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Humane Society of the United States' version of "Wayne's world"; or how spending money on Vick's dogs is a constant battle for H\$U\$...

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Las Vegas, NV, August 3, 2007—Those of you who were hoping to read about the sequel to a movie or 'Saturday Night Live' sketch to an original "Wayne's world", stop reading, Dana Carvey and Mike Myers are not here.

Our 'Wayne' is Wayne Pacelle, an extremely well paid president of the HSUS (Humane Society of the United States), a group calling themselves "the nation's largest animal protection organization".

HSUS has about \$ 200,000,000 in assets, yes that is 200 millions, meaning, no animal should have to be killed in shelters with that kind of money laying around (being donated by misinformed donors who don't know the real H\$U\$).

Mr. Pacelle, who according to various news reports is a vegan who doesn't even own a pet, was quoted on many occasions about his vision for the animal rights (AR) movement, and his personal objective of creating a " National Rifle Association of the animal rights movement."

Our Wayne though, instead of being a star in a hot movie, has been sitting in a very hot seat lately.

In their August 2, 2007 press release: <http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=104&STORY=/www/story/08-02-2007/0004638633&EDATE=>

" Center for Consumer Freedom (CCF) called on the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) to return all the money it has raised in the wake of the Michael Vick dog fighting scandal. CCF revealed today that beginning on July 18 — the day after Vick's criminal indictment — HSUS promised on its website that financial contributions would be earmarked for helping it "care for the dogs seized in the Michael Vick case." But yesterday The New York Times reported that HSUS is not,

in fact, caring for the animals. And HSUS president Wayne Pacelle told the Times that his group is recommending that government officials “put down” (that is, kill) the dogs rather than adopt them out to suitable homes.”

I wonder how long before we hear Wayne scream: **“It’s Wayne’s World! Wayne’s World! Money time! Excellent!”**, accompanied by him jumping up and down throwing dollar bills in the air.

HSUS is really an AR group that many confuse with local ‘Humane society’ shelters, however, Humane Society of the United States is not affiliated with any of them. They are a powerful well funded AR group, who instead running shelters or helping animals directly, works hard on eventually removing pets from our homes, meat from our tables, leather goods from our closets and animals from zoos and circuses.

In his August 03, 2007 rebuttal *“Dogfighting a Constant Battle for The HSUS”*, Wayne brags: “We publish manuals and the key resources on the subject. And we produce videos, public service announcements, in-depth stories and other quality materials to educate the public and law enforcement authorities about this despicable underworld.”

What he conveniently ‘forgets’ to mention is that they charge money for these manuals, they don’t do this as free public service to help animals; they are in business of selling their agenda. So where do the multimillion donations go? WHAT ABOUT THE ANIMALS themselves, you know the ones in blood and flesh instead of the imaginary ones in their press releases and fundraisers?

There’s nothing like a big celebrity scandal like Vick to increase HSUS’s profile, publicity and income. I guess we are back to where the money is.

Kids’ class, 45 dollars:

http://humanesocietyu.org/workshops_and_classes/humane_education_and_the_magic_of_stories.html

Stop dog fighting material (expensive):

http://files.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/Animal_Fighting_Order_Form.pdf

More stores:

<http://store.nexternal.com/shared/StoreFront/default.asp?CS=hsus&BusType=BtoC&Count1=33794581&Count2=950935006>

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Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 4, 2007, 5:58 am

In the interests of fairness, here is Wayne Pacelle's full posted response to the charges of the Center for Consumer Freedom. There are many articles on the Internet about the Center for Consumer Freedom and what it stands for. Check them out too.

Dogfighting a Constant Battle for The HSUS

The contract shillers at the Center for Consumer Freedom are about the most shameless people I've ever come across. They put out a statement yesterday attempting to make a scandal of The HSUS raising funds to combat dogfighting as the spotlight has shined brightly on this issue during the last two weeks.

Let me be clear. Every dollar we raise online, on the phones or in the mail on this topic will be devoted to ending the scourge of staged animal fights. If we raise \$100,000 or \$1 million, that will be that much more money put into the fight to stamp out this vicious cruelty. The more money the public provides, the more reason that dogfighters and their ilk have to fear us.

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An HSUS investigator with a pit bull seized

from a major dogfighting bust in Ohio.

An additional point: Before dogfighting hit the airwaves with such force, The HSUS has been in the weeds on this issue, like no other group in the nation. We have been the driving force in changing state and federal dogfighting laws—we shepherded to passage the federal law that Michael Vick has been charged with violating, and we worked to strengthen almost every state anti-dogfighting statute in the nation. Earlier this year, we successfully pressed for passage of an upgrade in the federal law to make animal fighting a felony.

Our investigators risk their lives by going undercover at dogfights. Our staff trains thousands of law enforcement officials every year on the basics of the illegal animal fighting industry. We work with law enforcement in investigating and building cases. We publish manuals and the key resources on the subject. And we produce videos, public service announcements, in-depth stories and other quality materials to educate the public and law enforcement authorities about this despicable underworld. There's usually no glory or limelight in the daily grind, just the satisfaction of knowing that we are helping to bring participants in this cruelty to justice. The emotional cost for our staff who work daily on these issues is incalculable.

Long before CCF materialized from a slough of funds provided by tobacco companies and the restaurant industry, The HSUS has been working on eradicating the loathsome practice of dogfighting. Shall we stop working on it now that the nation's attention is focused on the issue? Should we not attempt to shine a spotlight on the issue or press for more aggressive prosecution of illegal animal fighters? Should we not expand our base of public support to press the fight harder than ever before?

Mind you, the self-serving operatives at CCF spend their days railing against public health groups that warn pregnant women of the hazards of eating fish with high mercury count or enlighten people about the dangers of eating trans-fats. The CCF people even deny that there is an obesity epidemic in the nation. This is the group that has in the past had to retract its false and defamatory claims about The HSUS. We've seen them defend the worst factory farming abuses, and even the clubbing of Canada's baby seals, but it was a shock—even to us—to see them step into the fray on dogfighting. These people have never seen a reform worth supporting and never have been a force for the good.

The HSUS pushes real laws at the state and federal level that affect the lives of countless millions of animals. We maintain an in-house legal staff that works to enforce laws in the courts when individuals, corporations and governments abrogate them. We treat and spay or neuter tens of thousands of animals. We shelter and care for thousands more at our sanctuaries and wildlife care centers. We protect thousands of acres of wildlife habitat

through our Wildlife Land Trust. We educate kids about kindness and citizenship in our work in the schools.

The HSUS exists to advance a mighty idea: that good people should stand against the misuse of human power over animals. Millions of Americans support our work because they share a vision for a more compassionate and merciful society. A handful of corporations fund the hateful rhetoric that flows from the offices of CCF. Whom do you trust and whom do you believe?

Comment from **Amy**

Date: August 4, 2007, 10:10 am

I would believe CCF over the stories I have heard from HSUS. You work for them right? They are selling your book also? The true agenda of HSUS is being found and it sure isn't just animal 'welfare'. It looks much more like animal RIGHTS clothed in a more socially acceptable form. Whittling away at people's rights to own ANY animal incrementally. No donations to you and no thanks.

Comment from **Tannim**

Date: August 4, 2007, 10:21 am

Sorry, Bernie, but I think you have overdosed on the HSUS Kool_Aid. HSUS is one of the moving forces behind the draconian AB 1634 in CA, and if you haven't heard of the horribly misleading and misnamed "Healthy Pets Act" (should be "Hell for Pets Act") then I suggest you do.

HSUS is also a major animal-rights organization who ascribe to the impossible idea that non-human animals should have the same rights as humans. Sorry, but anyone who has any real philosophical and metaphysical and sociological background will tell you that's utterly ludicrous, and that the nature of rights do not exist because of existence as animals, human or not, but as humans. We need those rights to exist in the world we've created, warts and all. The rest of the animal kingdom has it's own way of doing things, and our constructs don't apply to them, even while they apply to us to keep the interaction between humans and animals proper and respectful. When it comes to domesticated animals, for pets and food, humane treatment of them is a laudable goal. Extinction of them is not.

And as far as the CCF goes, HSUS complains about an organization that stands for personal responsibility and freedom? Does that not make HSUS an enemy for freedom, a traitor to Liberty, and against what this nation stands for? Seems to me that says it all, that HSUS is definitely on the side of things.

Now excuse me, I'm taking my son to the zoo so he can learn some more about giraffes and elephants...

Comment from **Brat Zinsmaster**

Date: August 4, 2007, 10:41 am

In reply to Bernard Uti's comment (Date: August 4, 2007, 5:58 am), he suggests that "There are many articles on the Internet about the Center for Consumer Freedom and what it stands for. Check them out too."

Well, Mr. Uti, I have done my homework on Center for Consumer Freedom. You clearly have issues with them because they are shedding light on your boy, Wayne. Might I suggest to you that you take a bit of time today and do your research on two "international" organizations and what they represent: (1) The International Cat Writer's Association (CWA) and (2) The Iams Company.

It was announced yesterday by CWA that Wayne Pacelle will NO LONGER be their guest speaker at their annual banquet on November 17, 2007. He has been "uninvited"!! For Pacelle to have even been considered at one time to speak at such an event boggles the mind. Dog and cat writers internationally were outraged. They have sent him a clear message that he is not wanted at their 14th Annual Conference.

If that still doesn't have you thinking, Mr. Uti, then please read on.

Here is a letter written by Marti Hissong, Iams Consumer Care NA:

Dear Dog Enthusiast:

You recently contacted us regarding our affiliation with the HSUS. We'd like to thank you for taking the time to express your concern as well as update you on a recent decision made by our organization.

The Iams Company will NOT BE FUNDING the Petfest America events with HSUS again next year. We appreciate all of the direct feedback we have received from the dog community and apologize for the frustration that this sponsorship has caused. We have a lot of exciting innovations planned next year, which will require our focused time and resources.

As a leader in the pet industry, The Iams Company is about educating all pet owners on pet health care and nutrition - from the family pet to the active competitor. We are definitely pro-dog and clearly not anti-hunting. We look forward to continuing our long history of support of the sporting dog community and leadership in the industry with innovative research to improve the health and well-being of athletic dogs.

We hope that we can put this behind us and focus on the future — great performing foods for great performing dogs.

*** Mr. Uti, please advise Wayne Pacelle that he has a lot more to be concerned about than just CCF and NAIA. All eyes are on him now and he is being closely watched. His deceptive practices have gone on far too long. Where are the Katrina monies? Where are the Katrina dogs? Oh, I know. Just like the "special donation" for the care of Michael Vick's dogs, these Katrina monies have gone into that great big warchest Pacelle uses to fund all of his legislation.

Take a look at HSUS 2006 Annual Report and you will see the millions of dollars spent on legislation, fundraising, and strategic communication and a tiny pittance towards the actual humane community. How many parties does Wayne Pacelle need in the Hamptons? HSUS has been misrepresenting themselves to the world for years. Pacelle's tears (boo hoo) are falling on deaf ears!

He has a lot more to worry about than CCF and NAIA. He has to worry about me ... and ... thousands of people like me who are watching his every move!

Comment from **Laurella Desborough**

Date: August 4, 2007, 12:29 pm

Mr. Uti, Would you also please explain where all the donations to HSUS for Katrina animals have disappeared to?

What we in the public notice is that HSUS is always standing ready to receive donations for what appears to be, worthy causes. However, we do not see the results of those donations being applied to those causes.

Furthermore, I have noticed that on more than one occasion, misinformation and falsehoods have been provided by HSUS CEO to Congressional hearings involving animal issues. Beyond the falsehoods, we also find fearmongering about dangerous animal diseases, when that is only a very remote possibility.

It is clear to us members of the public that HSUS has an agenda...to collect more money from the general public and to use that money to lobby for anti-animal legislation, restrictions and prohibitions on animal ownership, transportation and sales. It is clear that HSUS wants to eliminate animal ownership in the US.

However, I do not think the majority of the US public agree with that position.

Comment from **timbalioguy**

Date: August 4, 2007, 11:04 pm

It is high time that the true nature of HSUS was just as exposed as the innards of a zebra are while a lion is eating it. You don't need to look very deep into this organization and see evil comparable to that of a religious cult. HSUS's 'media machine' along with PETA, IFAW,

API, etc. is designed to push through the animal rights agenda at every possible level, and in every possible way. Corrupt children in schools, who can't tell the truth from the lies. Corrupt lawmakers with the right words to get them to introduce draconian laws that HSUS conveniently wrote for them. Corrupt the legal system by teaching lawyers so-called 'animal law'. Openly represent yourselves as a Humane Society even when your fine print— and your form 990 clearly show you aren't. Fleece millions of senior citizens (my mom was one of them) into giving of their fixed income to further your twisted agenda. In the case of PETA, openly promote terrorism. I know of few other groups that are so sold-out on presenting their ideas in this manner. It just about makes HSUS meet the legal definition of a 'religion'. If this is the case, HSUS has no business 1.) Trying to influence legislation like they currently do, and 2.) Attack my 'religious practice' of loving the animals I own, or eating them if they are good animals for eating.

Comment from [Carole Baskin Founder of Big Cat Rescue](#)

Date: August 5, 2007, 6:53 pm

Over and over again I see the same people trying to divert from the real issue. The real issue here is how the animals are being treated. Since no one can make a good argument for why dog fighting should be promoted, they can only resort to attacking those who will speak out for the animals. No one can make an argument for why animals should be bred and killed for their fur, for sport or for the amusement of a handful of people who just haven't seen the big picture yet. These forums are a help, I think, for organizations who are doing the right thing, because once the animal users and abusers air their best rebuttal it is clear they have none.

Comment from [Zuzana Kukol](#)

Date: August 5, 2007, 7:01 pm

Dear Carole Baskin, once again, you are wrong. Reread my editorial, nobody in it is promoting dog fights. The issue here is that HSUS was asking for money to support Vicks dogs, even though they didn't even have a custody of his dogs, that is the issue and that is what is being discussed. It is you who is trying to divert issue from HSUS questionable fundraising tactics to your pet projects.

Comment from **Windsong**

Date: August 5, 2007, 9:15 pm

Dear Zuzana,

Visit this link and you will understand why Carol Lewis Baskin DOESN'T GET IT!

Please make sure you watch the entire video.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DxiVVw4e9iU>

Comment from **timbalionguy**

Date: August 5, 2007, 10:51 pm

I don't think a single person who truly stands 'for the animals and their owners' supports dogfighting. It is cruel by any definition you can ascribe to. First of all, we are seeing the depths of the corruption of organizations like HSUS here. They will gladly lie to raise more money, and they have recently been caught red-handed for lying. (And the Department of Justice is looking into it!) And on the case of breeding animals for fur, what can you do against it? Every animal comes with a pelt. Fur is warm and comfortable. If the animal is cared for responsibly, and humanely killed, who is being harmed? Animals are a renewable resource that needs to be used to be renewed. As far as 'sporting' with animals go, there are lots of 'sports' where animals are used in a way that it is not harmful or cruel to the animal. For instance, out here in Reno, we have one of the biggest rodeos there is. I am told that the bulls know the riders, and will actually adjust their action to individual riders— it's a game to them! And just what do you define as 'amusement'? Is visiting your sanctuary, or staying overnight in a cabin there 'amusement'? Now, let's review what your vision is. Per your '20 year plan', the animals would simply be eliminated so that nobody could ever enjoy them again.

Comment from **TomK**

Date: August 6, 2007, 4:25 am

Yes, the real issue is how the animals are being treated. Carole's program simply assumes that the animals are being treated so badly that they are better off dead, regardless. She casts people as cruel merely for keeping and breeding animals. She actually does breed and keep animals herself, so by her own measures she is cruel. She keeps them for profit and to make people believe that she is some kind of authority on keeping exotic animals, but the illogic should be perfectly clear.

There aren't any questions left to ask Carole Baskin or other animal rights activists. The idea that they protect the rights of animals at all is bogus. If they did, all animals would be equal and equally protected. That is just one of the things that rights and entitlements are about. Human ownership and human contact allow for the animals to have the right to continue their species and to exist.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 6, 2007, 9:53 am

This August 25, 2006 article from our web site is just one of the many pieces that provide an account of our spending. Take a look.

One Year after Katrina, Pets Factor into Disaster Planning

As America marks the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's ruinous landfall Aug. 29, and the tragic sequence of events that followed, the disaster's impact upon animals remains one of its most compelling elements. Tens of thousands of domestic and wild animals perished from drowning, starvation, disease, and misfortune, while many others were separated from the people who loved them.

Katrina was a signal episode in the history of animal protection, and a transformative moment for The HSUS. Our ability to deploy personnel, expertise, and supplies, to dispense emergency funds, to draw public attention to the plight of animals, and to secure legislation to guarantee their safety in future disasters pushed The HSUS into the center of the humane movement's response.

A year later, the hurricane continues to generate substantial challenges for The HSUS and its many partners, both small and large. As a result of all of our efforts, however, the conditions of tragedy that epitomized Katrina have given way to progress — progress in law, policy, and practice that will have lasting impact within and beyond the Gulf Coast states. Together, these changes promise to dramatically lessen, if not entirely prevent, the disproportionate, deadly impact of disasters on animals.

A new political and public policy landscape

"Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath have forever changed this nation's thinking about the importance of taking animals into account during an emergency," says Wayne Pacelle, HSUS CEO and president. "Preparedness at all levels is essential in a world where natural disasters, emergencies, war, zoonotic disease outbreaks, terrorism, and other threats are ever-present."

The most important national outcome of The HSUS's year-long response to Katrina has been the rapid advancement of a federal bill that would guarantee the incorporation of animals into disaster planning efforts, and lay the groundwork for a transformation of public policy approaches to the handling of animals in emergency situations. As a direct result of The HSUS' leadership, the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act was passed by both the House and the Senate and is expected, after the two chambers iron out some differences, to be signed by President Bush.

The HSUS and its many partners in the animal care community have also made substantial progress at the state and local levels, and in direct interaction with disaster response

agencies around the country. With an enhanced Disaster Services division, led by Randy Covey, who participated in Katrina relief as a representative of the Oregon Humane Society, The HSUS has strengthened its own capacity to respond to a range of emergency situations, including natural disaster, man-made emergency, and large-scale animal cruelty scenarios. "Katrina was a seminal event in disaster response involving animals, and we're doing all we can to learn from the experience," Covey said. "At the same time, our job is to look forward, and to make sure that we are even better prepared for the range of threats animals face, and to help communities all over the United States to develop their own capacity to respond."

The Road to Recovery

Of \$34 million dollars received from nearly 300,000 generous donors in response to our 2005 disaster appeals, The HSUS has spent or committed more than \$30 million thus far. Much of it we spent during the emergency itself, and in the immediate aftermath.

Most of the remainder will be spent on long-term initiatives to restore and enhance the capacity of the animal care community in Louisiana and Mississippi, and to curb the historic problems of animal overpopulation and heartworm in the region. This account highlights some of our major expenditures.

Unloading homeless pets rescued in Katrina's wake.

Rescue and Support Operations

Nearly \$6.3 million of the funds donated to The HSUS supported our direct response to the crisis in the Gulf Coast states, encompassing:

rescue, relief, and rehabilitation of more than 10,000 displaced, hungry, and frightened animals during the emergency phase of operations;

co-operative management of several emergency sheltering facilities in Louisiana and Mississippi;

pet reunion efforts at on-site locations and at our headquarters;

travel and field expenses for hundreds of volunteers;

animal rescue vehicles and trailers; and

logistical support to convey supplies and services.

Reunions

The HSUS dedicated more than \$800,000 to the operation of a reunion center – to assist or confirm the reunion of displaced animals with the people looking for them – and the transportation fees necessary to effect such reunions.

Trapping and Rescue Operations

The HSUS spent almost \$225,000 on high-volume trapping and other rescue operations focused on homeless and feral animals in Louisiana and Mississippi in the immediate aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Legislative Efforts

The HSUS spent a little less than \$563,000 in its efforts to secure passage of the Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards (PETS) Act, legislation that promises to transform the landscape of disaster relief work when it comes to the handling and treatment of animals.

Reconstruction Grants

To date, The HSUS has given away or committed \$8.35 million—to approximately 45 organizations in the Gulf Coast states—for the reconstruction or replacement of hurricane-ravaged animal shelters and wildlife rehabilitation centers. The centerpiece of this investment was our \$4.5 million grant-and-aid package to the Louisiana SPCA, which, aided by the Houston SPCA, transported 260 shelter animals to safety two days before Katrina destroyed its facilities, and rebounded to play a crucial role in emergency response and to reestablish itself as the principal entity for animal care and control in Orleans Parish.

The Humane Society of South Mississippi, whose facilities were also devastated by the hurricane, received \$965,000. At least seven other organizations received \$50,000 or more in building grants.

Reimbursement Grants

The HSUS has made close to \$2.3 million in reimbursement grants to approximately 130 local humane societies, animal control agencies, and rescue groups from 29 states (as well as from Canada and the District of Columbia). These groups were the backbone of on-the-ground rescue and relief operations during Hurricane Katrina, sending staff members to the stricken zones, accepting and caring for Katrina animals, and working to reunite displaced animals with the people searching for them.

Spay/Neuter Investments

The HSUS has invested more than \$2.8 million on spaying and neutering campaigns in Louisiana and Mississippi, to address the Gulf Coast region's intractable animal overpopulation problem, exacerbated by the disaster and its aftermath. The HSUS approach includes support for aggressive spay/neuter initiatives in the short term and a long term follow-up effort. The latter will combine programs to strengthen institutional capacity for spaying and neutering in the region with a public education initiative that targets

misconceptions, lack of awareness, and reservations concerning the costs and benefits of spaying and neutering animals.

The goal of The HSUS in supporting these efforts was to ensure that Gulf Coast animal organizations could return to their full range of activities without having to devote their post-Katrina resources to an unmanageable animal control challenge caused by a surplus of homeless animals. And it is paying off well in the form of tangible gains from spaying and neutering programs in Louisiana and Mississippi, and the creation of lasting partnerships to benefit animal care and control work in the region.

As an added benefit, this spaying and neutering program ensures that there will be fewer homeless animals on the streets, minimizing the potential for animal suffering when another disaster strikes.

Disaster Preparedness Grants

The HSUS has spent or committed \$563,000 on the disbursement of disaster preparedness grants to animal care institutions in the Gulf Coast region, so that they will be better equipped to address their most immediate needs when the next emergency hits.

Additional Partnerships and Programs:

Overflow Facilities in California, Louisiana, and Texas

During the hurricane, the Dixon Correctional Institute (DCI), a medium security prison in Jackson, La., approximately 30 miles north of Baton Rouge, allowed The HSUS to bring more than 100 dogs and cats to the facility, where they were cared for by inmates and trustees under the supervision of DCI and HSUS staff. Caretakers took responsibility for feeding, watering, walking and cleaning cages, and socialized the animals to increase their chances of adoptability. Building on this experience, officials of DCI, Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine, and The HSUS have agreed to collaborate on the establishment of a permanent, short term holding facility and surgical suite at DCI. The HSUS plans to commit \$500,000 to this project.

The facility will house, on a rotating basis, companion animals from local area shelters and humane organizations, and will be incorporated into the off-site rotation schedule for LSU veterinary medical students. At DCI, under the supervision of LSU faculty, future veterinarians will perfect spay/neuter surgical skills and experience shelter-based medicine. The HSUS will have no management or financial support role, but should another emergency necessitate the evacuation of animals from elsewhere in Louisiana, our disaster personnel will be permitted to house them at the facility.

In addition to our project with DCI, The HSUS has committed an additional \$750,000 toward the construction of short-term overflow facilities, to provide animal housing capacity during future disasters and emergencies, at the Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch in Murchison, Texas and The Fund for Animals Wildlife Rehabilitation Center in Ramona, Calif.

Disaster Services

Drawing on the lessons of Katrina, The HSUS has also moved to enhance its own Disaster Services division, committing \$4.7 million spread over the next three years to developing the humane movement's most comprehensive disaster response team, with experts in rescue, sheltering, logistics, technology, and veterinary services. Now, our expanded Disaster Services team is leading The HSUS' response to large-scale cruelty and hoarding cases as well as to wildfires, flooding, and other disaster and emergency scenarios. In anticipation of future emergencies and disasters, the division is also focusing on animal-related preparedness planning and training at the federal, state and local levels.

Non-Katrina Disaster Work

The HSUS and its global arm, Humane Society International, played a crucial role in response to other natural disasters during 2005, devoting \$238,000 to relief work in Florida and Mexico after Hurricane Wilma, in Pakistan after a horrendous earthquake struck, and in India when flooding endangered animals.

The forced mass abandonment of thousands of animals in the vicinity of New Orleans, and the other animal-related emergencies that followed in Katrina's wake, created a crisis of unprecedented scope for the humane movement. Thanks to the outpouring of support from donors across the land, and the extraordinary effort of many volunteers in Mississippi, Louisiana, and around the country, The HSUS has been able to save thousands of animals from certain death, bolster the recovery and reconstruction efforts of the Gulf Coast animal care community, underwrite a substantial spaying and neutering initiative, and strengthen its capacity to provide for animals whenever and wherever disaster strikes in the future.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 6, 2007, 9:57 am

Laura, your claim about providing false information to Congress doesn't have any facts to back it up. What are you referring to? Perhaps it was this situation, on which Wayne blogged back in May. It was a case in which the congressman was wrong.

"Unbelievably, during the Tuesday hearing, Rep. Goodlatte, the ranking Republican on the committee and its former chairman, said my claim about the downer cow-BSE connection was untrue and that no BSE-positive animal was processed for human consumption. It is

Goodlatte who is dead wrong, I am afraid. On December 24, 2003, former Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman—to take just one example to support my claim—confirmed to CNN's Soledad O'Brien that the BSE-positive downer cow did get into the food supply:

"We do know that the product has gone into other processing plants from the initial slaughter plant. And we are now tracing that product. We've issued a recall for about 10,000 pounds of meat."

These folks not only want to deny animals the protection they should have, but they deny reality."

Comment from [Zuzana Kukol](#)

Date: August 6, 2007, 11:04 am

Dear Bernard,

I still want to know the answer, short and direct answer to the original issue in my editorial: WHY was HSUS soliciting money for Vick's dogs care even though HSUS never had a custody of these dogs? Don't you think it is unethical, or maybe worse? And now that HSUS got the donations, don't you think it is wrong of HSUS to ask that the dogs be killed?

Please, stop trying to distract us with mad cows and stick with the subject, which is questionable fundraising relating to Vicks dogs. Looking forward to your direct and truthful answer.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 6, 2007, 1:39 pm

As a general matter, we believe that we are better positioned than any organization in the country to solicit and use funds for anti-dogfighting activities. We have the most robust campaign in the nation, with a fully staffed and active animal cruelty/ animal fighting division, an active rewards program, a major federal and state legislative program, a 50-state law enforcement training program, and much, much more.

For 10 years, The HSUS has been the undisputed national leader in battling dogfighting and other forms of organized animal combat. During this time, our investigators have worked with local law enforcement officials in some 100 major organized dogfight ring cases, providing expertise and assistance, testifying in trials, and caring for thousands of dogs maimed in the fighting pits.

The facts in the Vick case are as follows. The HSUS did offer to pay for the costs of care of the dogs while Surry County held them, since the initial seizure was conducted by its officials, and Surry County took us up on our offer. We were pleased to be able to provide

financial support to the county for its care of the dogs before the federal authorities took over.

The HSUS donation form that mentioned care of the dogs (and support for our larger anti-dogfighting campaign) was up for several days only, and was then replaced with a general anti-dogfighting donation request form. By that time, the animals had been seized by the federal government, which decided to assume the full burden of housing and feeding them. We have also helped to shepherd to passage nearly all of the current state and federal laws related to animal fighting. The HSUS was the architect of the federal law identified in two of the three counts in the Vick indictment, and worked this year to upgrade that law and make violations of the federal anti-animal fighting law a federal felony.

As to the issue of rehabilitating dogs bred and trained for fighting, the animals are in the custody of the federal agencies and they will decide what happens to them.

Comment from [Zuzana Kukol](#)

Date: August 6, 2007, 4:12 pm

How much money did HSUS collect to help care for Vick's dogs and how much did HSUS actually donate to the shelter? It can not cost that much to care for few dogs for few days. The right, ethical and 'humane' thing to do would be to donate all the money HSUS collected and offer them to rehabbers to rehab Vick's dog so they can be replaced and live happily ever after. My guess is most people who donated wanted the money to go to the dogs' survival, not euthanasia.

Comment from **Brat Zinsmaster**

Date: August 6, 2007, 4:34 pm

Interesting that Bernard could not refute the prior statements that I made regarding CWA (un)inviting Pacelle as their keynote speaker for their annual banquet. Also, interesting is the fact that Bernie cannot dispute the support "plug" being pulled by The Iams Company.

Here's some more for you Bernard ... I spoke at great length with a woman at HSUS last week. I asked her specifically where the "special donations" are being spent particularly because Michael Vick's dogs were NEVER in the care, custody, and control of the HSUS.

These dogs are in four different counties (not just Surry) and HSUS has "no business" telling anyone what to do with these dogs when they are no longer considered as evidentiary. Let Pacelle "show" the receipts where monies were spent directly for the care of these dogs!! Let's see some documentation addressed to HSUS where they claim they were told repeatedly that monies from HSUS were not required. There is no such documentation!!

I asked HSUS last week: What qualifications does John "JP" Goodwin possess to be considered a dog fighting "expert"?

This was the "mumbo jumbo" piece of claptrap rhetoric that was explained to me:

"Mr. Goodwin has extensive training in RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT."

Really? "I" have an extensive R&D background in Global Navigation Satellite Systems. Does that make me an "expert", too? Where do I sign up for his six-figure salary?

And, what exactly were those qualifications that HSUS was hoping to find on the resumes of prospective candidates for this position... DOMESTIC TERRORIST? The FBI has Goodwin higher up the foodchain than Al Qaida! Give me a break, Bernard. Dance your way out of these comments.

Goodwin is a high school dropout who sets fires!!! When he couldn't sit down in an intelligent fashion to get his point of view expressed, he simply SET ANOTHER FIRE! Would you like to see his photograph in his ANIMAL LIBERATION FRONT tshirt? It would make a super desksaver for you!

Pacelle is an AR zealot at the controls of a cash-generating machine! No less. No more. His agenda is so clear that it is transparent!! Irwin, the former Prez, was an "ordained minister". Boy, that sure came in handy when he made his appeals from the animals rights' pulpit to SEND MONEY!!

Oh, before I forget ... When I asked the woman that I was speaking with at great length (yes, I have her number ... yes, I have her email address) about Goodwin's ties with ALF and why would any non-profit organization (or any corporation for that matter) hire him, her response was:

"Are we to judge people by their past actions? We have many people working here that were formerly with PETA & ALF!!"

Good God! Pass the collection plate and tell me how to apply. I actually have a few degrees that Pacelle might consider useful. Oh, let me re-think that. Pacelle would have a serious problem with me ... my brain is NOT pre-programmed to the Tower of (Pacelle) Babel. I am not fast tracking to buy his baloney. He can't sell it to me. Since I was never a PETA-trained "operative", he wouldn't be able to flip my switch and hardwire me to his way of thinking.

Pacelle's most prominent problem as of this writing? He knows his ship is taking on water. His days of rhetoric spewing are numbered!! Since I am aware, Bernard, that you will take this blog comment directly back to your boy, Wayne, please tell him I look forward to engaging "him" next time in verbal volleyball. Engaging you in further discussion is like playing with an unarmed opponent. Just no fun, Bernie!

Comment from [Chris Law](#)

Date: August 6, 2007, 4:43 pm

You've gotta be kidding me. You people really think that you're fooling anybody? Every time a dog so much as farts, you are running a fund raiser! Where exactly are these funds going? How much money do you truly need in order to "aid" in each situation? These dogs were not dead. They were a bit beaten up (as to be expected for what they were used for) but still in good enough condition that they can still be saved. They CAN be rehabilitated. You seriously mean to tell me that your terrorist group (oh darn...did I say that out loud?...I meant "Organization") doesn't have the funds to toss a few thousand bucks (out of the millions in your bank account from other suckers who actually believe what you are doing is "for the animals) to the shelter(s) where these animals are kept in order to aid in housing, food, vaccines, and rehabilitation? It doesn't cost that much. I, as well as everybody else...would LOVE to see receipts from the donations received and how much was actually given to the dogs. My guess...very little to NONE.

Chris

Comment from **Rose**

Date: August 6, 2007, 7:11 pm

Bernard can't and won't answer the question about Goodwin because Goodwin has NO training. People seldom question it and when they do the HSUS can't answer. Why would they hire an ALF domestic terrorist?

"he HSUS did offer to pay for the costs of care of the dogs while Surry County held them, since the initial seizure was conducted by its officials, and Surry County took us up on our offer."

Oh sure they did. How much did they fraudulently collect and how much was actually passed on to the county? Why wasn't that stated up front? Why was the web page taken down so quickly? Because the HSUS has much to hide. If the general public were more aware of their real agenda which has nothing to do with animal protection then the cash flow would dry up. That's why Wayne is so bothered about CCF. But many people saw it before CCF reported it. The truth is the HSUS spends very little of its millions on actually helping animals and what they do has little to do with animal protection. That's just spin. It's to this country's shame that groups like the HSUS would let children go hungry and homeless so they can make it more difficult for us all to have pets.

"Humane" Wayne also said all the pit bulls confiscated should be killed. Celebrating animals? That's cheap talk.

Comment from **timbalionguy**

Date: August 6, 2007, 9:21 pm

I applaud the help that HSUS has provided to animals that were in harm's way during the Katrina disaster (Still, there are numerous stories out there describing problems with this operation.) I also applaud their effort to get the PETS act passed. Their efforts to stop dog fighting are also welcome. But, what about HSUS's 'other' campaigns? Eliminating the exotic animals I love and work with? Taking the steak off my dinnertable? Taking the fur coat off my back? Working to ensure my pets will never reproduce? Working hard to ban hunting, a human activity as old as our digestive system? Any of these actions is reprehensible in the eyes of any thinking American. I am also seeing HSUS in the middle of a major 'damage control' campaign to try and shore up their sagging image. The truth will eventually catch up with HSUS, API, PETA and the other animal rights zealots.

I would also like to see detailed financial statements showing that the money you claimed was spent, was actually spent the way you describe.

Comment from **jain**

Date: August 7, 2007, 3:59 am

Although I agree about the HSUS being a money machine, the Center for Consumer Freedom is about allowing people to continue to exploit and abuse animals in any way they see fit. They don't even pretend to be concerned with the animals themselves, only the rights of the owners who possess them. Give me a break! HSUS is not the enemy here. People who abuse and exploit animals for their own ends are.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 7, 2007, 6:19 am

<http://www.satyamag.com/mar04/pacelle.html>

In case you missed it, check out the above link for just one instance of a highly public renunciation of violence and extralegal tactics by Goodwin. There are many others, and the fact that state and federal law enforcement agencies are willing to work with him, with the same fact set, shows just what a red herring game you are playing. I am sure that some of you would prefer to cast him forever in a negative light but it doesn't work, as his turnaround reflects the success of the conventional approaches to advancing social change. We want to persuade those who used errant tactics in the past to adopt better and legal approaches. You too should celebrate this instead of forever harping on a youthful enthusiasm that was taking someone in the wrong direction. You all want an unlimited accountability and answers from us, and once we shoot down or address one of your

concerns you move quickly on to something else. It suggests to me that you aren't really interested in the facts concerning Goodwin or The HSUS. That's too bad.

Comment from **Rose**

Date: August 7, 2007, 6:24 am

These days HSUS is indeed the enemy just as PETA is and every other animal rights group that doesn't think we should have pets or eat meat.

Many of the things the CCF have reported have come to light elsewhere and the anti-pet, anti-breeding agenda of animal rightists comes straight out of their own mouths and publications.

"the Center for Consumer Freedom is about allowing people to continue to exploit and abuse animals in any way they see fit. "

The HSUS is about eliminating animals from our lives in every way. Animal rightists hate the CCF because they are helping shed light on their real agenda which is not about animal welfare. Instead of believing Pacelle's rhetoric look at what the HSUS is doing. The HSUS is just PETA in a more expensive suit.

Its not just the CCF that is shedding light on the machinations of the HSUS but ordinary pet owners who are fed up with their lies.

Comment from **pork chop**

Date: August 7, 2007, 8:09 am

Praise Jesus.. our little Johnny has been saved.. dipped in the waters of animal rights devotionism.. he has been cast forever from the "negative light".dousing forever the fire in his 'youthful" belly.Let us 'celebrate" his turn from "errant tactics".. (those that put him in jail)..his.Let us 'celebrate" his turn to six figure salaries.. appearances on television..pictures in magazines.. after all he earned in in the name of "research and development" say Halleluia..

let us not forget the mother of us all. Saint Ingrid..bringing forth our "light to the world" and the "end of days" for animals

As for Wayne.. Say Halleluia...He is the "King". and don't forget to.. Pass the "collection plate"

Comment from **pork chop**

Date: August 7, 2007, 8:19 am

You all want an unlimited accountability and answers from us,.. says Bernis

Oh gee.. why not.. you want unlimited donations and NO accountability.. Any "charitable" organization that solicits funds from the general public SHOULD have UNLIMITED ACCOUNTABILITY and give answers continuously to any questions asked of them..

Comment from **pork chop**

Date: August 7, 2007, 8:24 am

Bernie:

i see that you and Wayne and others in your organization keep referring to employees as "officials". in what capacity are they "official"? What makes an HSUS volunteer or paid worker "official"

Comment from [Zuzana Kukol](#)

Date: August 7, 2007, 9:18 am

Dear Bernard,

I am not moving from subject to subject. I am still sticking with my original issue with HSUS, fundraising tactics regarding Vick's dogs. Yes, since you are a federal 501c3 non profit, you owe the public the answers regarding your finances, and you still didn't answer my question, how much did HSUS collect in the name of helping to care for Vick's dogs and how much did you actually send to the shelter and to how many shelters, since his dogs were supposedly in more than once.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 7, 2007, 9:25 am

Speaking to accountability, The HSUS has a higher standing with Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) than any animal organization in its peer group. Not only that, but The HSUS's efficiency ratios exceed the Better Business Bureau Wise Giving Alliance standards. The BBB WGA requires that program expenses as a percentage of total expenses be 65% or greater. The HSUS's program expenses as a percentage of total expenses is 81% for 2006, up from 79% in 2005. Further, The HSUS meets all BBB WGA standards, financial and otherwise. I doubt that the CCF, NAIA, or any of the non-profits promoting the keeping of exotic pets, or the societies devoted to illegal animal fighting, could do better. I consider that we are highly accountable to those who donate to us, through our annual report, our IRS filings, and other mechanisms.

We generally would not refer to a volunteer as an HSUS official. I think that consistent with the designations commonly used by other organizations and agencies that a staff member could be termed an "official."

Do you really believe there is an unlimited accountability that we might have to someone who gives five dollars a year, or to someone (like yourself perhaps) who gives no money to The HSUS at all?

Why do you treat J.P. Goodwin's change of heart and his effort to make his life a meaningful one of engagement with an admitted social scourge (animal fighting) as a topic of satire? Do you doubt that it's sincere, and what is your evidence? Wouldn't it be great if every person headed down the wrong social pathway was amenable and committed to "course correction"?

By the way, the idea that The HSUS is anti-pet is absurd on its face. The HSUS, under Wayne Pacelle's leadership, has expanded its programs devoted to companion animals, providing hands on direct care through its Rural Animal Veterinary Services (RAVS) program, supporting animal shelters and animal sheltering through a variety of programs, promoting companion animal health, creating momentum for spaying and neutering to curb the homeless animal population crisis, advancing trap-neuter-release programs to deal with the feral cat challenge, staging training conferences, advancing a Pets-for-Life campaign to keep animals and people together, pressing for friendly pets in housing policies, and pushing an agenda of federal and state laws concerning animals in disaster relief, tethering, anti-freeze poisoning, and many other measures.

Here is a link to Wayne's discussion of the quotes some people like to cite.

<http://hsus.typepad.com/wayne/2007/07/desperate-disto.html>

I appreciate the chance to enlist some of you in getting the word out on these issues.

Comment from **Rose**

Date: August 7, 2007, 10:20 am

Bernard,

The article you cite on the satyamag rag is called spin and damage control. Goodwin is no expert in anything except deceiving the public just as you and Pacelle do on a regular basis. The federal government has worked with scores of unqualified people in the past. Goodwin is no exception and its a disgrace that the government has worked with a criminal.

Goodwin's "turnaround" is a sham as he's tried to blackmail many with hunting dogs. Rather than ruin people's lives with arson he now does it with lies.

"You all want an unlimited accountability and answers from us, and once we shoot down or address one of your concerns"

You want to be held accountable for nothing so you can continue to con the public. You're not answering a lot of questions but avoiding them. In short, spinning to divert from the facts.

Comment from **Rose**

Date: August 7, 2007, 11:18 am

"The HSUS has a higher standing with Charity Navigator (www.charitynavigator.org) than any animal organization in its peer group."

Your "peer group" is the terrorist affiliated PETA and other animal rightist organizations that have no respect for human life. Not something you should be bragging about. The rating by charity navigator says more about your expertise in deception than actual charity work.

"The HSUS's program expenses as a percentage of total expenses is 81% for 2006, up from 79% in 2005."

More spin Bernard. The HSUS spends precious little actually helping animals. It spends far more on salaries, fundraising and anti-pet lobbying.

"Do you really believe there is an unlimited accountability that we might have to someone who gives five dollars a year, or to someone (like yourself perhaps) who gives no money to The HSUS at all?"

What utter contempt you display for those who donate to your organization.

"Why do you treat J.P. Goodwin's change of heart and his effort to make his life a meaningful one of engagement with an admitted social scourge (animal fighting) as a topic of satire? Do you doubt that it's sincere, and what is your evidence? "

Of course its not sincere. A leopard does not change its spots. Goodwin is only doing whats expedient for him as you are with your spin.

"By the way, the idea that The HSUS is anti-pet is absurd on its face."

The HSUS, under Pacelle's leadership has had a hand in passing more anti-pet legislation than ever before. Despite the fact that mandatory spay/neuter has been shown not to work, the HSUS keeps pushing for it. Pet extinction is their goal. The only reason you won't admit it is because you know the funds will dry up.

The HSUS has also done virtually nothing to fight BSL. They are in fact, FOR BSL as mandatory spay/neuter will go far in destroying great breeds.

The HSUS does very little in the way of direct help Bernard and you know it. You charge animal shelters and others for your "help" and charge exorbitant prices for publications.

The HSUS expertise lies in conning good people out of their money and using it against them to lobby for anti-pet and anti-meat legislation.

The HSUS achieves this by repeating many lies over and over so people will begin to believe them including lying about various studies to push their legislation. They continue to punish responsible owners by pushing mandatory spay/neuter laws when responsible owners are not the problem. The ones left footing the bill are the ones who do nothing wrong. But every pet owner is a criminal in the eyes of the HSUS.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 7, 2007, 12:37 pm

Rose, I forgot to mention that we have a pets in the office policy that encourages staff members to bring their animals to work if they wish to do so. Would you say that too is a part of an elaborate deception?

Who do you know that spends more than The HSUS in directly helping animals? And would you agree that some efforts, like working to secure anti-dogfighting legislation, or to reduce the number of homeless animals, do bring benefits to local shelters? There's a false dichotomy inherent to your argument about the relationship between us and the locals. There's a lot of stuff we do that directly advances their work. If this wasn't the case, they wouldn't populate our annual training conference with 1500 attendees.

Where, by the way, is the evidence that we are against petkeeping? In one contested quotation from fifteen years ago? What anti-pet legislation passed that we were a party to? The PETS Act to guarantee a place for companion animals in disaster planning? I don't think it could have been that one. What about the bills to put bittering agents in antifreeze so animals won't be poisoned accidentally?

Did you hear the good news that the American Veal Association will phase out the use of the crate by 2017? None of this is a result of antimeat legislation. A number of bills asking that animals be raised humanely have been introduced and debated, and that has helped the veal and pork industry to identify some positive pathways for their evolution. But there's still going to be meat for all who wish to buy it.

Say, what is this list for anyway, people who want to keep exotic animals as pets? Maybe that is the reason there's so much defensiveness and unwillingness to acknowledge the good work that The HSUS and other organizations do.

Comment from [Zuzana Kukol](#)

Date: August 7, 2007, 1:02 pm

Proof that HSUS is against pets? Bernard, your group constantly pushes for laws and bans on exotic pets, exotics are loved animals too and make great pets, and all animals used to be wild.

HSUS also supports castration and hysterectomy laws (spay/neuter if you are using politically correct language).

If you castrate all animals, how is that not a pet extinction?

I am assuming that unless I donate big money to HSUS, you will not reveal to me how much you collected for Vick's dogs? I guess it is all about money after all?

Comment from Laura

Date: August 7, 2007, 2:13 pm

Bernard asks: Where, by the way, is the evidence that we are against petkeeping? In one contested quotation from fifteen years ago? "

On no, it's a more than one quote:

When asked if he envisioned a future without pets, "If I had my personal view, perhaps that might take hold. In fact, I don't want to see another dog or cat born." Wayne Pacelle quoted in *Bloodties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt* by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 266.

I don't have a hands-on fondness for animals...To this day I don't feel bonded to any non-human animal. I like them and I pet them and I'm kind to them, but there's no special bond between me and other animals." Wayne Pacelle quoted in *Bloodties: Nature, Culture and the Hunt* by Ted Kerasote, 1993, p. 251.

One generation and out. We have no problem with the extinction of domestic animals. They are creations of human selective breeding." Wayne Pacelle, Senior VP of Humane Society of the US, formerly of Friends of Animals and Fund for Animals, *Animal People*, May, 1993

"Humane care (of animals) is simply sentimental, sympathetic patronage." Dr. Michael W. Fox, Humane Society of the US, in 1988 Newsweek interview

Other revealing quotes from HSUS officials:

"It's time for the animal rights movement to take this [fur] industry and drive the final nail into the coffin by whatever means it takes. If that means being outside the executives houses, if that means blockading their doors, whatever it takes." John 'J.P.' Goodwin, Humane Society of the US Campaign Director, former executive director of the Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, in speech at the World Congress for Animals, June 20, 1996

"We have found that civil disobedience and direct action has been powerful in generating massive attention in our communities ... and has been very effective in traumatizing our

targets." JP Goodwin, Committee to Abolish the Fur Trade, National Animal Rights Convention '97, June 27, 1997, now employed by the Humane Society of the United States
"My goal is the abolition of all animal agriculture." JP Goodwin, employed at the Humane Society of the US, formerly at Coalition to Abolish the Fur Trade, as quoted on AR-Views, an animal rights Internet discussion group in 1996

"The life of an ant and that of my child should be granted equal consideration." Michael W. Fox, Scientific Director and former Vice President, The Humane Society of the United States, The Inhumane Society, New York, 1990

[Expressing opposition to use of bug sprays] "Only a few of the million you kill would have bitten you." Dr. Michael Fox, Scientific Director and former Vice President of Humane Society of the US (HSUS), Returning to Eden, Fox publication

Comment from TomK

Date: August 7, 2007, 2:45 pm

You know, Mr. Unti, you can't truthfully deny facts like the fact that PETA and HSUS are one and the same organization. What you can do is try to slide around the truths and see who you can deceive into sending your more money and adopting your policies, and you do that. Spin doctors like yourself actually lie about PETA's and HSUS's agenda that they have admitted to more than once.

Even dogfighting is better than extinction of the species. I am so very glad that dogfighting at least is unnecessary to the continuation of a species. What I will not do to fight against dogfighting, something that you and even some of the "real" humane societies will do, is accuse people without evidence, use the fact of dogfighting against private ownership, or violate human rights in order to fight it. Your "expert" on dogfighting, J.P. Goodwin, is also an expert on violating civil rights by setting fire to people's property.

The connections between PETA and the HSUS are strong enough to easily fall under RICO. It's an open and shut case, really. PETA has given material support to domestic terrorists belonging to the ALF and the HSUS is an arm of PETA now. ALF openly practices terrorism against individuals and corporations. For the sum of \$250,000 I will tell you what ALF has done that has put itself, PETA, the HSUS, API, and several other so-called animal protection organizations in a terrible bind, but I would also tell everyone at the same time. You really need this information but there is only one thing that you can do with it that would give you a hope in Hades of preventing it from destroying you. You're not going to like it.

Comment from Laura

Date: August 7, 2007, 2:47 pm

Bernard refers to "societies devoted to illegal animal fighting".

Who might those be Bernard? Name these "societies". Every one of the organizations you slyly named in the same sentence are opposed to illegal animal fighting, and you know it.

Comment from Rose

Date: August 7, 2007, 2:52 pm

You again avoid questions Bernard.

"Rose, I forgot to mention that we have a pets in the office policy that encourages staff members to bring their animals to work if they wish to do so. Would you say that too is a part of an elaborate deception?"

Simple deception, not elaborate. Rather like showing Newkirk or Pacelle with a dog or cat when they don't particularly care for either. Its all for the image.

"Who do you know that spends more than The HSUS in directly helping animals? "

The HSUS is more successful at deceiving the public than other organizations but other organizations spend a larger percentage on what they take in on direct help.

"And would you agree that some efforts, like working to secure anti-dogfighting legislation, or to reduce the number of homeless animals, do bring benefits to local shelters?"

BS Bernard. The HSUS is now using the Vick case merely as a money making machine. You don't care about the dogs. Pacelle himself said they should be killed. Your "efforts" to reduce the number of animals going into shelters is like killing AIDS patients so no one else gets the disease.

"There's a lot of stuff we do that directly advances their work. If this wasn't the case, they wouldn't populate our annual training conference with 1500 attendees."

Which you charge for being a "charitable" organization. You get a lot of mileage out of the name. Many go because they believe you are a legitimate animal welfare organization which of course you are not.

"Where, by the way, is the evidence that we are against petkeeping? "

Don't be coy Bernard. You can try and dismiss many quotes or claim they were taken out of context but they are an accurate reflection of your organization and the animal rights movement in general.

How about the pet extinction bills you're pushing for all over the country even though mandatory spay/neuter has been shown not to work? Why does the HSUS NEVER help anyone have more fun with an animal? Why do you treat responsible owners as criminals? Why do you repeatedly lie about various studies to promote your anti-pet agenda and

making it harder for people to have pets? If you really were the animal lovers you claimed you'd be fighting BSL, promoting pet ownership and many other things. But you're working against it. That's in addition to doing everything you can to force people into an unnatural vegan diet.

"Did you hear the good news that the American Veal Association will phase out the use of the crate by 2017? None of this is a result of antimeat legislation."

More disinformation Bernard. The HSUS is chipping away where it can in an effort to stop everyone from eating meat. Pacelle has even lied about mad cow disease in that quest.

"Say, what is this list for anyway, people who want to keep exotic animals as pets? Maybe that is the reason there's so much defensiveness and unwillingness to acknowledge the good work that The HSUS and other organizations do. "

For every bit of good work you may do you undo it with your work against pet owners and your deceitfulness to the public. For the HSUS the bad outweighs the good.

Comment from [Bernard Unti](#)

Date: August 7, 2007, 6:40 pm

Rose, you are mistaken in your claim that he lied about mad cow disease. Read the answer I provided to Laura, above. Or verify the matter by another means. And Tom, see our longstanding policy against violence and threatening tactics, on our web site and expressed before the U.S. Congress. It's also discussed in my 2005 article on the CCF, at

http://www.hsus.org/about_us/about_hsus_programs_and_services/eye_on_the_opposition/center_for_consumer_freedom.html

I'm proud of the article, as I am of the organization.

Comment from **timbalioguy**

Date: August 7, 2007, 9:53 pm

It is interesting that at just about every legislative hearing involving an animal ownership ban bill, there is a representative from HSUS present. (I am including normal pet bills here, as well as exotics.) When they speak, it is always for the ban bill. You do you suppose that is? Why do you suppose people here are defensive? We cherish our right to own and use animals, and will use every legal means to preserve that right. HSUS's anti-meat agenda has been made clear over and over again. So has anti-fur, and many others. Indeed, Mr Goodwyn might have changed— into a dangerous 'nonviolent' tool for pushing 'social change'. We,, there are millions of Americans who do not agree with your 'social change'. there are also those duped into the so-called 'social change'. My elderly mother, for instance, kept giving money to HSUS, I am sure when their 'little spot is abused' mailings came around.

Despite repeated warnings to her, your deception still robbed her of her fixed income. Thankfully, my brother got power of attorney for her, and one of the first things he did was stop the giving to HSUS.

So, we might now have a 'kinder, gentler' HSUS, but they are working to do their 'change' below the surface where most people observe it. A lot of laws are passed, and people don't even know about them until that law is used against them. Few people these days take the time to participate in their government, despite the fantastic array of tools available to them for participation. We are slowly fixing that problem. We see what HSUS, API, PETA, IFAW and other groups are doing. So, your 'kinder gentler' approach is little more than a new paint job to a mortuary.

As for dogfighting, ANSWER THE ORIGINAL QUESTIONS ZUZANA ASKED YOU!!!!!! The very fact that you won't shows you have no desire to be accountable whatsoever. If you have no accountability, I question whether you have any credibility, either.

Comment from **Brat Zinsmaster**

Date: August 8, 2007, 3:02 am

Dr. Unti, in reference to your comment of 7 August 2007 at 6:19am, I took your celebrated advice and spent several hours learning more about 'JP' Goodwin and the HSUS. You state that we are not really interested in the facts. Au contraire, my new pen pal. I am a dog with a bone. You are the fish on my hook. It is my fervent desire to learn more.

Goodwin's highly public renunciation of violence is his newest (and current) "religion." His path to meaningful employment. Can't get those big bucks and have your face in the media at the same time with a torch in your hand now, can we? Can anyone say abstract arsonist? Possibly one or two burning buildings might be tolerated by his mama & papa as "youthful enthusiasm" but a career in willful destruction and strife? Was it fervor for his "religion" at the time? The intentional and negligent burning of buildings for his criminal purposes is somehow vexing me. He doesn't get to wipe his hands clean, throw them in the air, and shout "I renounce all things ALF!" Perhaps I can find an "expert" for him. Someone highly skilled in both traditional as well as cognitive-behavioural therapy who can effectively work with his antisocial behaviours.

I have two grown sons. They were the epitome of "enthusiasm" but never once did they firebomb buildings, destroy property, and glee in the possibility of people dying as a consequence of their actions while jumping up and down saying "We're ecstatic!" (another Goodwin quote). No such "errant tactics" were ever employed by my sons. Possibly Goodwin lacked parental supervision.

You can try to sell again JP's "religious turnaround" until cows come home. Won't buy it today. Won't buy it tomorrow. The only reason he (Goodwin) is "adopting legal approaches" now is his current religious interest ... the almighty dollar! There is more in it for him by converting to the one true path of HSUS. Keeps him out of prison. Keeps those paychecks rolling in. He just learned that arson wasn't paying his mortgage, car payment, and new wardrobe. Loved the ALF t-shirt though. Didn't see them on sale at Bloomingdale's or Bombs 'R Us.

Might I suggest the next time Goodwin feels an "enthusiastic youthful urge," he throws a roll of toilet paper up in an environmentally friendly HSUS tree!

You will be pleased to know, Bernard, that I have expressed interest in you as well. One interesting fact is that you received your doctorate at American University in 2002. Isn't this the same university where a "PeTA operative" stood in the front of a classroom instructing students on "How To Make An Incendiary Device"? (I have the video!) There is the suggestive influence that this is the "highway to heaven" ... just blow up a medical research facility and "You're in, like Flynn." Possibly the "instructor" was Roy Coronado, a PeTA foil. Can't remember. They are all the same. Just another person overflowing with "youthful enthusiasm" a la Goodwin, eh?

Your role as "Pacelle's public defender" is quite curious indeed. I understand that your responsibilities at HSUS include the formation of "national policy". Are we now to assume that you will continue speaking for Pacelle in your "official" historian capacity? Webster's Dictionary defines a "mouthpiece" as a person or periodical "used" by another or others to express their views and ideas. Are you satisfied being "used" by Wayne Pacelle? Do you really want to prostitute yourself in this manner?

It has been explained to me that the animal rights movement is really a religion. Bernard, it looks like you are seated at the right hand of Pacelle. Tell me, does he have daily seances (oh, excuse me, I meant to say "staff meetings") instructing the faithful?

Pacelle's latest blog ju dour reveals a moving account of an early experience where he describes his deep funk and overt depression on a visit to the Central Park Zoo. I learned today that Pacelle is now an animal psychic and communicator. Well, slap me silly and add that to "his" resume. He reads animal behavior according to today's blog. Referring to the big cat, Pacelle writes "I read his behavior as utter anguish." Please, give me a few minutes and I will locate an "expert" to assist him, too, with his current feelings of anguish at the hands of CCF, NAIA, CWA, The Iams Company, Gary Truitt, and the cats at the Central Park Zoo.

I'm an east coast girl, Bernie. I visited the Central Park Zoo many times on school field trips. Would you like to know what "I" shared with my classmates and chaperones? I got "bus sick." And, while I no longer ride buses, I still visit the zoo. Even though I was green to the gills, I did not shroud my teachers and companions in gloom and doom and selfishly ruin the day for teachers and classmates as Pacelle admits to us in his blog. "I ruined the trip for the teachers and all of my classmates. I went into a mode of overt depression, and I infected everyone on the trip with my gloom."

Pacelle's latest is replete with a stock photo of a big cat for visual emphasis. Does his strategic communication team suggest Pacelle include "show & tell" with all of his presentations, publications, and blogs?

His reference to Rabbi Gellman's essay, "A Calling To Care," finds Pacelle returning to a seminal experience. So, are we then to assume that this trip to the zoo was the primary influence in his life? The brush that paints his canvas? A turning point much like the renunciation in Goodwin's life?

I notice that Pacelle did not miss the opportunity to "use" Rabbi Gellman's essay to introduce the world to the newest HSUS program: Animals and Religion. Per Pacelle "Our first major initiative is Food, Farming and Faith, which promotes an understanding of sacred food in various religious traditions and encourages their support of agricultural practices that are sustainable and reduce animal suffering."

Looks like another fundraising opportunity to me! When should I expect your next solicitation in my mailbox?

I am keeping count of the HSUS "cast of assigned actors." So far we have a domestic fire-bombing terrorist (Goodwin), a psychologically traumatized youth (Pacelle) falsely elevated by the media to the status of "humane community diety," and a HSUS senior staff person/Victorian historian/policy adviser that has a new career assignment as defender of the faith/Pacelle (Unti).

In your most recent blog reply, you continue with your attempts to draw attention away from the central "core" issue, i.e., HSUS' solicitations propagandized on JQP with Pacelle's deceptions and (mis)information. You mention red herrings? Both you and Pacelle attempt to divert attention from the basic issue at every turn. Do you even know where this expression "red herring" originated? It is from the practice of drawing a herring across the trace in hunting to distract the hounds. Perhaps that explains my due diligence in studying HSUS with such hound-like intensity and fascination. Must be that prey drive instinct rubbing off on me from the hounds (both sight and scent) in my life.

Is it getting hotter in the HSUS kitchen because I prefer my herring "smoked"!

Comment from Rose

Date: August 8, 2007, 7:05 am

Well Bernard, you're avoiding many questions. That is revealing in itself.

Pacelle did indeed lie about mad cow disease entering our food supply and he had zero evidence. He also lied about pigs being able to contract it when its never naturally occurred in pigs.

"see our longstanding policy against violence and threatening tactics"

Cheap words Bernard. When push comes to shove the HSUS does next to nothing to denounce it because they support it (as they showed by hiring Goodwin).

Your entire article was full of the usual HSUS propaganda. As for the CCF its amusing you criticize it for the HSUS is even more deceptive with how it spends its money. Its also more deceitful with the public. But the CCF is not the organization that made false claims about caring for Vicks dogs to get money - the HSUS is.

"The HSUS stands for, above all its core ethic of promoting compassion and respect for life."

Now thats an outright lie Bernard. The HSUS has no respect for human life. Pacelle recently said Vicks dogs should be killed. Your organization also has no respect for pets as its behind every ban, restrictive ownership and extinction (mandatory s/n) bill.

"I'm proud of the article, as I am of the organization"

You're proud of an organization that puts animal ahead of humans, seeks to eliminate pets, ban all hunting, meat eating, etc, etc. This also means no more therapy dogs, guide dogs for the blind, search and rescue dogs, explosives detection dogs and many other services. Its appalling anyone would be proud of that.

Comment from Amy

Date: August 8, 2007, 10:32 am

Question- ANSWER PLEASE- how much money was taken in by HSUS by the 'Vick's dogs' plea and how much money was actually spent by HSUS for their care? Simple question, no other propaganda necessary- just stay focused on the question and answer it- SIMPLE.

Amy

Comment from AI

Date: August 8, 2007, 1:08 pm

Do answer the question Bernard. Stop putting up smokescreens.

Comment from **TomK**

Date: August 8, 2007, 4:51 pm

Bernard, you hired a convicted felon and made him an officer of a corporation. I don't even know how that is legal. Also, HSUS is so firmly tied to PETA that legally and morally whatever PETA does is what the HSUS does and vice versa.

Comment from **TomK**

Date: August 8, 2007, 4:51 pm

"You" meaning the HSUS.

Comment from **Amy**

Date: August 8, 2007, 7:13 pm

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Comment from **timbalioguy**

Date: August 8, 2007, 10:58 pm

Mr. Uti, we are still waiting for answers. How much money did you take in in the name of caring for Vick's dogs, and how much did you spend on the dogs? Something that can be independently audited would be much appreciated!

Comment from **Amy**

Date: August 9, 2007, 10:19 am

Bernard Unti- Please answer the question- the original question. We have been subjected to hundreds of words of you defending HSUS. May we PLEASE have the answer now?

Thank you.

P.S. My grandmother and aunt donated quite a bit of money to your organization in the past. They would also like to know where the money went.

Comment from **AI**

Date: August 9, 2007, 4:38 pm

Looks like the HSUS was lying again. Maybe he's busy constructing a story that others will cooperate with.

Comment from [John Keene](#)

Date: August 9, 2007, 8:34 pm

In my opinion the HSUS is the largest exploiter of fighting animals. Rather than trying to become the "National Rifle Association of the animal rights movement" they should be trying to become more like MADD. Dog fighting and animal cruelty are crimes. The HSUS should not have it's own investigators, because they are not law enforcement officers. The HSUS investigators can not make arrests. They can not seize animals.

MADD advocated for a consistent law enforcement response to the issue of drunk driving. MADD never would have suggested sending out a bunch of mothers to chase down drivers suspected of DUI. Why would HSUS, or any humane organization, think such a response for dog fighting and animal abuse would be any less absurd?

By HSUS's own admission dogfighting is on the rise. But instead of admitting that their approach to the issue isn't working they ask for more money.

I used to be a Chicago Police Officer assigned to investigate dogfighting and animal abuse full time, and I believe HSUS is actually hurting these issues rather than helping. They mislead the public into thinking that something is being done, thereby taking the onus off the police. And just like any crime of violence, in the absense of a law enforcement response these crimes will only escalate.

Comment from **Charlie**

Date: August 9, 2007, 10:44 pm

For those that don't know a lot about history...Here is a condensed version...

Humans originally existed as members of small bands of nomadic hunters/gatherers. They lived on deer in the mountains during the summer and would go to the coast and live on fish and lobster in the winter.

The two most important events in all of history were the invention of beer and the invention of the wheel. The wheel was invented to get man to the beer. These were the foundation of modern civilization and together were the catalyst for the splitting of humanity into two distinct subgroups:

1. Humans for lack of rights/Liberals; and
2. Humans for rights/Conservatives.

Once beer was discovered, it required grain and that was the beginning of agriculture. Neither the glass bottle nor aluminum can were invented yet, so while our early humans were sitting around waiting for them to be invented, they just stayed close to the brewery. That's how villages were formed.

Some men spent their days tracking and killing animals to B-B-Q at night while they were drinking beer. This was the beginning of what is known as the Conservative movement. Other men who were weaker and less skilled at hunting learned to live off the conservatives

by showing up for the nightly B-B-Q Cole slaw and doing the sewing, fetching, and hair dressing. This was the beginning of the Animal Rights (AR's) movement.

Some of these AR men eventually evolved into women. The rest became known as girlie-men or wussies. Some AR achievements include the invention of group therapy, group hugs, and the concept of soliciting money to help decide how to abolish the meat and beer that conservatives provided.

Over the years Conservatives came to be symbolized by the largest, most powerful land animal on earth; the elephant.

Liberals are symbolized by the jackass.

A few modern liberals like Mexican light beer (with lime added), but most prefer a chilled glass of Sauvignon Blanc, with passion fruit and kiwi aromas which are marked by grassy notes, then rounded out on the mid palate by nutty woody flavors. Crisp and refreshing, with a hint of chalky minerals on the finish; or Pierre bottled water. They eat raw Tofu but dislike beef. Soy burgers, bean sprouts and organic fruit are standard AR fare.

Another interesting evolutionary side note: most of their women have higher testosterone levels than their men. Most social workers, personal injury attorneys, Ivy League professors, dreamers in Hollywood and group therapists are liberals. Liberals invented the designated-hitter rule because it wasn't fair to make the pitcher also bat.

Conservatives drink Sam Adams, Wild Turkey or Russian Vodka. They eat red meat and still provide for their women. Conservatives are hunters, fishermen, rodeo cowboys, lumberjacks, construction workers, firemen, medical doctors, police officers, athletes, Marines, and generally anyone who works productively.

Conservatives who own companies hire other conservatives who want to work for a living.

Liberals produce little or nothing. They like to govern the producers and decide what to do with the production. Liberals believe Europeans are more enlightened than Americans. That is why most of the liberals remained in Europe when conservatives were coming to America. They crept in after the Wild West was tamed and created a business of trying to get more for nothing i.e.; solicitation, cha-ching...ala free money!

Here ends today's lesson in world history: It should be noted that AR's may have a momentary urge to angrily respond to the above. A Conservative will simply laugh and be convinced of the absolute truth of this history. Personally, I don't know whether to laugh or down a shot of Jack Daniels with my big juicy steak.