



FBI to Report Animal Cruelty Statistics

The FBI has announced that its Uniform Crimes Report (UCR) will add animal cruelty statistics to its National Incident Based Reporting System, which is often used by law enforcement jurisdictions to track changes in crime statistics and assign officers accordingly.

In a written statement, Stephen G. Fischer, Jr., chief of multimedia productions for the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services division, said that proposals from the National Sheriff's Association and the Animal Welfare Institute petitioned the UCR program to include animal cruelty statistics. Animal cruelty will be added as a Group A offense and a crime against society, Fischer's statement said.

The type of criminal activity/gang information will be expanded to include data on simple or gross neglect, intentional abuse and torture, organized abuse (including dog and cock fighting), and animal sexual abuse, Fischer's statement said.

The statement said animal cruelty will be defined as “intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly taking an action that mistreats or kills any animal without just cause, such as torturing, mutilation, maiming, poisoning, or abandonment. Included are instances of duty to provide care (e.g. shelter, food, and water), care if sick or injured, (or) transporting or confining an animal in a manner likely to cause unnecessary pain or suffering.”

“This definition does not include proper maintenance of animals for show or sport, use of animals for food, (or) unlawful hunting fishing or trapping,” the statement said. *Source: The Horse.com* <http://tinyurl.com/m6okth4>

Animal Control Officers Conference

August 28, 2014. Last week, the Southeastern Animal Control Association held its training conference in Newnan, and more than 70 attendees visited from six different states. The conference was organized by Newnan Animal Control Officer Cyndi Hoffman and was held at the Newnan Centre on Aug. 6, 7 and 8. According to Hoffman, a total of 72 men and women from animal control departments in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee attended the conference.

During the first two days, attendees took two four-hour training classes taught by Jeff Clemens with Animal Control Training Services. These classes covered protective training on safe animal handling, capturing and restraining equipment; tactical and interpersonal communication training; safe handling of aggressive and dangerous dogs; and animal control laws and enforcement training on evidence law and collection.

Attendees also had the opportunity to learn about snakes and birds of prey from two animal experts. They were shown the proper way to safely identify, handle and capture the snake and how to identify and safely handle injured birds. *Source: Times-Herald.com* <http://tinyurl.com/mp6m636>

APHIS Pet Sellers Rule Lawsuit Update

Our Day in Court is Near

A message from Frank Losey, Co-counsel for Associate Dog Clubs of New York State (ADCNYS) and other Plaintiffs

On the morning of October 9, 2014, a Federal Judge will hear our Oral Argument in support of why we believe the USDA failed to comply with the existing laws and regulations when it published the Retail Pet Store Rule ("Rule") in November 2013. After we present our Oral Argument, the Department of Justice (DOJ) Attorney, who is representing the USDA, and the attorney who is representing the Humane Society of the U.S. (HSUS), will also be afforded the opportunity to present their respective Oral Arguments in support of the "Rule."

Over nine months ago the "naysayers" in the breeder community made a concerted effort to discourage support of the Lawsuit and said that we would not have "legal standing," and that even if we were granted "legal standing," our efforts would fail because the Courts never overturn Federal Regulations. But last April the Federal Judge, over the objections of the DOJ and the HSUS, ruled that we had "legal standing." Then in June the U.S. Supreme Court overturned a Regulation that was issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which shows that Courts sometimes overturn Federal Regulations. There is, of course, no absolute certainty that we will prevail in our Lawsuit. However, it is encouraging that the Supreme Court's legal rationale in the EPA case mirrored the arguments that we made in our last submission to the Court.

To those who selflessly supported our Lawsuit with financial contributions, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation. Without that support we never would have had the opportunity to have our "Day in Court" on October 9, 2014.

However, as a result of the intervention of the HSUS into our Lawsuit, we experienced increased legal fees - - this is a tactic often employed by the HSUS to frustrate those who challenge them. Consequently, we must ask for renewed donations to support the Lawsuit so that we may complete the "Journey" that we began in December 2013. Your continued financial support will allow us to complete the journey.

Again, we wish to express our heartfelt appreciation for the support that has allowed us to do our best to protect the interests of all responsible and caring breeders throughout the U.S. We sincerely hope that our supporters can see the forest for the trees and contribute one more time, to carry us through to completion of this monumental task.

Learn more at Keep Our Domestic Animals web site <http://www.keepourdomesticanimals.com/>

Accusations of Animal Abuse against Poppa Johns, Dominos Supplier

September 18, 2014. Mercy for Animals (MFA) released an undercover video showing animal abuse at Winchester Dairy, which provides milk to Leprino Foods. Leprino Foods is a cheese supplier for Papa John's, Domino's Pizza and Pizza Hut. MFA is urging the pizza chains to implement animal welfare standards after the video, which showed workers kicking, stabbing and punching cows. New Mexico-based Winchester Dairy supplies milk to Denver-based Leprino Foods, which according to a news release is the world's largest maker of mozzarella cheese. *Source: PizzaMarketplace.com*

PETA Announces “Aquatic Angel” Drones

According to a recent press release from the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA), anglers will now find themselves being stalked by anti-hunters thanks to PETA’s new “Aquatic Angel” drones.

The “Aquatic Angel” is the newest tool from the anti-hunting group, following the release of their “Air Angel” drones released in the spring of 2013 to stalk hunters in the field.

Described as a “submersible technology,” PETA plans to use the drones to stalk fishermen and “combat anglers who fish in restricted areas, catch protected species, and or chum for sharks illegally.” According to PETA, the group is currently recruiting members and supporters to field-test the new drones in all bodies of water.

PETA plans to use the new drones on National Hunting and Fishing Day this Saturday, or what they are referring to as “Fish Amnesty Day.” The release boasts a “beware to hunters and anglers: PETA could be watching.”

“The announcement of these drones comes as no surprise as PETA will stop at nothing to gain headlines,” said Nick Pinizzotto, USSA president and CEO. “The anti-hunting community continues to harass, threaten, and interfere with hunters across the country, which only further distances them from what mainstream America considers rational.”

The hunting community has seen an increase in backlash from anti-hunters in recent years thanks in part to new technology such as drones and social media. Hunters are now finding themselves the victims of cyber-bullying and are seeing an increase in interferences while hunting and fishing.

Recognizing these problems, USSA joined forces with sportsmen, conservation organizations and outdoor personalities to initiate the Hunter Advancement Task Force to combat the growing threat to our outdoor heritage.

“The Hunter Advancement Task Force has been established to help stop these senseless attacks made against sportsmen,” explained Pinizzotto. “Using drones to interfere with hunting and fishing is a form of harassment and we will continue working to protect sportsmen across the nation from these threats.” *Source: U.S. Sportsmen’s Alliance*

Florida to PETA: Possums not protected by law

September 19, 2014. An investigation into claims by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) that Wausau's annual Fun Day and Possum Festival violates state law isn't readily forthcoming.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is expected to respond to PETA's demands for an investigation into the 45-year old event by saying the event doesn't violate any statutes.

PETA called Fun Day "an annual event in which terrified opossums are captured, auctioned, and shaken by their tails" and alleged the practice of shaking a possum by its tail can result in permanent injuries. Meanwhile, there is nothing prohibiting the practices of the Wausau Fun Day in Florida Statute, as possums are considered a "nuisance animal" and are therefore not protected by law.

Source: ChipleyPaper.com <http://tinyurl.com/q3clzby>

NC Horse Council at the Fair

The North Carolina Horse Council invites you to join us for this very special Year of the Horse Celebration. Multiple vendors and children's activities will also be on site for fairgoers to enjoy!

Date	Breed Showing
Wednesday, October 1 - Sunday, October 5	Hunters & Jumpers
Thursday, October 16 & Friday, October 17	Draft Horses
Friday, October 17	Walking Horses & Spotted Saddle Horses
Saturday, October 18	Youth Day
	Walking Horses & Spotted Saddle Horses
Sunday, October 19	Youth Day
	Cowboy Mounted Shooting
Monday, October 20	Cowboy Mounted Shooting
Monday, October 20 - Wednesday, October 22	N.C. Horse Council "Year of the Horse" Activities
Thursday, October 23 - Saturday, October 25	Saddlebreds, Hackneys, Roadsters & Morgans
Sunday, October 26	Mules, Donkeys & Miniature Donkeys

Activities

- Five Minute Lessons will be offered by multiple riding instructors from across the state. Every fairgoer will be given the opportunity to sign-up and participate in a "real" horseback riding lesson.
- Parade of Breeds: Lead by Mounted Shrine Patrol, Mounted Police and Caisson Unit. Come see and hear about the many different breeds of horses. From the majestic Arabian Horse in Native Costume to the versatile Paso Fino, Quarter Horse, Saddlebred, Standardbred, Palomino, Paint Horse, Appaloosa, Mules, Draft and Mini!
- Rhythm of the Boards: Fairgoers will learn what it means when the Paso Fino Horse dances across the wooden boards. Come listen to delightful rhythms and watch the colorful riders take their horses through their paces.
- Headline Show: Guy McLean from Queensland Australia will be performing with his Australian stock horses. Guy is a multiple winner of the Road to the Horse Competition.
- Arabian Native Costume and Sidesaddle: Perhaps the two most exciting styles of riding the Arabian horse.
- Musical freestyle as seen in the Olympics; Carolina Trick Riders and Bill Minchew; Equestrian Vaulting and more . . .

NC State Fair Attractions: <http://www.ncstatefair.org/2014/Attractions/index.htm>

NC Wildlife Commission at the Fair

The Wildlife Commission's exhibit at the State Fair in Raleigh, Oct. 16-26, will highlight the many outdoor opportunities the agency offers — from hunting and fishing to boating and wildlife watching. The always-popular air rifle range will provide visitors with an opportunity to test their shooting skills. New this year are displays celebrating North Carolina wildlife. A tundra swan exhibit showcases the seasonal abundance of swans in the coastal region, and an elk display, complete with a full-body mount of a bull elk, highlights the growing elk herd in WNC.



Visitors can pick up a free button, as well as a copy of Wildlife in North Carolina magazine. Free ball caps are available with subscription purchase. Visitors also can purchase this year's wildlife T-shirt, which features a tundra swan.

Winn Funds New Research Awards

With the generous support of a \$100,000 donation from Zoetis, Winn is pleased to announce three special research grants designed to investigate significant feline health issues. Winn thanks Zoetis for their important support to improve feline health and enhance the relationship between cats and humans.

One focus is the need for safe and effective pain relief for degenerative joint disease, particularly in cats with chronic kidney disease where current analgesics are considered to be associated with toxicity risk. This study may lead to a test to measure chronic pain associated with these specific groups of cats. Principal investigator is Duncan Lascelles, BVSc, PhD, MRCVS, DSAS(ST), DECVS, DACVS, of North Carolina State University.

Two grants seek to aid early diagnosis.....

Chronic kidney disease or hypertension and proteinuria associated with the disease may be more easily managed if biomarker levels could be identified earlier. This grant hopes to probe such changes in biomarker levels that would verify these early indicators. Principal investigators are Paola Scarpa, DVM, PhD; Saverio Paitinieri, DVM, PhD, Dipl ECVCP, of the Dept. of Veterinary Sciences and Public Health, Milan, Italy.

The final study has as its goal development of a blood test biomarker for osteoarthritis. Early diagnosis equals earlier treatment that could lead to the biomarker's use as a gauge of the effectiveness of treatment. The principal investigators of this grant are Drs. Thierry Beths, Jennifer Carter, and Sebastien Bauquier, all of the University of Melbourne, Australia.

Read more about WINN funded studies <http://tinyurl.com/pbntkyd>

A must read from SAOVA!

SPECIAL REPORT: HSUS TAKING ACTION FOR ANIMALS 2014

We may be used to the HSUS animal rights rhetoric and vegan agenda; however the really disturbing part of their new plan is the HSUS District Leader Program now in place. This program is designed to engage people in all 435 Congressional Districts and have those District Leaders lead political efforts to advance federal legislation by concentrating on influencing members of Congress. HSUS also plans to include within this framework County Leaders in all 3,100 counties across the U.S.

Learn more. Visit: <http://saovanews.blogspot.com/>

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