

Subject Your letter
From Wayne Pacelle <WPacelle@hsus.org>
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To f.losey@insightbb.com

Frank,

I am in receipt of your letter. I am happy to recognize breeders who make tangible steps to improve animal welfare. But simply condemning substandard breeders does not help animals. Nobody thinks they're a substandard breeder, a puppy mill, or a factory farm. People rationalize their conduct when it comes to the mistreatment of animals. Every puppy miller is a responsible breeder, every factory farmer a family farmer, and ever poacher a responsible hunter, in terms of their self-descriptions.

Let me ask you to look inward on a matter. I know you and your allies like to say HSUS spends 3.67 percent of its annual funds on animal care. That is so demonstrably false. We spend many millions on animal care, and the plurality of our workers do animal care – our 5 permanent animal care centers; our emergency shelters for pets horses, and other animals; our emergency response operations for animal fighting cases, hoarding operations, and other animals in distress; our rural areas veterinary operations; our humane wildlife services programs; and so much more. Stop taking the amount we donate to other groups and treating it like that's the only spend-out on animal care. In addition to giving several million a year in grants, we do our own animal care – more than any other group in the United States. Find me one that helps more animals directly, or spends more on animal care, and you will have taught me something new.

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