



Hooved Animal Humane Society

*2007
Annual Report*



2007 Brings Victory

Dear Friends and Supporters,

This was truly the year of the horse. In 2007 our growing rescue efforts were compounded by a large number of animals that were severely neglected and in need of hospitalization and extended rehabilitation. With that in mind in 2008 we will begin our campaign to raise funds to build a new hospital barn onsite. It will allow us the ability to provide immediate 24 hour critical care for the most serious cases and allow our staff and interns the ability to better monitor these animals.

Our focus on education will continue as we work with local and national agencies on disaster preparedness, with youth groups such as 4-H clubs on equine care, and local, regional and national organizations driving legislation through awareness. Our goal in 2008 is to utilize our website to become an information resource for the horse industry and those trying to improve their lives.

In May, Governor Rod Blagojevich signed a bill to ban horse slaughter in Illinois. After much legal wrangling, the US Court of Appeals, in a landmark case, upheld the Illinois ban on horse slaughter.

The last horse slaughter facility in the US is now closed but more needs to be done.

Just a month after the Court of Appeals decision a tractor trailer loaded with 59 Belgian draft horses overturned in Wadsworth, Illinois, killing 8 and causing the euthanasia of 10 more. This horrific event clearly signaled the intent of brokers to transport horses to US borders for auction and eventual passage to foreign slaughter facilities.

The ultimate goal is to protect all American horses from slaughter via passage of the *American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act* (S. 311/HR. 503). The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act is a federal bill to ban horse slaughter in the United States and the transport of horses abroad for the same purpose. It is pending in the US Congress. Its enactment is now essential to ensure horses who would have been sent to Cavel are not exported for slaughter in Canada or Mexico.

All of the daily care at the farm, our community programs and partnerships are made possible by people who care, our volunteers, members and supporters. Thank you for being part of our mission.



Dr. Janice Klich

Chair, Hooved Animal Humane Society



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Our History

The Hooved Animal Humane Society (HAHS) is a Non-Profit 501c(3) organization, founded in 1971 by six concerned and committed citizens. Our farm is located in Woodstock, Illinois on 26 acres with five barns, including a hospital facility and an Educational Center which also houses our office.



HAHS was the first humane society established in the United States to focus specifically on large animals, primarily horses. Unlike small animals (dogs and cats), hooved animals had little representation until the formation of the Hooved Animal Humane Society. In 1973, HAHS was the driving force behind the passage of Illinois' *Humane Care for Animals Act*. Through the Illinois Department of Agriculture, this Act gives HAHS the legal authority to investigate claims of abuse and neglect and intervene when owners do not comply with notice to remedy the situation. The Illinois *Humane Care for Animals Act* is recognized as the legislative model when other states consider passing similar laws.

Since the organization was founded thirty-seven years ago, it has responded to thousands of calls requesting investigations of residential facilities housing horses in dire need of help. With the assistance and expertise of volunteer state licensed investigators, we are able to respond to calls within a short period of time. HAHS also provides hundreds of referrals throughout the United States each month.

With the 1996 release of the powerful expose "Big Lick Walking Horses" HAHS has been instrumental in raising the awareness of the methods used by some trainers in the Tennessee Walking Horse industry. In addition, HAHS' involvement in the controversy surrounding the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) wild horse and burro population control methods dates back to 1987. We continue to educate and offer alternative methods to control and protect this living monument.

Our Mission

To promote the humane treatment of hooved animals through education, legislation, investigation and if necessary, legal intervention (impoundment). We provide physical rehabilitation to animals that have endured severe neglect and abuse and then adopt them out to compassionate forever homes.

EDUCATION

One of our key objectives is the focus on education in order to prevent abuse and neglect of hooved animals. In 1995 our Educational Center was completed. It serves as a training facility for our investigators and is a place where people can learn first-hand how to properly care for hooved animals. Each year we host seminars with equine professionals such as veterinarians, farriers and resistance free trainers.

LEGISLATION

HAHS has been on the forefront educating our legislators on the importance of humane care for hooved animals. We maintain our presence on the local and national level, at public, legal and legislative hearings. We work closely with other regional and national humane organizations and our State Representatives. Our 5,000 strong membership organization is educated and updated quarterly on all local and national activities as we become aware of them. Current activities and updates are available on our website, www.HAHS.org.

INVESTIGATION and RESCUE

HAHS is proud to announce that we have 29 State Approved Humane Investigators. These dedicated individuals are located throughout the state of Illinois and responsible for over 152 investigations in 2007. Through the phone calls and emails of concerned and compassionate people, we are made aware of possible humane cases within the State of Illinois.



A Year in Review

“HAHS continues to make adoptions at a rate of approximately one per week, and is proud to have re-homed so many that were considered ‘hard to place’ animals.”

*Barbara Geittmann
Executive Director*

2007 was a very busy year at the farm.

HAHS responded to 152 complaints statewide and added on new investigators; our total now is 29, the largest for any equine rescue organization in the US. Membership has swelled to 5,000 nationwide with a donation base of 65,000. HAHS is grateful to have over 100 volunteers who donate their time to work with the animals and no task is too difficult or too large for these caring people.

While 2006 was a record year for adoptions we are most excited about our adoptions for 2007. We started 2007 with 30 horses and 8 donkeys, goats, lambs and pigs. We took in an additional 27 horses and 7 non-horse friends. The good news is that we found wonderful homes for 25 horses, many of which were hard to place. One foal was born at HAHS in 2007 and we adopted out 7 of our non-horse friends.

HAHS had two interns from the The American Horse Publications Internship Program which is designed specifically for college students who have an interest in horses and seek a career in equine publishing. This program offers opportunities for students to work at equine publications and businesses throughout the country and the opportunity for AHP members to utilize the talents of students with an interest in equine publishing. Our interns were from Iowa and Wisconsin and lived at the farm for 3 months; together they worked on our quarterly magazines and with our animals. This is a great program; we will have two more interns in 2008.

In April we co-hosted a First Responders Clinic, a two-session hands-on, for emergency personnel on how to handle equine emergencies. In June we had a good turnout for our Trailer Safety Course. HAHS also hosted a dinner and demonstration fundraiser with our Advisory Board member, Richard Shrake, the creator of Resistance Free Training.



2007 was a landmark year for legislation in the US. The last horse slaughter facility in Illinois was finally closed, but our battle is not over. American horses are still being sent to slaughter. They are being transported to Mexico and Canada. The American Horse Slaughter Prevention Act (S. 311/HR. 503) is now pending. If enacted, this law would prohibit the export of American horses for slaughter. Additionally, it would impose a federal prohibition of any resumption of domestic horse slaughter. We will continue to try and end the slaughtering of all horses. Please contact your US Representatives and Senators in support of this Bill. Look for updates on our website, www.HAHS.org

Visit us again at the 29th Midwest Horse Fair in April in Madison, WI and at the Northern Illinois Horse Fest in Belvidere, Illinois in August, and in February 2009 in Springfield at the Illinois Horse Fair.

A Few of Our 2007 Successes

BEFORE



Thunder

Beardstown

On December 18, 2007 the Illinois Department of Agriculture called to see if we could help with 4 horses in Beardstown, IL (Cass County). The owner could neither find nor afford hay for two 13-year-old paint mares, a chestnut stud pony and a blind 17-year-old black and white paint stallion.

The horses had not had hay for about 2 months. The mares, with a body score of 2 were the worst. Some cracked corn, sweet feed and a few hay cubes was the extent of food on site. The water buckets were frozen and filled with manure. The horses were penned in a small enclosure consisting of cattle panels and unbraced timbers. They were standing in ankle deep urine and manure without shelter or a dry place to stand.

Arrangements were made with the Department of Agriculture to remove these horses the next day. In just one short month, de-wormed and vaccinated, with proper hoof care and dental care, Baby Thunder (pictured) and the 2 mares were eating better than ever, and had adjusted well to their new surroundings and friends. The 17-year-old blind stallion, with a poor prognosis, was humanely euthanized on site.

AFTER



Thunder

Thoroughbreds



Defenceless

McHenry County Animal Control and HAHS went on a case where people had gotten in over their heads. Twenty Thoroughbreds and one Quarter Horse gelding were on the property. The Thoroughbreds were too thin, had various skin issues and their feet were overgrown. McHenry County Animal Control and HAHS decided that at least the worst five must be relinquished and removed from the property in order to give the others a fair chance. The case is still pending with McHenry County Animal Control.

The Thoroughbreds, who had not seen daylight in ages, adjusted very well to their new surroundings with adequate good quality hay and pasture turnout. All are tattooed and under regular vet care.



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McHenry

BEFORE



Eeyore

In the middle of an April blizzard, with power lines down and roads closed all around us, a call came in from the local Animal Control facility. A donkey, who had been running at large the previous night, was sequestered in a paddock at a local farm. Despite his poor manners, wet and cold, he walked right into our trailer. After a 7 day waiting period to see if his owners would come forward, Eeyore became a resident of HAHS. After a trip to the UW Veterinary Hospital this pony/donkey cross enjoyed his new surroundings.

After making new acquaintances here at HAHS, although very opinionated and stubborn, Eeyore has already found his forever home and is living with his new family in northern Illinois.

AFTER



Eeyore

Minky and the goats



Minky

An elderly lady, legally blind and wheelchair bound, desperately needed someone to take her horse and three goats. Her husband had left her. Her son was taking care of the farm; however, he was not providing proper care for the animals. The situation was examined by our investigator and it was confirmed that the animals needed help.

Although Minky was diagnosed with Cushing's Disease, with medication and proper nutrition, Minky has turned into a very pretty and happy resident. One of her companions was lost due to lymphadenitis, but Cocoa and Chocolate, the two remaining goats, are doing well.



Minky

Operations and Financial Summary

Revenue 2007

Donations* and Membership Dues	\$386,855
Bequests	\$ 31,612
Horse Adoptions	\$ 29,095
Investment Income	\$213,045
Merchandise Sales	<u>\$ 7,389</u>
Total Support & Revenue:	\$667,996

Expenses 2007

Program Services	
Education Program	\$138,814
Animal Care Program	<u>\$288,199</u>
Total Program Services	\$427,013
Support Services	
Fundraising Services	\$ 66,349
Management & General	<u>\$165,479</u>
Total Support Services	\$231,828
Total Expenses	\$658,841
Ending Net Assets	\$3,369,582



Note: The Hooved Animal Humane Society is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization as determined by the IRS.

*Donations include contributions from individuals, corporations, and grants from foundations.



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