable reforms for animals depend not only on advocacy and enforcement, but on a strong scientific and intellectual foundation. In 2025, we expanded our investment in research, scholarship, and evidence-based policy development — strengthening the empirical case against cruelty while equipping lawmakers, regulators, and corporate leaders with data-driven pathways toward humane alternatives. By integrating science into every dimension of our advocacy, we are helping to redefine animal protection as both a moral imperative and a research-supported public policy priority.

### Advancing Multidisciplinary Research

Our work draws upon a growing network of staff scientists and affiliated scholars operating across a range of disciplines central to animal welfare and public policy. These include epidemiology, veterinary medicine, animal behavior, wildlife biology, psychology, and related fields. Through research partnerships and expert analysis, we are documenting the societal, environmental, and public health consequences of institutional animal use — from disease transmission risks to behavioral and ecological impacts — ensuring that policy debates are informed by rigorous scientific insight.

### Building Institutional Thought Leadership Capacity

To further institutionalize this work, we advanced plans to establish a dedicated animal-protection think tank — envisioned as the first well-resourced entity of its kind within the movement. Supported by major philanthropic investment, this initiative will expand our capacity to generate original research, convene academic and policy experts, and develop long-range strategies to accelerate humane economic and legislative transitions. By embedding scholarship into advocacy, we are positioning the animal protection field to compete more effectively in policy, regulatory, and corporate decision-making arenas.

# INSIDE ANIMAL WELLNESS ACTION

*We see a time when animal cruelty is no longer common or accepted.*

## Financial Summary for 2025

In 2025, Animal Wellness Action had unaudited cash basis total revenues of \$1,573,400, and an additional \$159,300 in revenue for Animal Wellness Action PAC. We had unaudited expenditures of \$1,388,400, and the Animal Wellness Action PAC had expenditures of \$183,500. Animal Wellness Action ended the year with assets of \$2,076,800, and AWA PAC with \$125,600. In addition to driving better policy outcomes for animals, Animal Wellness Action seeks to inject animal welfare into the national political discourse and to drive better policy outcomes for animals.



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# Ways You Can Help

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**Get educated on animal issues**

Stay updated on animal welfare issues by reading our blog [here](#) for an in-depth look at what's happening at the intersection of animals and politics.

2

**Influence lawmakers**

Take action on our [Contact Congress](#) page. And don't forget to [sign our petitions here](#). Make your voice heard by letting your local, state and national lawmakers know you want them to introduce new animal welfare bills and vote for existing ones.

3

**Vote with your conscience**

Vote in your local, state and national elections for candidates who support animal welfare policies and programs. Check if you're registered to vote by [clicking here](#). Or you can [register to vote here](#).

4

**Be social**

Keep up on the latest in animal welfare news by following us on social media and alerting your followers to the opportunities to help the animals.



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**Donate for change**

Donate to candidates and law makers who support better animal welfare laws. Support organizations like [Animal Wellness Action](#) that move forward public policy surrounding animals. We have [multiple ways for you to give](#) to help prevent cruelty to animals by supporting our work influencing legislation that shapes animal welfare laws and regulation.

6

**Campaign for compassion**

Seek opportunities to campaign and support legislators, law enforcement personnel, judges, and other candidates for public office who support animal welfare policies. Volunteering at their campaign offices, door-knocking, and phone banking are easy and productive ways to help.

7

**Show appreciation for legislative leaders**

Spread the news about legislation and legislative leaders. Write letters to the editor, post information on social media about key legislative items. Remember to thank lawmakers who carry animal protection legislation and help lead on our issues.

8

**Educate others**

Further the dialogue surrounding animal welfare issues with friends and families. Make sure the people who care are getting the latest information by sharing our feeds.

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**Urge proper enforcement of animal welfare laws**

Speak out with any information you have about the inhumane treatment of captive, farmed or companion animals, wildlife trafficking or environmental crimes by calling The Environment and Natural Resources Division of the U.S. Department of Justice at 202-514-2701. And send tips about the cruel spectacle of illegal animal fighting here: [animalcrueltytips@animalwellnessaction.org](mailto:animalcrueltytips@animalwellnessaction.org)

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**Eat and act with conscience and purpose**

Eat more plant-based foods, reduce food waste, minimize packaging waste, buy cruelty-free products, and live your life as if every choice matters. When we live this way, we create a healthier planet and build a more humane economy.

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