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SPECIAL HOLIDAY APPEAL

Please help us to continue to fight for the animals!

Dear Friend of the Alliance,

The Alliance was established to give a voice to the animals before our state legislators and government officials in an effort to enact laws to protect animals from abuse and neglect with a special emphasis on addressing the shameful puppy mill problem in Missouri.

Thanks to your generous support the Alliance has achieved many major accomplishments for the animals over the past thirty years and we take great satisfaction in the numerous animal protection laws that we are responsible for enacting.

Without a doubt, the Alliance has drastically changed the environment for animals in Missouri and has helped to make the state a more humane place for the animals.

One of our most gratifying achievements was the passage of the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act which has closed down hundreds of puppy mills in Missouri. There are now **50,000 fewer breeding dogs** confined to a lifetime of misery in a puppy mill and **over 300,000 fewer puppies being churned out every year** in Missouri mills.

Regrettably, this past legislative session there was an all-out assault on Missouri's animal welfare laws which threatened to undo many of our past successes on behalf of the animals. **Thanks to your financial support we were able to hire additional lobbyists and we were fortunately able to defeat the numerous bills that were intended to seriously weaken our existing anti-cruelty laws and undermine the welfare of animals in the state.**

Our mission from the start has also included advocacy work with our government officials **to ensure the effective enforcement** of our laws and regulations protecting animals. One of our most pressing concerns is the failure on the part of the USDA to adequately enforce the federal Animal Welfare Act (AWA).

In response, the Alliance has employed a federal lobbyist to convince Congress of the need for stronger oversight of USDA. **We have had remarkable success as Congress has inserted language into the Appropriations bill instructing USDA to once again post inspection reports online for public viewing.** We were also able to persuade the Office of Inspector General (OIG) to audit USDA in an effort to expose the Agency's malfeasance regarding its lack of enforcement of the AWA especially with regards to puppy mills.

The Alliance has also filed a lawsuit against USDA for unlawfully enacting rules that permit inspectors to ignore violations of the AWA. **We are pleased to report that USDA has agreed to settle our lawsuit and has consented to significant improvements in its enforcement efforts against puppy mills, animal researchers, and other federally regulated animal industries, in order to address the concerns as expressed in our lawsuit.**

At the state level, we are continuing to advocate for the animals by lobbying the Governor and the Missouri Attorney General to bring legal action against cruel dog breeders. Our efforts are making a difference as some of the worst dog breeders in the state are now facing legal action or have been closed.

Recently two puppy mills have been charged with contempt for ignoring the welfare of their animals and are facing the possibility of imprisonment – one has been charged with 24 criminal counts including felonies.

It is for these reasons that it remains critical that the animals have a **voice** with our lawmakers and government officials.



Please help the Alliance to continue to be the Voice for the Animals.

The Missouri Legislature will be coming back into session soon and once again the Alliance will be the prominent spokesperson for the animals at our state capitol as we lobby in Jefferson City on a full-time basis to protect the animals.

Please help us continue our important work this coming session. We have achieved monumental progress for the animals over the past years and especially towards ending puppy mill cruelty in Missouri. **This has only been accomplished because the animals had a presence at the Capitol.**

We very much need your financial support to maintain our advocacy efforts in Jefferson City as well as in Washington, D.C. and to give a voice to the animals before our lawmakers and government officials. **Please consider a donation today to help us help the animals.**

Thank you for giving a voice to the animals,

Bob Baker
Executive Director

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM THE ALLIANCE



YES! I want to help the Missouri Alliance continue its important work in advancing animal legislation in the state of Missouri!

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