



The Fund for Animals
we speak for those who can't

2009 Annual Report

Mission

The alleviation of fear, prevention of pain and the relief of suffering of animals everywhere and to foster humane conduct toward animals and encourage and support the cooperation among all persons interested in humane activities.

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2009 Financial Information

Revenue

Bequests	\$	4,005,486
Contributions and grants		3,118,439
Investment income		20,409
Other income		280,072
Total Revenue	\$	7,424,406

Expenditures

Animal protection programs	\$	4,165,111
Legislative and litigation activities		117,704
Management and general		290,311
Fundraising		569,634
Total Expenditures	\$	5,142,760

End of year net assets	\$	16,568,141
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Ratios

Program services	83.3%
Management and general	5.6%
Fundraising	11.1%
	100.0%

2009 Program Service Accomplishments

The Fund for Animals educates the public on issues and events affecting animal protection and welfare. The Fund provides professional education for veterinary professionals and students. The Fund operates animal care centers that provide a healthy environment to wounded and/or abused animals, and draws attention to what happens when policy makers make bad choices that lead to poor outcomes for animals.

Attorneys representing The Fund for Animals continued to work on a case aimed at ending the expansion of sport hunting at national wildlife refuges without adequate review of the impacts to target and non-target wildlife, refuge habitats, and non-consumptive users of the refuge system such as wildlife watchers.

In 2009, The Fund for Animals provided care for more than 3,000 animals in its network of animal sanctuaries.



Kitty, a resident chimpanzee at Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, snacks on a carrot. Photo credit and copyright: The Fund for Animals.

Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, which is the flagship sanctuary of The Fund for Animals, cared for 1,380 animals in 2009, providing permanent sanctuary for 1,280, representing 51 different species.

Named after the late Fund for Animals founder, the sanctuary provides refuge for its diverse population on nearly 1,300 sprawling acres in Murchison, Texas. In 2009, the sanctuary took in four horses from the largest equine cruelty seizure in Texas history.

The ranch also took in 84 horses from The Humane Society of the United States-led seizure of horses from “Three Strikes Ranch,” during a cruelty investigation in Alliance, Nebraska. All 21 of the Nebraska stallions were gelded, and all horses were brought back to health and provided with farrier and veterinary care and assessment. In an effort to gentle the horses, and help them to become adoptable companions, Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch, partnering with Grace Foundation of Northern California, leased and operated a second facility for six months, where trainers worked with the animals. Fourteen of the horses were placed in permanent sanctuary at Black Beauty due to either their health, age or behavioral issues that prevented them from being adopted out. The remaining 70 horses found permanent adoptive homes with new families.

As Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch staff worked to help the Nebraska horses find homes, they also began to plan the Doris Day Horse Rescue and Adoption Center, a 23-acre facility within the sanctuary property, which has been designed for the very special new horse adoption program. Thanks to a generous \$250,000 gift from the Doris Day Animal Foundation, the program will use natural horsemanship methods and proven techniques for humane training and rehabilitation of horses. The focus will be on creating a customized formula for the success of each horse with the goal of preparing the horse for placement in a loving home. This attention to the needs of the individual animal will create better outcomes for hundreds of horses who might otherwise have been abandoned, allowed to languish in a lonely paddock, or sold for slaughter.

Education for potential adopters and horse owners will also be a priority at the center. An educational area where a range of programs on equine care, riding and humane horsemanship will be included, playing a critical role in ensuring successful matches between adopters and horses. Construction on the adoption center is expected to be complete in January 2011.

Although horses make up a large population of the sanctuary’s residents, other animals also enjoyed upgrades to their enclosures in 2009: A five-acre pig enclosure was completed, an African tortoise enclosure was remodeled and upgraded, and five primate barns for capuchins, rhesus macaques, brown lemurs, a baboon and pig-tailed macaque were replaced and refurbished. The areas were upgraded with improved heating equipment and resting areas to help accommodate an aging population.

With all of these improvements, the Friends of Cleveland Amory Black Beauty Ranch program was launched to solicit financial support to preserve Cleveland Amory’s vision for the sanctuary.

Six inaugural members raised \$105,000 in donations. The group is deeply committed to the enhancement and sustainability of the sanctuary and the remarkable care the animals receive. Their support and commitment is crucial in ensuring Black Beauty remains an exemplary safe haven.



Hannah P. Motomus, The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center's resident pygmy hippopotamus, dips into the new pool built for her in 2009. Photo credit and copyright: The Fund for Animals

The **Fund for Animals Wildlife Center** in Ramona, California, is part sanctuary and part rehabilitative hospital. When injured wildlife are found throughout Southern California and taken to the center for treatment, they join more than 90 animals who receive day-to-day care and refuge at the high desert facility.

In 2009, Wildlife Center staff cared for 380 animals, rehabilitating 287 and providing permanent resident care to 93. Specializing in predatory mammals, Center staff treat and release a range of patients from coyotes, bobcats and cougars to hawks, owls and eagles. Sanctuary animals include similar species, but also include victims of the exotic pet trade, including Samson, an African lion, and Hannah, a pygmy hippopotamus.

While Center staff makes every effort to rehabilitate every injured animal taken in at the hospital, not every animal can be returned to the wild. Those patients, who have either lost their ability to survive in the wild after human contact, are exotic animals not suitable for native ecosystems, or who have been removed from the wild too young find sanctuary at the Ramona Center until an appropriate placement can be made. Lifelong resident Samson, an African lion, was used as a children's photography prop before being confiscated by the California Department of Fish and Game. Hannah, a pygmy hippo, was confiscated by the state agency after she was found in a doctor's back yard with little shade and inadequate area for swimming.

The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center staff takes the varying needs of each of their resident animals to heart. In 2009, using a generous donation and recognizing that Hannah, the pygmy hippo, would benefit from a deeper pool, staff had a new habitat built for her: A 13,000-square foot enclosure—complete with a mud pond, shade trees and a 25-foot long, 3 ½-foot deep pool.

A loner by nature, the nocturnal pygmy hippo now spends the majority of her time in her new pool, and staffers enjoy watching Hannah twirl in the water like a synchronized swimmer.

On the other side of the nearly 14-acre facility, another new enclosure was built in 2009 to house a colony of feral cats rescued by The Humane Society of the United States from San Nicolas Island. The 63 feral cats would otherwise have been euthanized on San Nicolas Island — the outermost of the Channel Islands of California—but were given sanctuary at the facility in November. This happy ending for the cats is the result of close cooperation between The HSUS, The Fund for Animals Wildlife Center, multiple state and federal agencies and corporate sponsors.

The island, which is owned by the U.S. government, and has been used as a missile telemetry site for the U.S. Navy since the 1950s, was hosting a growing colony of unsterilized cats. Federal and state agencies joined the U.S. Navy to remove the feral cats from San Nicolas Island to improve the nesting success for seabirds who rely on its habitat. Removal of the cats also benefits other native species on San Nicolas, including the unique San Nicolas Island fox and the federally-threatened island night lizard. All of the cats would have been euthanized had it not been for The HSUS and The Fund for Animals, which stepped in to provide them with a permanent home. The new, natural outdoor habitat at the Wildlife Care Center was constructed thanks to the financial support of DoGreatGood.com.



Orphaned raccoons spent several months in recovery at the Cape Wildlife Center in a spacious enclosure designed just for raccoons. Photo credit and copyright: The Fund for Animals.

The **Cape Wildlife Center** in Barnstable, Massachusetts, has provided year-round care for Cape Cod's unique wildlife community for the past 15 years. Birds top the list of Cape Wildlife Center patients, as the center is located along an important migratory route, but staffers can treat as many as 135 different species in any given year.

In 2009, the Cape Wildlife Center cared for 1,700 ailing, sick or orphaned animals at its 4.5 acre campus in the Cape Cod town of Barnstable. Its patients come from woodland and marine ecosystems on Cape Cod and range from songbirds to seabirds, Eastern and North American Cottontail rabbits, raccoons, opossums, fox, coyotes, and many other species.

The team of veterinarians, licensed wildlife rehabilitators, volunteers and student externs are well-known on Cape Cod for their lifesaving work with injured, sick or orphaned animals, and also offers renowned education, research and wildlife advocacy programs.

In 2009, the Cape Wildlife Center forged tighter bonds in the community with its neighbor, the Massachusetts Audubon Society's Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary, expanding its reach in the community with unique programs to educate locals about their wild neighbors. Cape Wildlife Center staff present joint lectures and education programs for school groups and community members to share their mission to care for wildlife, advocate for them, and help resolve conflicts between human communities and wildlife. Many of the lectures presented in 2009 incorporated the release of avian species back to the wild. Mass Audubon's Long Pasture Wildlife Sanctuary's 100-acre property makes a great setting for these releases.

The Cape Wildlife Center also continued its successful summer internship program for college and veterinary students interested in a career in veterinary medicine.

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