American Humane Association has an outstanding legacy of service benefiting our nation and the world.

For 134 years, we've been at the forefront of virtually every advance in protecting children, pets and farm animals from cruelty, abuse and neglect. Today we're also leading the way in understanding human-animal interaction and its role in society.

Building humane communities

Ours is a vitally compelling mission combining research, advocacy and direct services to improve conditions for millions of children and animals in all corners of society. Our knowledge and programs reach a vast network of organizations, government agencies and officials, corporations, academic institutions, shelters, and professionals.

We are working to institutionalize the tenets of compassion into America's very fabric, from how we protect and improve the lives of children and animals, to how we strengthen families and communities, to how we are educated and entertained.

American Humane Association stands for American values of compassion, caring and hope — and the people and institutions that sincerely want to support humane causes.

Whether it is in responding to the rise of child neglect or addressing inhumane farming practices, American Humane Association will make a positive difference through innovative collaboration, expansive education, and a passionate commitment to validated science-based standards.

That's what we mean when we say that we are the nation's voice for the protection of children and animals. We are your voice. And, working together, we will achieve our mission by advancing the inextricably connected well-being of people, animals and the world we share.
Human-Animal Interaction

Animal-Assisted Therapy
Highly trained volunteers and their therapy animals provide comfort and encouragement to people in need, including hospital patients, abused children, and homeless veterans suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder.

Animal Behavior Resources Institute
A free online resource of multimedia tools for professionals and pet owners who want to expand their knowledge of animal behavior and training.

Signature Programs
 Adopt-A-Cat Month®
 Adopt-A-Dog Month®
 Be Kind to Animals Week®
 American Humane Association Hero Dog Awards™

Animal Protection and Well-Being

Animal Welfare and Research Institute
Research and dialogue aimed at creating positive, meaningful and measurable impacts on animal welfare services nationally.

Red Star Animal Emergency Services™
The nation’s most-qualified animal disaster response team, including expert staff and 200 trained volunteers.

Second Chance® Fund
Grants to local shelters and rescue groups across the U.S. to help them provide treatment and care for abused and neglected animals.

Farm Animal Program | American Humane Certified
The nation’s largest and fastest-growing humane-farming training, auditing and certification program.

Film & TV Unit | “No Animals Were Harmed”®
The film and television industry’s only officially sanctioned animal monitoring program, placing our Certified Animal Safety Representatives™ on thousands of productions each year to keep animal actors safe.

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