

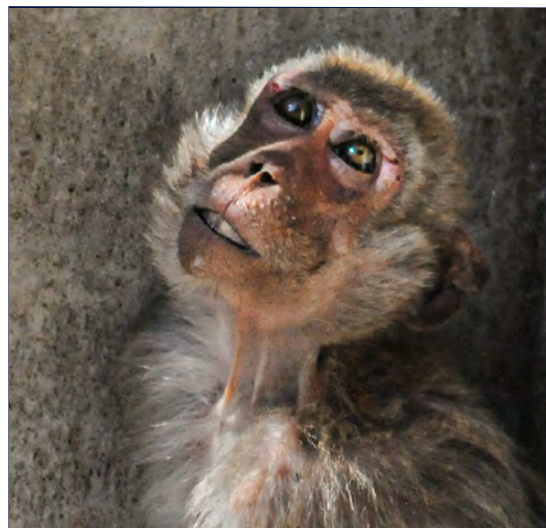
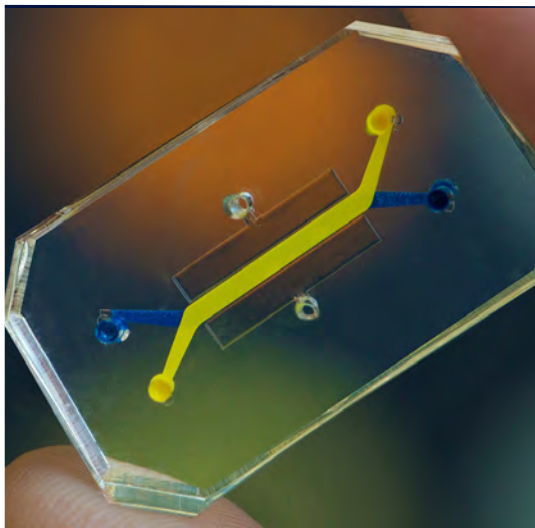


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HUMANE
ECONOMY

2025
ANNUAL REPORT



**Building a humane economy by triggering change
within industry and government
to benefit animals**



KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2025

The Center for a Humane Economy and its affiliates work to shape corporate and public policy to prevent and abate cruelty to animals and strengthen civil society.

We secured commitments from Adidas, Mizuno, ASICS, and Umbro in 2025 to stop sourcing kangaroo skins for soccer shoes – required gear for a billion soccer enthusiasts around the world. These latest corporate policy commitments mean that, since the inception of our Kangaroos Are Not Shoes campaign in 2020, we’ve run the table with all major athletic shoe brands. Nike, Puma, New Balance, and others previously foreswore use of kangaroo skins in their supply chains.

We are changing the way pharmaceutical companies do business by driving much wider use of 21st-century human-relevant testing methods for drug screening. These outcomes are a derivative of our work to pass the FDA Modernization Act 2.0 in 2022 – eliminating a federal animal-testing mandate for new drugs that had been in place since 1938. In 2025, at our urging, the new FDA commissioner pledged to phase out animal testing in three to five years.

We broke an 80-year dairy industry monopoly in the National School Lunch Program, allowing kids to have a plant-based milk option instead of cow’s milk on every tray. Millions of kids are lactose-intolerant, tossing animal milk (177 million gallons a year) because it makes them uncomfortable or full-on ill. The new federal policy to expand beverage choices means that fewer cows need to endure the rigors of production on factory farms only to see their milk yield thrown away.

Again in 2025, we fought off China’s Smithfield Foods, Brazil’s JBS, and other multinational meat companies working in Congress to overturn state laws that limit the use of immobilizing gestation crates and give breeding pigs and laying hens some room to move. Our defense of farm-animal protection laws must continue in 2026, but every day that key laws in California and Massachusetts remain in place and provide markets to more humane-minded farmers, it un masks this heavy-handed congressional attempt to repeal state laws. Foreign-owned agribusiness giants, with nary a concern for animal welfare, want to seize control of more agricultural production in the United States, with catastrophic effects on animals and American farmers.

We dramatically expanded our undercover investigations of animal fighting and exposed illegal cockfighting networks and trafficking pipelines, producing arrests of some of the most 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. We are working to push the U.S. Department of Justice to make animal cruelty prosecutions, including for animal fighting, a high priority.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We conduct campaigns to turn the page on animal testing in drug development, push ahead a cage-free future in animal agriculture, end inhumane forms of animal entertainment, halt ruthless and highly commercialized exploitation of wildlife, and more.

Dear friend,

In a capitalist economy and social order, the workings of business shape the fate of animals on a vast scale, determining how they are raised, traded, tested on, and killed. The Center for a Humane Economy doesn't accept these adverse outcomes, seeking instead to change the economic architecture that governs human dealings with other species and to demonstrate that commerce must come without cruelty.

Over the past year, we called out business operations of many of the most powerful sectors of the economy — agriculture, pharmaceuticals, forestry, athletic wear, wildlife management, and spectator sports, to name a few. That work took many forms in 2025, pressing global athletic brands to stop sourcing wild animal skins for their shoes, demanding that pharmaceutical leaders work to wind down animal testing in place of human-relevant methods, confronting multinational agribusiness giants housing animals in immobilizing cages and crates, and demanding that forest product companies not wage an assault on the owls who quietly occupy the canopies of vertical ecosystems.

This market-centered strategy is distinct from, but deeply complementary to the legislative and political work of our sister organization, Animal Wellness Action (AWA). While the political organization works to pass laws and demand their enforcement, the business-focused group focuses on the conduct underlying commerce, influencing corporate sourcing decisions, research and development, and other core operations. When synchronized, these approaches act as dual levers on the treatment of animals on a vast scale.

In 2025, we reached a milestone in a four-year global campaign to protect Australia's best-known marsupials: we secured agreements from the last global athletic wear holdouts on killing kangaroos to make soccer shoes. Adidas relented after I was able to make an

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Jo-Anne-McArthur / Weanimals.org



appeal to the company's leaders at its annual shareholder meeting near Nuremberg, Germany last May. Soon thereafter, ASICS and Mizuno — both Japanese brands — also surrendered to reason and innovation, and said they'd stop sourcing kangaroo skins for their footwear.

During the five-year lifespan of the campaign, we ran the table on the nine biggest athletic shoe brands and cut off the trade from companies that neatly wrapped wild-animal skins around the feet of a billion soccer players in 190 nations of the world. Those shoes look clean and nifty, but those soles and uppers came with a heavy moral cost. Our campaign succeeded because we linked purchasing practices in the marketplace with field work documenting that commercial shooters left mobs of kangaroos dead and the joeys orphaned and left bleating for their mums.

We also saw incremental progress in our game-changing campaign to end animal testing in drug development. Federal regulators, building on our successful work to pass the FDA Modernization Act 2.0 at the close of 2022, outlined pathways to replace animal-based testing mandates with human-relevant science. New leaders at our federal agencies publicly rejected what was once considered immovable orthodoxy — the notion that drug safety requires animal tests. The government's animal testing mandate is beginning to give way to new strategies — organs-on-chips, advanced computational modeling, and other predictive tools that are both more humane and scientifically relevant to the human condition.

Industrial animal agriculture, particularly extreme confinement systems, represents not only a moral failure but also a subordination of our core values — with externalized costs to animals, public health, and the environment. By first working to give the animals more space, and then to defend cage-free and crate-free production standards from factory-farming interests seeking to turn back the clock, we are working to see that a realignment in agricultural markets is not only reflective of core consumer values, but it's durable and here to stay. All animals, including those raised for food, deserve our mercy.

Economic transformation toward a humane economy is not just possible; it's been proven successful throughout history. More than a century ago, conservationists and animal welfare advocates ended the millinery trade — the making of hats from a bundle of neatly arranged feathers — which had been decimating bird populations. Some decades earlier, our nation replaced whale oil with petroleum, obviating the need for interminably long and dangerous excursions to harpoon the biggest creatures that have ever lived on the planet. We mechanized transportation, reducing the exploitation of horses even while retaining the reference to horsepower in the new cars and trains.

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replacing wildlife skins. Biotechnology and artificial intelligence are redefining drug testing. Ecotourism is outcompeting trophy hunting. In each case, the Center's role is to accelerate the transition and ensure that humane innovation displaces animal exploitation.

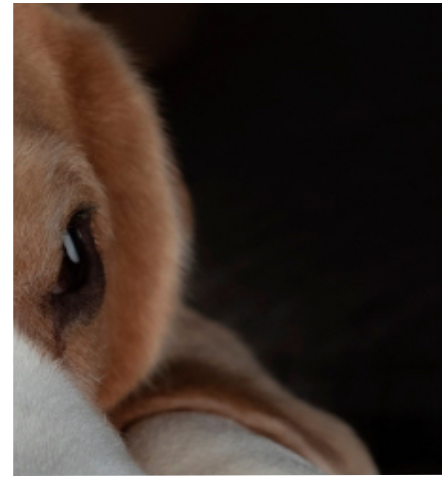
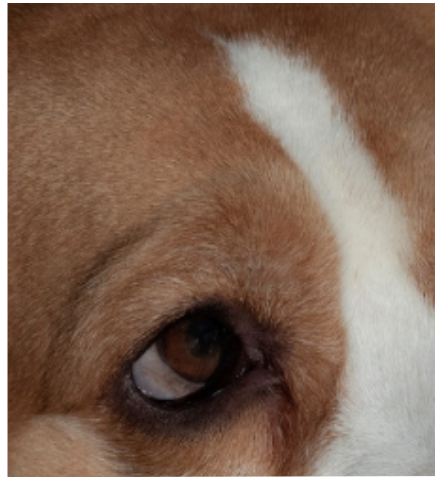
Past transformations may look smooth and inevitable in the rearview mirror of history, but they were anything but that. Power never yields to progress without a fight. Resistance is often rooted less in evidence or reason than in habit and a fear of change. Human agency — people like you and me — has always been the essential driver of change.

Overcoming stubborn resistance is our business model. We can have it all — robust commerce and human flourishing and a safe place for the million species that live among us in the thin zone of life on Earth. It's our job to spare animals the lash, the gun, the cage, and the trap. Cruelty and greed can, and must, yield to a better moral design and to human problem-solving.

Sincerely,



Wayne Pacelle
President
Center for a Humane Economy



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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.

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OUR PRINCIPLES AND CORE BELIEFS

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 the spillover of zoonotic diseases.

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.

Dunking the Milk Mandate in the Schools

C A M P A I G N

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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Kangaroos Are Not Shoes

C A M P A I G N

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.

Modernize Testing

C A M P A I G N

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.

Just one major beagle breeding supplier — Marshall BioResources in upstate New York — remains, and we're focusing on our attention there.

In a non-governmental action, Ridglan Farms, a massive beagle breeding operation in Dane County, Wis., 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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Protecting Prop 12 and Question 3 from attacks in the courts and in Congress.

Cage-Free Future C A M P A I G N

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.



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Animal Fighting Is The Pits

C A M P A I G N

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.





Zero Tolerance for Cruelty

C A M P A I G N

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.

Saving Owls

C A M P A I G N

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's plan to kill a half million North American barred owls in three Pacific Coast states, as well as the timber companies that are providing the impetus for this disgraceful assault on owls. 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](#) 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.



Protecting Wolves

C A M P A I G N

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. We also went on the offense in the Northern Rockies region where they are not protected, securing a ruling that the 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 has now pleaded guilty to felony-level crimes of animal cruelty 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.



Wyoming rancher and trophy hunter Cody Roberts has now pleaded guilty to felony-level crimes of animal cruelty in Wyoming after our relentless national campaign to demand justice for crushing a young female wolf with a snowmobile and then taking her captive and tormenting her.

FORMING A THINK TANK for Animals and Human Welfare

In 2025, we took the first steps to launch a closely affiliated think tank — the All Life Institute, under the guidance of the Center for a Humane Economy — to connect hundreds of scholars across the U.S. and the world with our hard-hitting campaigns, harnessing their scientific knowledge to bring clarity to the key debates about animal use and clinch the case for reform.

Scholars will testify, publish, and conduct research to ground and fortify the key campaigns of our organization — whether it involves documenting the zoonotic disease threats associated with mink farming or cockfighting, exposing the animal and human health hazards associated with lead ammunition, driving cutting-edge, human-relevant, non-animal-based drug screening methods to improve the safety and effectiveness of drugs for people and animals, making the case that factory farming subordinates so many key values in our society and must be upended, or documenting the link between malicious animal cruelty and social violence and other crimes.



To build think tank capacity, we expanded our investment in research and scholarship and put scholars to work to enlighten lawmakers, regulators, and corporate leaders, fortifying the case for humane alternatives that will benefit animals and people.

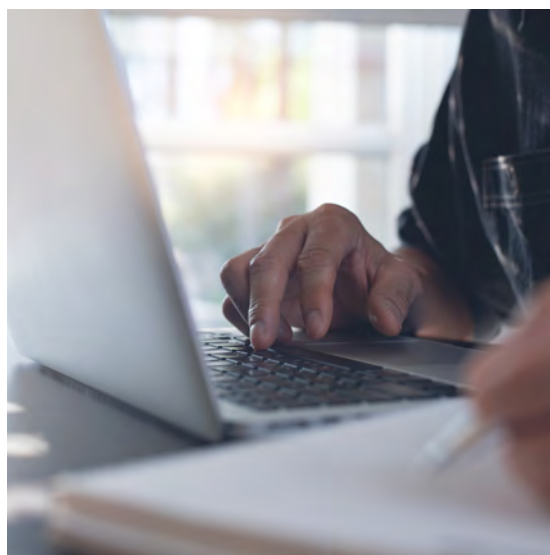
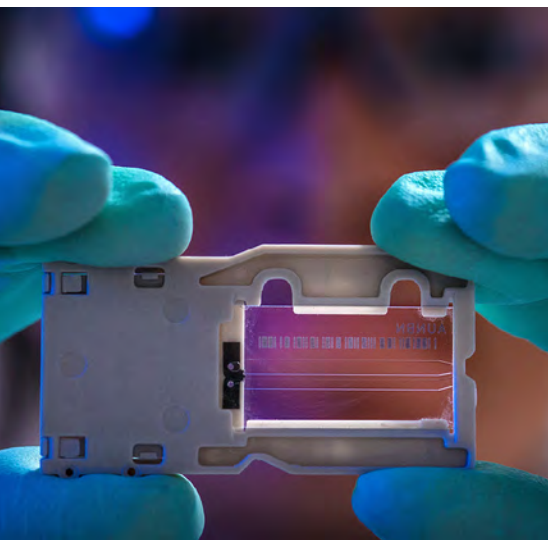
Integrating science into every dimension of our advocacy, we are helping to redefine animal protection as both a moral imperative and a set of reforms to enable human flourishing, to act as an antidote to human illness, and to make our communities safer and more livable.

Our incipient scholarly network includes men and women in the fields of epidemiology, veterinary medicine, animal behavior, wildlife biology, psychology, and related fields whose work makes the case for humane alternatives that will benefit animals and people.

Through research partnerships and expert analysis, we are documenting the societal, environmental, and public health consequences of institutionalized and often ruthless animal use, ensuring that policy debates and outcomes are informed by rigorous scientific insight.

This work documents the zoonotic disease threats associated with mink farming and cockfighting. Exposes the public health and wildlife health hazards associated with the mass dispersal of lead ammunition in sport hunting. Drives cutting-edge, human-relevant, non-animal-based drug screening methods to improve the safety and effectiveness of drugs for people and animals. Makes the case that factory farming subordinates so many key values in our society and must be upended. And documents the link between malicious animal cruelty and social violence and other crimes.

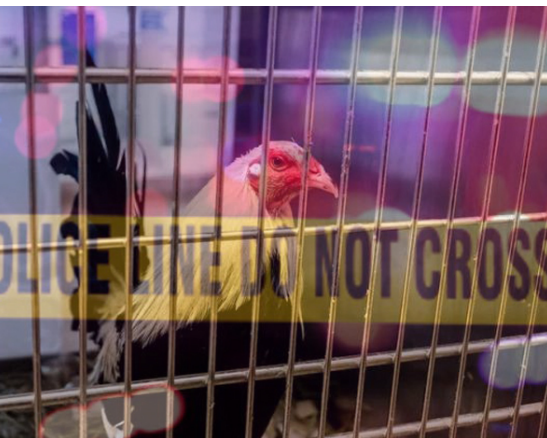
Enabled by the generosity of Laurie McGrath — and done in honor of her late mother, Carlee McGrath, also a deeply devoted animal advocate — this initiative will expand our capacity to generate original research, convene academic and policy experts, and develop long-range strategies to embed our ideals into the law and into the corporate cultures in all key sectors of the global economy. By blending scholarship with strategic advocacy, we are driving win-win outcomes for animals, for businesses, and for the whole of society.



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 anti-crime priority across jurisdictions.

ANIMAL FIGHTING DERBIES BUSTED ACROSS THE NATION



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 law enforcement.





EXPOSING U.S. EXPORTS OF FIGHTING ANIMALS ACROSS THE NATION

By cutting off commercial airline transport of birds, we can starve the cockfighting community of the financing it requires to fuel this illicit underworld.



We are focused on the trafficking of fighting birds by Korean Air and Philippine Airlines to the Philippines, Vietnam, and more than 25 other nations — an action strictly forbidden under U.S. law. We documented brokers facilitating the sale of fighting birds raised in the U.S. and shipped all over the world. Cockfighters earn money by selling their birds for profit — as much as \$5,000 for a trio of birds — and by cutting off commercial airline transports, we can starve the cockfighting community of the financing it requires to fuel this illicit underworld. On the domestic front, we are working to stop the U.S. Postal Service from annually moving tens of thousands of fighting birds through the U.S. mail and ignoring existing federal proscriptions on those live-animal transports.

SNIFFING OUT E-COMMERCE GIANTS ILLEGALLY SELLING COCKFIGHTING KNIVES

We exposed eBay and Etsy for using their digital marketplace to traffic in cockfighting knives and gaffs - the instruments of injury and torture and fixtures in the cockfighting world. Etsy bowed to our pressure after we pointed out that such sales are felony offenses. eBay has not yet yielded but we are bringing pressure, including legal action to halt the illegal trafficking of cockfighting implements. Who would have thought that major, publicly traded companies would be involved in the cockfighting trade?

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DEMANDING THE FORMATION OF A FEDERAL ANIMAL CRUELTY SECTION

Animal cruelty prosecutions have emerged as a stated priority of DOJ, only because of our demands for that to happen.

Our long-running campaign to establish a dedicated animal cruelty crimes section within the U.S. Department of Justice inched 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. Again, we have more work to do, but animal cruelty prosecutions have emerged as a stated priority of DOJ, only because of our demands for that to happen.

COALITION BUILDING & STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Lasting policy change for animals is rarely achieved alone. In 2025, we deepened our commitment to coalition-based advocacy — uniting with law enforcement leaders and agencies, national public health and animal welfare organizations, and frontline investigators in coordinated campaigns designed to amplify political influence and accelerate reform. By building broad, cross-sector alliances, we strengthened both the credibility and the operational power behind our humane policy agenda.

NATIONAL COALITION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, POULTRY INDUSTRY, AND GAMING INDUSTRY TO CONFRONT ANIMAL FIGHTING MENACE

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 as dangerous a criminal enterprise as human trafficking, the narcotics trade, and other well-known organized crime operations.



Download our poster of the more than 1,000 agencies that support the FIGHT Act.

INCREASING OUR IMPACT BY PARTNERING WITH ANIMAL PROTECTION GROUPS

We conducted undercover investigations of animal cruelty with our friends at Showing Animals Respect and Kindness (SHARK). We teamed up with Switch4Good and Olympic silver medal cyclist Dotsie Bausch to break the federal government's milk mandate. We partnered with local Audubon societies and wildlife rehabilitation centers on our campaigns to block the shooting of North American barred owls and to end the use of lead ammunition in sport hunting. Indeed, every one of our 20 major campaigns involves engagement with dozens or hundreds of other groups. When we collaborate, we punch with more force and impact.



THE PEOPLE WHO POWER

The Center for a Humane Economy

Our members and supporters are the ones who enable game-changing outcomes for animals — the corporate gains, the policy wins, the cultural influence. We do this work with a lean, highly credentialed, and extraordinary staff, including agricultural veterinarians (including the former chief of the U.S. Army Veterinary Command), former prosecutors who served from New York state to northwest Oregon, former senior Capitol Hill policy advisors for Senators and other congressmembers, and so many others who bring skill sets and rich professional experience. Our chief financial officer works 70 hours a week and takes no salary; in fact, she's one of our best and most politically engaged donors. We have hundreds of other people who donate their time and treasure to be involved at the ground level in reforms for animals.

And the members of our Board of Directors and our Global Council for Animals, whose ranks include medical doctors, veterinarians, financial services professionals, diplomats, attorneys, and business leaders, all serve as volunteers. Every one of them donates to the work of the organization and each of them devotes hundreds of hours to our business of change for animals.

As a former leader of many of the most well-known names in the field of animal protection, I want to assure you that no group working for animals is doing so much good for animals with so little in the way of resources. We operate with extreme efficiency. There are no high salaries, there are abundant volunteers, and there is a zest for making the world safer for domesticated and wild animals. I wake up every day to drive that end.

Stay Connected

Please continue to join us and support this incredibly important journey to make the world a better place for all creatures.



- Sign up for our emails [here](#).
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- Have questions? You can reach us at: info@centerforahumaaneconomy.org

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The Center has earned Guidestar's Platinum Seal of Transparency. You can view our profile [here](#).

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

1 Remind corporate leaders to do the right thing

Let's use this rewrite on #1: Encourage the leaders of corporations and trade associations to adopt best practices for animals – e.g., asking them to maintain a humane supply chain for their goods, avoid harming animals in R&D programs, embrace 21st-century alternatives to animal use in clothing and footwear, end any harmful uses of live animals in movies and television, and show consciousness toward animals in all ways that apply to them.

2 Eat lower on the food chain

Make your food choices with animal welfare and factory farming in mind. Nourish yourself by eating more plant-based foods, which are better for you, the planet, and animals. Reduce your consumption of meat. If you choose to eat animal products, look for higher-welfare certifications such as “Global Animal Partnership,” “Animal Welfare Approved,” or “Certified Humane.”

3 Speak with your hard-earned dollars for change

Invest in “humane economy” companies that have meaningful animal welfare policies and tell CEOs and mutual fund managers that these standards influence where you invest. If you participate in a pension fund, urge managers not to invest in companies engaged in factory farming. Choose cosmetics and cleaning products that are not tested on animals, and avoid products derived from cruelty, including fur and exotic leathers.

4 Vote with your dollars

Every time you enter the marketplace, you make a choice that either supports or discourages cruelty. Select cosmetics and cleaning products that are not tested on animals. Consumer guides — such as those published by animal protection organizations — can help identify humane products. Avoid fur, exotic leathers, and other products linked to animal suffering.

5 Be in the know

Stay informed about animal welfare issues by reading Wayne Pacelle's [blog](#), watching our [YouTube](#) channel, and examining our [In-Depth](#) stories from professional writers, staff experts, and scholars on topics that we explore in substantive ways. Forward our content to others who might want to learn about these issues.

6 Help animals in need

Adopt or foster homeless animals whenever possible. Companion animals in shelters often make devoted and grateful companions, and adoption saves lives. If adoption is not possible, consider [fostering animals](#) or [volunteering at a local shelter](#). When you encounter animals in distress — such as those struck by cars or locked in hot vehicles — contact the appropriate authorities and take steps to ensure the animal receives help.

When you come across animals in need, act to help them. Assist animals struck by cars or locked in automobiles by calling the proper authorities.

7 Minimize and eliminate food waste

Americans discard roughly 40% of their food, and about 22% of that waste comes from animal products. Food waste increases greenhouse gas emissions and wastes energy and resources. By reducing food waste, we can spare the lives of millions of animals and reduce environmental harm. Look for practical ways to reduce, reuse, and responsibly dispose of food.

8 Travel like an eco-tourist

When planning vacations, choose destinations and activities that respect wildlife and protect natural habitats. Ecotourism can support conservation and responsible economic development. Favor destinations that maintain strong habitat protection laws and enforce regulations that safeguard wild animals and visitors alike.

9 Be social



Social media is a powerful tool for raising awareness about animal welfare issues. Share credible information with friends, family, and your broader community. Follow the [Center for a Humane Economy](#) and [Animal Wellness Action](#) on Facebook, Instagram, and other social media platforms and follow up on our calls to action.

10 Live a more humane lifestyle

Spay and neuter companion animals to prevent unwanted litters. Reduce plastic waste and pick up litter in parks, beaches, and natural areas to protect wildlife. Dispose of waste responsibly, minimize your environmental footprint, and choose sustainable transportation options such as biking or walking when possible. Above all, act when you see animals in need.

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