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## PLEASE HELP US TO CONTINUE TO HELP THE ANIMALS SPECIAL APPEAL

Dear Friend of the Alliance,

We have great news to report to you as the 2017 legislative session comes to a close. The Alliance prevailed in its fight against the onslaught of legislation that would have weakened our existing anti-cruelty laws and undermined the welfare of animals in the state. *Fortunately, the animals triumphed over the puppy mill industry, agricultural interests, and other animal industries that exploit animals solely for monetary gain.*

The Alliance is especially pleased that we were able to preserve the full operating budget for the enforcement of our laws regulating puppy mills. This was a significant accomplishment considering the current budget crisis in the state. While many programs in the state have had their budgets slashed, we are happy to report that the Alliance was able to maintain the current budget for protecting the welfare of animals in 2018. In fact, the Department of Agriculture recently added two full-time investigators to investigate substandard breeding facilities and to seek out unlicensed breeders.

Thanks to your support, we successfully defended our animal welfare laws and defeated a shameful attempt to eliminate the disposition process for abused and neglected animals that would have resulted in abused animals remaining in the hands of their abusers. We also defeated numerous attempts to eliminate or severely weaken regulations on farm animals. We could not have achieved this success without your help.

**Please help the Alliance continue this important work for the animals. We very much need your financial help to maintain our advocacy efforts.**

The agricultural interests have over a dozen high-paid lobbyists working to decimate our animal protection laws to financially benefit not only the puppy mill industry, but large multi-million dollar corporate factory farms.

**The animals cannot lobby, they cannot vote, and they cannot speak out against the suffering inflicted upon them. YOU ARE THEIR VOICE! Your financial contribution today will help the Alliance to continue to speak for those who have no voice. Please help us help the animals!**

Thank You!

*Bob Baker*

Bob Baker  
Executive Director

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**YES! I want to help the Missouri Alliance continue its important work as the voice for the animals in the state of Missouri!**

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Enclosed is my gift to help protect all animals:

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**2017 End of Session Report**  
*Thanks to your efforts and support,  
the Alliance was instrumental in defeating these and many other bills.*

**DEFEATED**

**SB 331 & HB 384**

**Eliminates Disposition Hearings**

This legislation would have severely weakened Missouri's anti-cruelty statutes by eliminating disposition hearings for animals that have been abused and/or neglected. This would have resulted in abused and neglected animals being left in the hands of their abusers until the conclusion of a criminal trial. The Missouri Cattlemen's Association made this bill their No. 1 priority to pass in 2017.

**DEFEATED**

**SB 156**

**Restricts Animal Care Training and Training on Investigations of Animal Cruelty**

This bill would have decreased investigations of animal cruelty cases by law enforcement.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 113**

**Eliminates Regulations on Factory Farms**

This legislation was aimed at abolishing animal health and environmental regulations on factory farms. Not surprisingly, this bill was initiated and supported by the largest operators of factory farms in the country.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 114**

**Suppresses Free Speech on Farm Animal Issues**

This bill would hold a person liable for speaking out and voicing concerns about conditions at factory farms. In addition, this bill would grant immunity to food producers for intentionally mislabeling food as organically grown or raised without chemicals or synthetics.

**DEFEATED**

**SB 76**

**Protects Factory Farms from Lawsuits**

This bill would prohibit lawsuits against factory farms for air, water, and waste pollution.

**DEFEATED**

**HB 71**

**Eliminates Authority of Clean Water Commission to Regulate Factory Farms**

This bill was intended to allow shell corporations to operate factory farms in the state and to bypass the authority of the Clean Water Commission.

**DEFEATED**

**SB 77 & HB 175**

**Prohibits Counties from Regulating Waste from Factory Farms**

These bills would prohibit counties from regulating the disposal of waste from factory farms so as to prevent the pollution of streams, waterways, as well as neighboring public and private property.

**Your Efforts Are Truly Making A Difference for the Animals!**

We thank you again for your support of the Alliance and especially your individual efforts to contact your legislators. All of your efforts have paid off and we can rest assured that our hard fought gains for animal welfare over the past years remain in place. We have prevailed and the animals have won the day!

**PLEASE ACT NOW AND CONTINUE YOUR SUPPORT OF THE ANIMALS AND THE ALLIANCE!**

