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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. One of our most gratifying achievements was the passage of the Canine Cruelty Prevention Act which has shut down over a thousand 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.

Fortunately, we were able to continue our accomplishments for the animals in 2021 with our successful efforts in passing SB 71 – the Pet Protection Act. As a result of the passage of SB 71, persons seeking protection orders can now include their pets in such orders. Historically, not allowing pets on the orders has caused significant issues for the pets as well as for their guardians.

SB 71 makes it clear that pets can be placed on orders of protection and that pets are off-limits for threats or acts of violence. SB 71 even goes further by assigning possession of the animal to the victim. This means that the victim can leave the abuser without fear of the abuser using the legal system to take away their pet. **One national organization that follows domestic abuse and animal legislation considers SB 71 “the nation’s most comprehensive law allowing courts to include household pets in orders of protection.”**

Our mission from the start has also included advocacy work with government officials to ensure the effective enforcement of our existing laws and regulations protecting animals. Our efforts are again making a difference as some of the worst dog breeders in the state have finally been shut down and several more are facing legal action.

This has come about due to our extensive lobbying efforts with the Missouri Attorney General and the state Department of Agriculture. Attorney General Eric Schmitt is not only closing down cruel puppy mills, but he is also filing criminal and civil charges against such inhumane breeders. This creates a strong deterrent to other dog breeders knowing that there will now be consequences for neglecting and abusing their animals.

We are also excited over the success of our lawsuit against the U. S. Department of Agriculture which was finally settled earlier this year. Among other concessions, the USDA has agreed to the Alliance’s demand that it cease immediately from allowing substandard dog breeders, animal

researchers, and animal exhibitors to avoid consequences for violating the Animal Welfare Act. In the past, if a puppy mill, or another animal facility, admitted or self-reported its violations prior to the start of the inspection, the USDA inspector would not cite the operator. The Alliance has successfully halted this illegal and inhumane practice.

It is for these reasons that it remains critical that the animals have a voice with our lawmakers and public 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 defender of the animals and **often the only organization testifying on their behalf at our state capitol.**

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

Bob Baker
Executive Director

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