



# ASPCA®

# Founder's Society

## Spring 2022 Newsletter

## You Safeguard Animals Impacted by Disasters

Following the heartbreaking destruction left in the wake of tornadoes in the Midwest, we mobilized our disaster response team at the urgent request of the Kentucky Humane Society to assist 470 animals in the region.

With many communities in crisis, our teams worked around-the-clock to support transport efforts moving homeless animals out of the impacted areas—including a flight for more than 100 kittens and cats to East Coast shelters and rescues.

In addition to relocation, we assisted with emergency sheltering, providing medical and behavioral treatment for homeless animals before they were ready for adoption.

While we respond to emergency situations in real-time, we also advocate to ensure the safety of animals for when future disasters strike. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) finally implemented a rule requiring all animal facilities licensed under the Animal Welfare Act to have plans in place to protect animals in case of a disaster or emergency. We are relieved that commercial animal facilities will be required to have a plan for animals during a disaster and train employees to carry out that plan.

Whether it's sharing resources with local communities or using your voice to promote important legislation to help more animals in need—we sincerely appreciate you for being a friend to animals in crises.



## DO YOU HAVE A DONOR ADVISED FUND ACCOUNT?

You can change the lives of animals by recommending a grant to the ASPCA® out of your DAF account. It's easy to do and you'll be making an even greater impact on the animals who depend on the ASPCA. Contact your tax advisor, attorney or DAF sponsor or call one of the ASPCA's giving professionals at (866) 319-7870 today for more information.

**Make Pet Adoption Your First Option® and urge all those you know to do the same.**

# Honor Goldie and Create a Lifesaving Legacy

Golden Retriever #142 didn't have a name, but we call her Goldie. She was raised in a USDA-licensed puppy mill in Iowa, living in horrific conditions alongside *hundreds* of other suffering dogs. Even though USDA inspectors repeatedly witnessed Goldie's condition get worse, USDA policies completely failed her. She sadly passed away after suffering extreme neglect for months. While her pain is over, we will not let her death be in vain.



On December 1, 2021, a bipartisan group of lawmakers introduced Goldie's Act in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill will help ensure no more animals meet the same awful fate in USDA-licensed commercial breeding facilities. If passed, Goldie's Act would require USDA inspectors to take welfare conditions seriously and help animals who are visibly suffering. It also would require meaningful penalties for violations, and for conditions involving cruelty and neglect to be reported to local law enforcement.

Your support is a beacon of hope when we encounter situations like Goldie's. Learn more at [aspc.org/goldiesact](https://aspc.org/goldiesact) and advocate to pass Goldie's Act.

## A Note from Matt Bershadker

Dear Founder's Society Member,

America's animals are fortunate to have a champion like you. With 2022 underway, we cannot thank you enough for your support.

Our work never stops, and we are grateful for generous friends like you who stand up for animals in need across the country. You help us continue our lifesaving programs which reach local communities through grant funding, relocation efforts, training, and more.

You change animals' lives throughout the United States with your monthly contributions. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to the ASPCA® and the animals we serve.

*With deepest gratitude,*

– Matt Bershadker, President & CEO



## A Special Message

Dear Friend to Animals,

Your dedication is greatly appreciated by all of us at the ASPCA and the animals we serve. We can reach animals nationwide through our groundbreaking initiatives because we have your generous support.

Thank you for not only being a member, but a caring friend of the ASPCA. I hope you are proud of everything we have accomplished and look forward to reaching new goals and milestones in 2022.

Sincerely,

**Vanna Sin**

*Director, Donor Stewardship*

## Important Information

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