2025 ANNUAL REPORT

The mission of the ASPCA® (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals®) is to provide effective means for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the United States. Since 1866, we've been on the front lines to save, transform and protect millions of lives in the fight against animal cruelty.

The ASPCA advances this work through direct care, lifesaving response, national partnerships, advocacy, and strategic initiatives that strengthen animal welfare systems across the country. Across every program area, our work reflects a clear and urgent purpose: preventing cruelty, reducing suffering and helping more animals live safely with the care they need.

This annual report provides a snapshot of the ASPCA's work and impact in 2025.

2025 Impact at a Glance

70,000+

Animals helped through adoption, relocation, pre-adoption spay/neuter and other placement support

20,000+

Animals assisted through disaster, suspected cruelty, emergency and recovery efforts

1,400+

Shelters and rescue organizations supported through grants, training and operational assistance

2 million+

Meals distributed to animals in need through pet food assistance and disaster response efforts

129,000+

Spay/neuter surgeries supported nationwide

$29 million+

Granted nationwide to shelters, rescues, clinics and other agencies supporting vulnerable animals

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From Our President and CEO

In 2025, across communities large and small, the ASPCA continued to meet animals where they needed us most by delivering lifesaving care, responding to crises and creating new opportunities for animals and the people who love them.

Together with our staff, partners, volunteers and supporters, we turned compassion into action. We helped over 70,000 animals find safe, loving homes, responded to disasters and emergencies affecting more than 20,000 animals, supported hundreds of shelters and rescue organizations through grants and partnerships, and helped provide more than 2 million meals to animals in need.

While these numbers reflect the scale of our work, they only tell part of the story. Behind each data point is an animal whose life was transformed, a family kept together or a community supported.

The year marked significant progress in reaching more animals with essential care. We performed nearly 80,000 free or low-cost spay/neuter surgeries and enabled partners nationwide to provide 50,000 more — helping prevent unwanted litters and keeping more animals healthy. We also fought to remove the barriers that keep pets from getting the medical care they need, and we deepened partnerships with shelters and communities from coast to coast, invested in lifesaving resources and continued building a stronger, more connected animal welfare field.

At the same time, we remained ready to respond when animals faced their greatest challenges. Whether rescuing victims of suspected cruelty, helping communities recover from disasters, helping dogs who were victims of abuse and neglect at the new ASPCA Recovery & Rehabilitation Center or supporting kittens, horses and other animals in need, our teams worked every day to deliver meaningful results and lasting change.

None of this happens alone. The ASPCA's impact is made possible by people like you who share our belief that every animal deserves safety, care and compassion. Your generosity, dedication and partnership make this work possible, allowing us to respond to urgent needs today while investing in long-term solutions for the future.

As you read this report, you'll see examples of what can happen when people come together on behalf of animals. Thank you for standing with the ASPCA and making this work possible. Together, we are creating a better world for animals.





Matt Bershadker
President and CEO

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Ensuring Safe and Healthy Environments for Animals



Every animal deserves a safe environment that supports their physical health, emotional wellbeing and ability to thrive. In 2025, the ASPCA helped more than 70,000 animals find safe, loving homes through adoption, relocation and placement support; assisted more than 20,000 animals affected by disasters, emergencies and suspected cruelty; supported close to 1,000 shelters and rescue organizations with more than $23 million in grant funding; and helped provide more than 2 million meals to animals in need.

Transforming Animals with Complex Needs



In December 2025, we opened the ASPCA Recovery & Rehabilitation Center in Pawling, New York, a facility dedicated to supporting dogs recovering from cruelty and neglect. The center expands our ability to provide integrated medical, behavioral and sheltering care for animals with complex needs, including many rescued through our longstanding partnership with the New York City Police Department (NYPD). From housing that reduces stress to veterinary and behavioral treatment spaces, the center gives vulnerable dogs the time, care and support they need to heal and move toward adoption.

From the Sidelines to Center of the Pack

We continued rehabilitating fearful, homeless dogs, many of whom were victims of cruelty or neglect, at the ASPCA Behavioral Rehabilitation Center in Weaverville, North Carolina. Our staff of behavior specialists expertly implemented science-based techniques to reduce fear and prepare dogs for placement in loving homes. One of those dogs was Kanga, a shy stray who transformed from a nervous observer watching people and dogs from a distance into a playful, confident companion.

Read how Kanga found a new bounce in her step and a new home.

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Responding to Natural Disasters

When disasters strike, animals and the people who love them need fast, coordinated support. In January, the ASPCA mobilized in response to the devastating **Los Angeles wildfires**, providing search and rescue, sheltering support, field operations, pet supply distribution and disaster expertise in collaboration with local and national partners. Together, these efforts assisted more than 900 animals in the aftermath of the Eaton and Palisades fires. Our support didn't end with the immediate response — we also established a $5 million California Wildfire Response & Preparedness Fund to help meet the urgent needs of the local animal welfare community and build readiness for future emergencies.



Out of the Ashes, a Miraculous Reunion

When Georgia and Louise were forced to evacuate due to the Eaton fire, they feared they had lost their beloved cats. Working alongside local authorities and Pasadena Humane, ASPCA responders entered the evacuation zone, located all three cats and safely reunited them with Georgia and Louise. Their rescues highlight the ASPCA's efforts to keep families and pets together during and after disasters.

Read more about these incredible reunions.

Creating Brighter Futures Through Animal Relocation



Animal relocation saves lives, especially when shelters are at capacity and local resources are limited. In 2025, ASPCA Animal Relocation safely relocated nearly 29,000 animals, reaching a milestone of transporting our 300,000th animal since the program's inception. Working with more than 140 shelter partners nationwide, our program moves animals from areas with high populations of pet homelessness to communities where adoption opportunities are greater.

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Maisie Belle's Journey Marks a Historic ASPCA Milestone

For six years, the ASPCA's Haley Herman has helped transport vulnerable shelter animals to communities where they have a better chance of being adopted. In October, she drove a special transport carrying the ASPCA's 300,000th relocated animal, Maisie Belle — a three-legged dog who recovered from a severe injury — from Tennessee to Delaware. **Read about Maisie Belle and Haley's journey**.

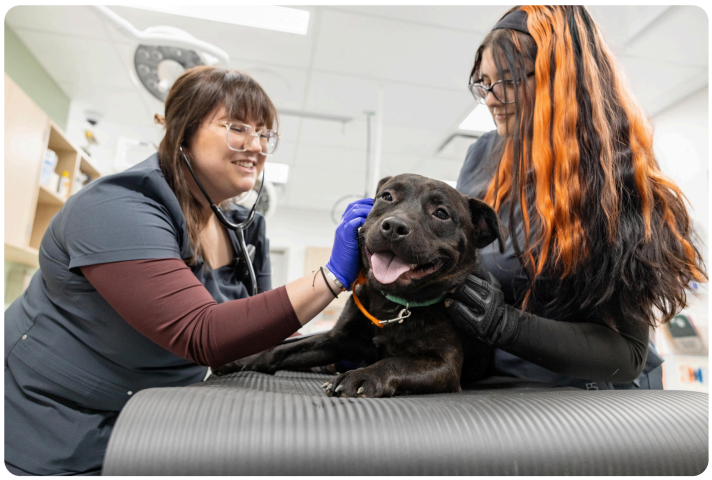
Fighting to Protect Dogs in Puppy Mills

The ASPCA continued to challenge commercial breeding practices that put profit ahead of animal welfare. Through public education, legislative advocacy, legal action and efforts to hold licensed breeders accountable, we worked to expose cruel conditions, strengthen enforcement and reduce demand for puppy mill dogs. In 2025, Goldie's Act (H.R. 349) was reintroduced in Congress to strengthen federal protections for dogs in federally licensed facilities.



In October 2025, a federal court affirmed that the U.S. Department of Agriculture must always record violations on inspection reports, in response to a lawsuit filed by the ASPCA in 2021, rather than relying on "courtesy visits" that hide failures to comply with the law, Additionally, California enacted first-in-the-nation legislation that prohibits third-party pet brokers from selling puppies bred in mills to Californians, further shutting down the puppy mill pipeline into the state.

Promoting Pet Adoption as the First Option



Encouraging pet adoption as the first choice for people looking to add an animal to their family remained a key focus in 2025. In its second year, The Rescue Effect, our national adoption campaign, engaged more than 600 shelters and rescue groups. Organizations received promotional resources, marketing assets and grant support. We awarded $2 million in grants to more than 100 participating organizations to help them waive adoption fees, support adoption efforts and offset operating costs.

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“The Rescue Effect campaign didn't just reduce a fee; it created the perfect bridge between a dog who had been through so much and a family ready to give her the world.”

— Bill Coleman, executive director of the Outer Banks SPCA, Manteo, North Carolina

Improving Outcomes for Pets in Los Angeles

In Los Angeles, the ASPCA continued working with two of the largest municipal shelter systems in the country, providing grant funding and medical services to help animals on their way to adoption. In June, we co-sponsored the second-annual California Adopt-a-Pet Day and broadened the reach of adoption messaging. Survey results showed approximately 46% of participants who met their match during the event were first-time shelter adopters, with a total of 4,979 pet adoptions on that single day.



Our Los Angeles Kitten Foster Program provided lifesaving care for vulnerable cats and kittens too young or fragile to thrive in a shelter environment. Since 2015, the ASPCA has partnered with the County of Los Angeles Department of Animal Care and Control — Downey Animal Care Center to help vulnerable kittens. In 2025, the program assisted more than 1,200 cats and kittens, giving them the individualized care they needed to grow healthy and find loving families.

A Lifeline for Kittens in Need

While earning her degree at UCLA, Emma B. became known on campus as “The Cat Mom” for her dedication to fostering felines through the **ASPCA Los Angeles Kitten Foster Program**. Inspired by her childhood cat Ginger, who thrived despite medical challenges, Emma developed a passion for caring for animals with special needs.

Find out why Emma continues to open her home to kittens in need and encourages others to foster.

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Expanding Access to Veterinary Care in 2025

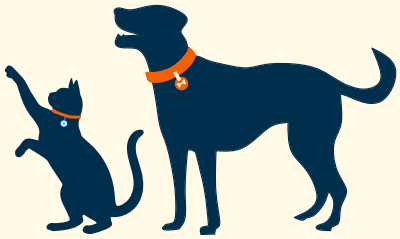
Veterinary and behavioral care services are essential to keeping animals healthy and families together, yet cost, geography and other barriers can put that care out of reach. Through our Community Veterinary Clinics in New York City, Los Angeles and Miami, mobile veterinary clinics and the ASPCA Animal Hospital in New York City, we provided accessible veterinary care ranging from vaccines, wellness services and spay/neuter surgeries to critical care for animals with life-threatening illnesses and injuries.



Veterinary Care in Action

109,000+

Animals cared for



129,000+

Spay/neuter surgeries supported



700+

Veterinary professionals and students engaged



334,000+

Animals supported during poison emergencies



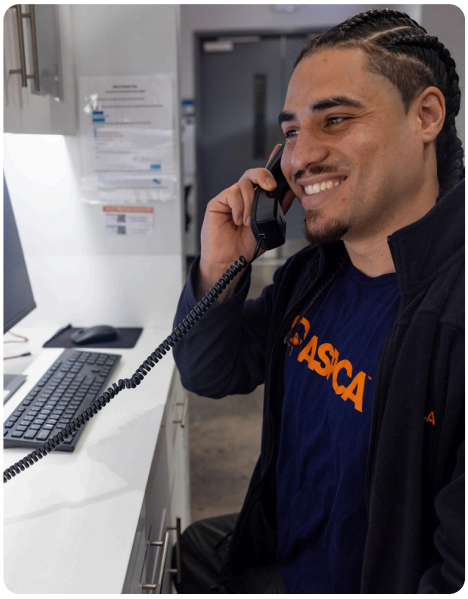
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Supporting Spay/Neuter Services Nationwide

The ASPCA supported more than 129,000 spay/neuter surgeries nationwide through direct programs, partnerships and funded clinics. The ASPCA Spay/Neuter Alliance in Asheville, North Carolina, welcomed its 200th clinic into the **mentorship network**, a milestone for a program that has helped expand access to high-quality, high-volume spay/neuter services across the country since 2004.



In Mississippi, the ASPCA and Oktibbeha County Humane Society opened a **lifesaving animal support center** designed to expand access to veterinary services and triple the local spay/neuter capacity. In Los Angeles, the ASPCA's mobile spay/neuter services expanded access to affordable veterinary care by bringing free and discounted spay/neuter surgeries directly to communities with limited resources, helping reduce pet overpopulation and supporting pet owners across LA County.



Providing Poison Emergency Response 24/7

ASPCA Poison Control is a 24-hour resource for pet owners and veterinarians nationwide, offering customized, expert guidance on poisoning and potential toxic exposure emergencies from our unparalleled staff of nearly 200 veterinary professionals. Over the course of 2025, ASPCA Poison Control helped more than 334,000 animals with poisonous substance exposures involving pesticides, medications, plants, household products and other potentially hazardous items. ASPCA Poison Control handled its 5 millionth case (Lula: see her story below), a milestone that reflects nearly 50 years of veterinary toxicology expertise and the continued importance of rapid, evidence-informed support when animals may be exposed to dangerous substances.

Expert Support in Stressful Situations

When a few raisin cereal flakes fell on the floor and were quickly gobbled up by Lula, a food-motivated Chihuahua-mix, her worried family contacted ASPCA Poison Control because raisins can be toxic to dogs.

Read Lula's story and how ASPCA Poison Control experts ensured she was okay.

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Training Tomorrow's Veterinary Professionals Today



There are not enough veterinarians and veterinary technicians in the medical field today, and animals are suffering. To help strengthen the veterinary workforce and increase the availability of practical, evidence-based, quality veterinary care, the ASPCA taught more than 700 veterinarians, veterinary technicians and students in 2025.

In New York City, we launched a partnership with LaGuardia Community College's Veterinary Technology program to provide students with hands-on training at the ASPCA Community Veterinary Clinic in Queens. The partnership is designed to increase the number of veterinary technicians graduating and entering the workforce in New York City while equipping them with practical, animal welfare-focused experience. Together, these investments in education and training are helping build a stronger, more sustainable veterinary workforce to serve animals and communities.

Our world-class toxicology experts at ASPCA Poison Control hosted 18 veterinary student externs and one pharmacy resident, published 16 articles in veterinary publications, presented four continuing education courses through ASPCA Learn and delivered 40 additional continuing education sessions to veterinary professionals nationwide.

Opening Doors to Veterinary Telehealth

The ASPCA continued to advocate for practical telehealth reforms to help more pets receive veterinary support. Access to telehealth can be especially critical in rural and under-resourced communities, where in-person care options may be limited. In 2025, following our work to advance legislation, Ohio enacted a law allowing veterinarians to establish veterinary-client-patient relationships through telehealth, while bipartisan legislation advanced in Michigan and Texas. This progress represents important steps toward removing barriers to care and helping animals stay healthier at home.

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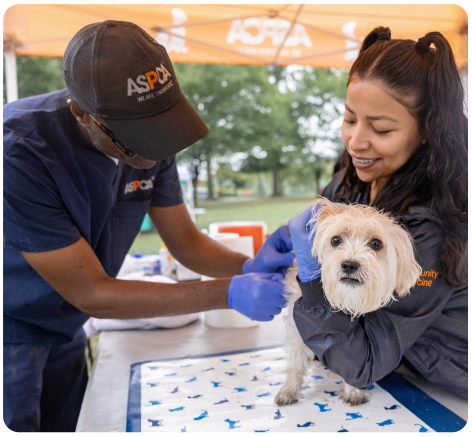
Protecting Animals from Cruelty and Mistreatment



The ASPCA protects animals from abuse, neglect, exploitation and suffering through rescue, rehabilitation, advocacy, forensic science, legal support and education. In 2025, we supported more than 1,300 animals from suspected cruelty cases involving abuse, neglect, hoarding and organized fighting. We also conducted more than 600 forensic examinations at the ASPCA Veterinary Forensic Science Center in Gainesville, Florida — the first U.S. forensic laboratory dedicated to animal cruelty casework.

We provided legal support in more than 500 suspected animal cruelty and fighting cases nationwide and engaged thousands of professionals through educational resources focused on recognizing cruelty, enforcing laws and supporting prosecution efforts.

Promoting Pet Health and Wellbeing in New York City



In New York City, the ASPCA Community Engagement team helped pets and families access essential services while supporting animals connected to suspected cruelty investigations and other welfare concerns. In 2025, the team opened over 450 new cases — an increase of more than 30% from 2024 — and provided more than 3,700 services to animals. Vaccine events and home visits delivered preventive care to over 1,300 pets, including approximately 2,800 vaccines. Working with pet food partners, the ASPCA also helped distribute nearly 192,000 pounds of pet food to help families care for their animals.

Community Veterinary Clinics Help Luna and Others Thrive

Every Wednesday and Friday, ASPCA Community Veterinary Clinics in Queens, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Miami provide accessible vaccine services for pets. At a vaccine event in Queens, Luna, a young cat who had recently given birth to four kittens, was one of thousands of pets who benefited from care by the ASPCA — care that helps improve animal health and welfare in underserved communities.

Read more about Luna and other pets who have visited our Community Veterinary Clinics.

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Rescuing Victims of Dogfighting

2025 marked a significant year in the ASPCA's efforts to combat dogfighting, including working closely with the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) to strengthen the state's response to this brutal form of cruelty. Throughout the year, the ASPCA provided field response, evidence support, investigative and legal assistance, veterinary and behavioral expertise, and pathways to placement for rescued dogs.



Rescuing Dogfighting Survivors in South Carolina

In March, we assisted SLED with a large-scale operation — spanning 10 locations across two counties — that resulted in the seizure of more than 150 dogs. Many had untreated injuries and were transferred to an ASPCA facility for critical care as they began their journeys toward recovery and placement. **Learn more about this case and other dogfighting investigations.**



Assisting After the Rescue

Rescue is only one step in the path to justice and healing. ASPCA experts supported law enforcement, prosecutors and animals involved in cruelty cases through forensic evaluations, legal guidance, transport and case support. In New York City, 2025 marked the highest case volume since the ASPCA-NYPD partnership began, with the ASPCA assisting the NYPD with over 420 suspected animal cruelty investigations. Engagement with NYPD professionals also increased 17% year over year, with the ASPCA providing 41 training sessions for more than 2,600 attendees.

From Trauma to Triumph: Stella's Remarkable Recovery

Abandoned with severe injuries, Stella spent months undergoing medical treatment, physical therapy and behavioral rehabilitation at the ASPCA. Despite suffering from multiple fractures, malnutrition and other trauma, she made a remarkable recovery, put her painful past behind her and is thriving in a loving home. **Read Stella's story of resilience.**

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Supporting Law Enforcement and Prosecutors

Through national and New York City-based educational programs, the ASPCA provided prosecutors and law enforcement professionals with resources to help them respond effectively to suspected cruelty, identify and preserve evidence, and build stronger cases on behalf of animals. In 2025, our teams reached over 1,200 professionals nationally and more than 2,000 in New York City. We supported more than 70 national cruelty investigations and over 440 New York City investigations, strengthening the capacity of law enforcement, prosecutors and animal welfare partners.

The ASPCA provided professionals in Maine, North Carolina and Texas with the tools they need to respond effectively to cruelty cases during animal cruelty investigation workshops in 2025. The free, two-day, hands-on workshops empowered participants — including law enforcement, prosecutors, veterinarians and sheltering organizations — to mitigate and prevent cruelty within their communities and to practice essential skills for investigation, seizure, evidence documentation and testimony.



Protecting Horses from Cruelty

In 2025, we responded to a large-scale **equine cruelty case in Montana** involving nearly 90 Morgan horses found underweight and in urgent need of veterinary care. For four months, the ASPCA coordinated veterinary treatment, rehabilitation and daily care. After being granted legal custody, we conducted a six-day adoption event where more than 60 horses were adopted into new homes; those who needed additional rehabilitation or evaluation before adoption were transported to ASPCA Right Horse adoption partners to receive continued care. The case helped raise awareness of equine adoption and the need for stronger protections for horses nationwide.

Three Lucky Horses, One Lucky Family

On the last day of the six-day adoption event, there were just three horses still in need of loving homes. Looking for a horse gentle enough to handle her grandchildren, Gin K. was scheduled to meet the remaining horses. Little did she know she'd fall in love with all three.

Read their story and see why there wasn't a dry eye at the ranch.

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Advancing Animal Welfare and Strengthening Local Capacity

The ASPCA partners with shelters, rescues, veterinary providers, policymakers, farmers, food companies and communities nationwide to improve outcomes for animals and strengthen local systems of care. Through grantmaking, educational resources, data, research, relocation, advocacy and hands-on support, we help partners save and improve animals' lives while building sustainable, community-based solutions for the future.





Empowering Animal Welfare Professionals

ASPCA Pro, which provides training, research and resources to help animal welfare professionals, and ASPCA Learn, an online learning platform for professionals, continued equipping animal welfare professionals with tools, training and practical knowledge. In 2025, ASPCA Pro hosted a total of eight webinars with over 3,700 registrations. Participants completed 440 unique courses and over 2,500 hours of training, while more than 14,400 animal welfare professionals completed virtual courses designed to strengthen the knowledge and skills needed to support animals in shelters and communities.

The ASPCA Shelter Medicine Services team provided 84 virtual and on-site consultations to animal welfare organizations, serving nearly 190,000 animals across 34 states. Offered free of charge, these consultations helped shelter and veterinary professionals address a range of needs, including facility use and design, general medical health and wellbeing, infectious disease prevention and management, and more.

The ASPCA Learning Lab, which offers interactive, in-person and online learning experiences to advance behavioral healthcare for dogs and cats in animal shelters, reached over 3,000 learners from more than 300 animal welfare organizations. More than 50 professionals also received intensive training through the Learning Lab's Core and Specialist Retreats and the Shelter Behavior Apprenticeship, the nation's only hands-on, cost-free career training for shelter behavior professionals.

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Advocating for Animals

The ASPCA advanced local, state and federal policy solutions to prevent cruelty, strengthen enforcement, expand access to veterinary care, reduce barriers for pet owners, improve disaster preparedness and protect animals nationwide. In 2025, more than 1.28 million advocates were part of the ASPCA's advocacy community; 100,731 advocates took action, sending 260,513 messages to decision makers.

Wins included new pet-friendly housing laws in Colorado, Washington, Nevada and Washington, D.C.; continued funding for the federal Pet and Women Safety Act, which provides funding to allow domestic violence shelters to accommodate pets; telehealth progress in multiple states; and laws in California closing loopholes in the state's retail pet sales ban.

A Better Future for Animals: 2025's Legislative Triumphs

Policy victories are more than milestones — they are reminders that advocacy works and persistence pays off.

Read about the legislative victories in 2025.

Working Holistically to Help Farm Animals and Farmers

The ASPCA continued promoting a more humane food system by educating consumers, supporting reforms that improve farm animal welfare and helping farmers adopt sustainable, higher-welfare practices.



In 2025, the ASPCA celebrated and helped promote the debut of in-ovo sexing technology in the U.S. to help end the culling of male chicks in the egg industry. We also continued advancing work to increase the availability of healthier chicken breeds with higher-welfare genetics — chickens who do not suffer due to rapid and disproportionate growth. We also helped consumers make more informed purchasing decisions, recognizing the important role individual choices play in driving demand for higher-welfare food systems.

We also fought legislation on the federal level and in 15 states that would repeal laws banning the cruelest methods of confinement for farm animals. Through this work, we empowered advocates to take action by urging their lawmakers to oppose legislation designed to roll back protections for farm animals.

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Protecting the Largest Companions, Too

Horses are too often vulnerable to neglect, cruelty, risky transitions in ownership and a lack of accessible resources. Our equine welfare work supports adoption, safe placement, law enforcement training, legislative and regulatory advocacy, and stronger community-based solutions for horses in need. In 2025, the ASPCA hosted our second-annual equine-focused law enforcement training, helping professionals to better recognize and respond to equine cruelty and neglect. Through our equine adoption website, My Right Horse, the ASPCA generated 4,645 adoption inquiries and helped ASPCA Right Horse partners place more than 2,400 horses.



From Pennsylvania to Oklahoma for the Perfect Horse

Ten-year-old Eden M. and her parents found Eden's dream horse — Rip Van Winkle, an American Quarter Horse — on My Right Horse. The family traveled for 18 hours to adopt Rip.

Read about their journey and why they recommend equine adoption.



Awarding Grants Nationwide

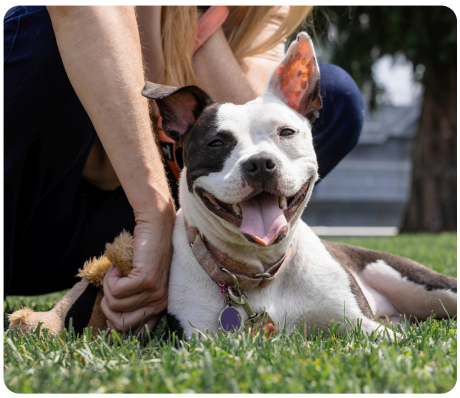
Grantmaking allows us to amplify the lifesaving work of shelter and rescue partners across the country. In 2025, the ASPCA awarded more than $29 million in grants to shelters, rescues, clinics, higher-welfare farmers and other entities supporting vulnerable animals in all 50 states. These investments helped expand access to veterinary care, strengthen emergency response, support adoption and placement, improve operations and advance animal welfare nationwide.

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2025 Fund to End Factory Farming Grantees

For the fourth consecutive year, the ASPCA's Fund to End Factory Farming provided grants for new ideas to expose and reduce factory farming and create more humane and sustainable food systems. One of our seven 2025 grant recipients was Cape Fear River Watch (CFRW) in North Carolina. Its mission is to protect and improve the water quality of the Cape Fear River Basin, which flows into the Atlantic Ocean. Our grant allowed CFRW to test, map and document the abundance of poultry litter pollution in North Carolina, and to pursue public education and oversight to protect communities and the water. **Read about all the critical projects the Fund to End Factory Farming supported in 2025.**

Providing Vital Resources in the Northern Tier



2025 marked 10 years of the ASPCA Northern Tier Shelter Initiative, which is dedicated to strengthening sheltering services and expanding spay/neuter capacity in under-resourced communities in Alaska, Washington, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, Minnesota and Wisconsin. More than 145 organizations received grants and consultative support over the year. That includes grant funding to 17 organizations to expand shelter spay/neuter capacity, continuing our long-term commitment to building local infrastructure and improving outcomes for animals in the region.

In 2025, the ASPCA Learning Lab launched a new consultation program for Northern Tier shelters, providing online consultations, advising calls and remote learning to help organizations elevate animals' behavioral wellbeing. In addition, we provided 89 scholarships for animal welfare professionals in the Northern Tier to attend a variety of conferences and other learning opportunities. This allowed recipients to access more resources, expand peer networks and receive guidance that focused on industry best practices and improving quality of life for animals.

Using Data to Save Lives



IIn December, the ASPCA finalized the acquisition of Shelter Animals Count to ensure the long-term sustainability of the animal sheltering field's most trusted national database and reporting initiative. Shelter Animals Count is dedicated to collecting, analyzing and sharing animal sheltering data and is a transparent data resource that expands opportunities for analytics, research and evidence-based decision-making to save more lives. With reliable data, the ASPCA is helping shelters, rescues, policymakers and community partners better understand trends and target support where it's needed.

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2025 ASPCA Financial Statements

TOTAL INCOME:	$447,397,435	
Total program expenses	$315,816,482	
Expenses for each major program activity category that appears in the organization's financial statements	Shelter and Veterinary Services	$158,321,895
	Policy, Response and Engagement	$67,520,912
	Public Education and Communications	$89,973,675
Total fundraising expenses	$85,739,823	
Total administrative expenses	$20,221,831	
End of year net assets	$748,823,635	

2025 IRS Form 990 [PDF]

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