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Advocacy Win – New York Says “NO” to Puppy Mills!

Late last year, New York State passed the Puppy Mill Pipeline Bill, groundbreaking legislation that will end the retail sale of dogs, cats and rabbits in New York pet stores. This win was years in the making, and with your help, we’ve finally succeeded!

Most puppies sold in pet stores come from commercial breeding operations—also known as puppy mills. These facilities often keep animals in crowded cages without adequate shelter, veterinary care, food or socialization.

The puppies can suffer severe health and behavioral issues, and families are often unprepared for the financial loss and heartbreak that come with buying a sick puppy.

New York is one of the puppy mill industry’s largest markets, but the state’s efforts to regulate breeders within its own borders cannot, on its own, stop puppy mill cruelty from touching its communities. That’s because some of the breeders that supply New York pet stores are 1,000 miles away.

While this is a significant victory, we have much more work to do. Together, we can build on this win and bring relief to more animals around the country.

Thanks for making it happen!



Charitable Gift Annuity Rates Increase in 2023!

With rates increasing on January 1, 2023, charitable gift annuities (CGAs) are an even better way to support the ASPCA® and generate payments for yourself or someone you care about! Rates will be going up 0.6.-0.7% for single-life annuities and 0.4% - 0.8% for two-life annuities, depending on the age of annuitants.

Visit [aspc.org/plannedgiving](https://www.aspc.org/plannedgiving) or reach out to Legacy Society Support to learn more and receive a personalized charitable gift annuity proposal today.

Make Pet Adoption Your First Option® and urge all those you know to do the same.

Exploring the ASPCA® Historical Archive

The ASPCA and the North Carolina State University Libraries recently announced the completion of a three-year, grant-funded project to digitize the ASPCA Historical Archive—a curated collection of more than 150,000 pages of archival material, including annual reports, journals, scrapbooks, photos and publications that provide a timeline of the work and influence of the ASPCA since our founding on April 10, 1866. As the first animal welfare organization to be established in North America, the ASPCA has served as the nation’s leading voice for animals for 156 years and remains deeply committed to improving the lives of at-risk dogs, cats, equines and farm animals across the United States.

“The ASPCA Historical Archive highlights groundbreaking achievements to save and improve the lives of animals across the country and we hope it will be an invaluable resource for animal welfare rescuers, advocates and scholars. We thank the NC State University Libraries for their partnership on this exciting project, which offers a comprehensive look at the history of progress and innovation in the fight against animal cruelty,” said Matt Bershader, ASPCA President and CEO.

The Archive demonstrates the ongoing necessity of our unique mission and capabilities and the resilient evolution of our strategies and tactics to help animals in need. From the ASPCA’s foundational role in creating and enforcing laws to protect animals from cruelty to being a credible authority on animal welfare issues, we’ve pioneered new animal welfare practices and disseminated influential research to the animal welfare field to improve the lives of people and pets over the past 156 years.

The collaboration between the ASPCA and the N.C. State University Libraries on “The Animal Turn: Digitizing Animal Protection and Human-Animal Studies Collections,” was made possible by a grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources.



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