

ANIMAL RIGHTS CROC OF ...

I'm going to take a minute to be politically incorrect and factually accurate.

We've been lied to. More than once. For years. And we've been lied to at the expense of innocent animals.

The Humane Society of the United States, HSUS, is right there on TV, in the newspapers, and on the internet, *doing it again*.

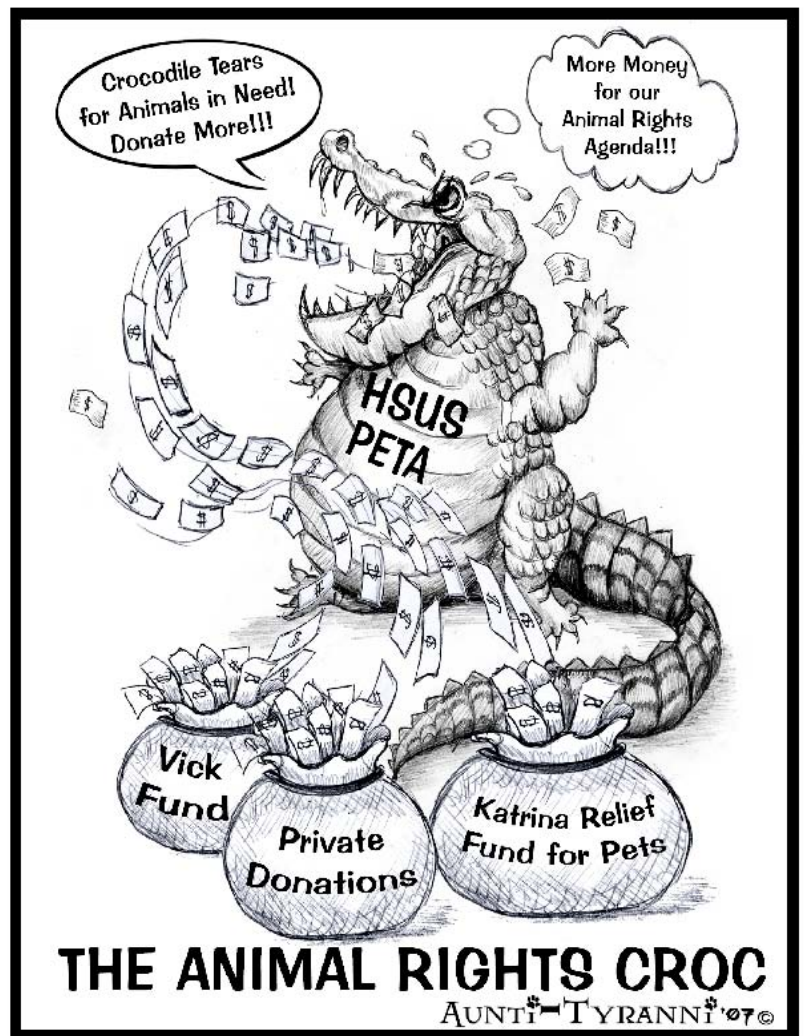
HSUS has been soliciting donations, as it does, for the "benefit" of animals, this time for the dogs seized from NFL quarterback Michael Vick's property *with their claim that HSUS is caring for the impounded dogs*.

However, HSUS does not operate one single shelter. It does not have any kennel space, nor does it intend to. HSUS does NOT have the Vick dogs. HSUS will not have them. Furthermore, these dogs are in local shelters (read: our tax dollars) because they are evidence. Vick will be asked to pay impoundment fees.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Louisiana Attorney General, and the U.S. Attorney's Office are all quite interested in these solicitations.

The Center For Consumer Freedom, in discussion of PETA's fraudulent fundraising in 2003 (www.consumerfreedom.com/news_detail.cfm/headline/1923), states that there was a recent ruling by the Supreme Court that the "First Amendment does not protect nonprofit organizations ... from misleading the public about where their donations will go".

HSUS, in soliciting donations for dogs it does not and will not have, appears to be deliberately misleading the public.



The HSUS website letter by Wayne Pacelle, President and CEO reads "And if you are able, please make a special donation today to help us care for those animals while the case is being pursued by federal authorities."

In addition, this dog featured by HSUS as one of Vick's seized dogs, while tugging at our heart-strings, does not appear to have been injured by fighting. Note the complete absence of hair all the way around her eyes and on her muzzle. Unless her opponent sat on her and plucked the hair out with tweezers, there is another problem here. Allergies? Mange? There is no way for us to know actually with this



what is wrong poor dog.

HSUS stock



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These two were among many other dogs' pictures posted by HSUS on their website next to their story releases about Mike Vick. The dogs appear to be thin and in poor condition, caked in black mud. (what color is the mud in Virginia?)

A Katrina rescue?



Heart-rendering, both of them. Absolutely, we immediately want to help them, regardless of where they have been, who owned them, whatever happened to them. It is human nature, or so I hope, to have the immediate response of wanting to "fix it" for them. It is one of the better parts of human nature that we respond instinctively to help those in real need.

These two dogs more likely are among those found in the black muddy muck of the aftermath of the Katrina disaster in which all the dogs were in poor condition by the time they were found. Are they two of the hundreds of missing American Pit Bull Terriers that HSUS could never account for? Likewise, where is the accounting for the \$34 million HSUS collected as donations direct-donated for the hurricane's innocent four-legged victims? Hopefully, the Louisiana Attorney General, Charles C. Foti, Jr., will pursue this investigation to the last cent like a Catahoula hound on the trail of a wildhog.

Look hard at these pictures and try to use logic rather than emotion – remember, emotion, especially heart-wrenching emotion, can be used against you. Logically, if you wanted to win a dog fight and the

wagers were as high as were reported, \$40,000, would you keep your dog in such poor condition? If you wanted your horse to win the Kentucky Derby, would you keep it chained up in mud and bone-thin? Of course not. It defies all common sense. Who would place a bet for either of these two dogs to win a fight? Performance animals belonging to people who are serious about winning are kept in tip-top shape. Certainly Michael Vick has the money to do so. To keep dogs otherwise defies all common sense.



*Photo Heads Mike Vick tale on HSUS website~
Is it Mike's?*

Now, no one is advocating dogfighting, nor do I feel that anyone should advocate it. However, HSUS, in its numerous statements has also tried and convicted Mr. Vick. In the United States of American, we are still innocent until proven guilty. HSUS should know that well – their dogfighting "expert" and Director of Grassroots Outreach is John Goodwin who has a lengthy arrest record and a history of promoting arson. He worked for some time with ALF, the Animal Liberation Front, a group on the FBI's terrorist watchlist.

Could many a NFL player past and present, wonder why is there a distinction between men maiming each other on the field or in the boxing ring versus with their dogs? Theirs is a life of violence and we not only accept it but support it with each ticket we buy to the games, each pair of Nike shoes we buy.

Mike has been charged, but not convicted. He is still entitled to an impartial jury of his peers – although where an impartial jury will be found is questionable – thanks, in part, to the advertising and rush to get "on camera" by HSUS and PETA *for your donations to the ever hungry croc of...*

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