



**Meeting Wednesday March 25, 2009
at Gander Mountain in Germantown. 6:30 PM Board
meeting, 7:00 PM General Membership meeting.**

Welcome to the March 2009 edition of the DFOW Newsletter.

The legislature started January 5th and it didn't take long for legislators to start introducing legislation.

Currently, dog wise, there are a couple bills being talked about. One will be introduced soon from Senator Darling in the form of a breeder regulation bill. We will be posting our concerns with this particular bill shortly. Go to www.dfow.org for the text of Senator Darling's bill. The second, also a breeder regulation bill is still in the drafting stages.

This is also just a reminder to please mark your calendars for May 13th, 2009. Join DFOW in Madison for our Legislative Day. It is only 2 short months away. The time will be from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We need to know how many will be in attendance. Please email Madison @ DFOW. org (please remove the spaces) and let us know how many will be attending as well as a phone number to contact. The legislature will be in session on this date and we look forward to visiting with our representatives and senators at the capitol. It will be an educational day for all.

Our border state of Illinois is currently being targeted by HSUS and their associated groups. The legislation being introduced there has the potential to jump the border. The bills introduced have run the gamut from breeder regulation, anti-tethering, mandatory spay/neuter and banning the docking and/or cropping of dogs. Dog enthusiasts need to stay alert and help contact their legislators should these bills jump the fence here in Wisconsin.

A couple of animal related bills are making the rounds for co-sponsorship. One is the banning of horses from slaughterhouses in Wisconsin Identified as LRB-1790/1. First, let me say that from what has been discovered so far, Wisconsin doesn't slaughter horses that we know of. Second, even if Wisconsin did it should continue to prevent horses from being transported to Mexico or any other country where standards for slaughter are not regulated. Third, if Wisconsin currently doesn't slaughter horses, then why is this bill even being introduced to ban it? Stay tuned for this very confusing piece of legislation.

Legislation for the reimbursement for damages caused by dogs and the use of funds derived from the licensing of dogs (LRB-1936). The old bill number AB446 is from the 2007-2008 Legislative session. This bill was passed in the Assembly but died in the Agriculture committee in the Senate when no action was taken prior to the session ending in 2008.

The legislation is being resurrected under LRB-1936 (once introduced it

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will be given a bill #). This will provide that the owner of a farm animal, dog, or cat that is injured or killed by another person's dog may make the claim for damage within five business days after learning of the incident, rather than three days (currently). The bill requires that the county set aside 25% of the dog license fees into a separate fund for damages caused by dogs, except that on March 1 any funds remaining from dog licenses for the previous license year may be returned to the dog license fund and used for the other purposes allowable under current law.

As you can see it is only March and the bills are flying. Stay tuned for alerts as they come up.

Our next general meeting will be held on March 25th, please plan on attending.

Joy Brand
President

Local Community Legislative News

New Berlin: NEW BERLIN SAFETY COMMISSION AGENDA

Wednesday March 11th, 2009 6:30 pm

New Berlin Public Safety Building

16300 W. National Ave.

Last month's meeting did not have a quorum, so no business was done. Link to this month's agenda:

<http://www.newberlin.org/display/displayFile.asp?docid=931&filename=/scag090311.pdf>

There is one official who is insisting that something be done regarding vicious dogs, however we understand that New Berlin has tentatively decided that they would not use BSL language.

What DFOW can do for your club and members:

Provide a speaker to address your club to explain the animal rights agenda and how it effects all pet owners.

Provide materials that could be used to educate politicians.

Provide support, testimony and materials to help in local community matters.

Arrange seminars on how to correctly deal with public officials.

Provide details on how to make your community "pet friendly".

Another opinion on HSUS from an agricultural group. Remember, it's not only dog owners that are being affected by the HSUS propaganda, it is EVERY ANIMAL CONCERN IN THE NATION!

HSUS Moves to Illinois and Ohio 02/19/09

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http://www.fb.org/blog/index.php/2009/02/19/hsus_moves_to_illinois_and_ohio

03:32:30 pm, by Chris Chinn

Categories: [Young Farmers and Ranchers](#)

HSUS Moves to Illinois and Ohio

HSUS is moving to Illinois and Ohio with their legislation and ballot initiatives which would ban egg laying hen cages, sow stalls and veal stalls. HSUS claims these methods of production are not humane. I respectfully disagree.

Humane farm animal care is an issue all farmers should be talking about. In fact, we should own the issue. Whenever the issue is addressed by someone without the knowledge of modern agriculture and the ethics of animal care that guide modern farmers, we first must listen to the concerns, and not just blow them off.

But after, hearing, we must respond by sharing our PERSONAL STORIES ABOUT OUR CARE OF FARM ANIMALS and why we use modern animal production methods.

As a farmer, my top priority is the care I give my animal. I know a healthy animal produces healthy food. My kids and I eat the same food I raise for consumers; I wouldn't feed my family anything that wasn't safe. Farmers use these methods of production to PROTECT their animals from each other, predators, disease and the elements of the weather.

As a hog farmer, I know my hogs can not sweat, which means the hog doesn't like physical activity because the hog can't cool their body down. Because of this, my hogs lay down and rest, they only get up to eat or drink. Hogs also do not have necks, they don't like going someplace if they can't see where they are going, thus, they do not like turning around. Hogs prefer moving forward, that is why my barn is designed to meet this need and we have no sharp turns or angles which would cause stress for our hogs during movement. Our stalls create a stress free environment where the sow can lay down, eat or drink without fighting for food or water or being stepped on by another sow. Our stalls provide PROTECTION for our sows.

I know on my farm I am providing the best care for my animals and they are content and comfortable. I can tell this by their body language, as can every farmer who raises livestock.

Farmers and ranchers have a great story to tell, please go out and share your story with others. And if you don't raise livestock, you can still tell our story, talk about your neighbor who raises livestock and the humane care and respect they give their animals.

Farmers and ranchers provide the best care for their animals based off years of experience, sound science and responsibility to provide healthy food for our families, and yours.

If your club would like to help dog owners at one of your events, we would provide you with master copies of DFOW literature, but they would have to pay for the cost of reproduction. Local clubs would also be responsible for the booth fee (if applicable) and supplying the volunteers to man the booth. Having a legislative booth may meet one of the AKC requirements that specialty clubs must meet in order to hold events.

Other ways that local clubs can help DFOW:

- ⇒ One large raffle item (or even an entire raffle) at an event with the proceeds going to DFOW.
 - ⇒ X amount of entry fees designated for DFOW.
- ⇒ Run through or match events with all or a portion of the fees going to DFOW.

Revised version: HSUS publishes 2007 tax return

(NOTE: A previous and unfinished version of this commentary was mistakenly emailed out on Feb. 13 under the subject line "HSUS publishes 2007 tax return". We apologize for this error, and ask that you replace it with the following version.)

FUR COMMISSION USA COMMENTARY, FEBRUARY 16, 2009

HSUS's 990s: Assets and Members Go MIA

<http://www.furcommission.com/resource/perspect999cl.htm>

The Humane Society of the United States has posted its 2007 IRS Form 990 online. (1) You'll want to study it.

Keep in mind that this is just HSUS we're talking about. This paperwork doesn't include the 13 other corporations it controls (stmt 19, p71). Those subsidiaries pay millions of dollars in expenses and millions more to fundraisers every year (even though HSUS has traditionally carried most of them financially). Perhaps one day the IRS will require consolidated financial statements of all these affiliates/subsidiaries. Without it even Enron-style bookkeeping is hard to track. (2)

The Gross

HSUS declared \$101 million in total revenue (p1, line 12) of which \$85 million was from direct public support (p1, line 1b), down from \$91 million in 2006.

Out of this \$85 million in funds from the public in 2007, over 11%, almost \$10 million, came from just four donors (p18).

HSUS reported zero security trades in 2006 but accounting standards now require this info to be included on the 990s. (3) In 2007, while everyone else lost money, HSUS racked up an impressive \$5.6 million profit on its trades on about \$55 million in securities (stmt 2, p20).

HSUS, which constantly promotes oil-based synthetic clothing over natural fibers, is in the oil business. It earned \$676,499 on an oil and gas lease (p1, line 7).

HSUS closed 2007 with over \$200 million in net assets, even after a downward adjustment of \$31 million (p1, line 20). Of this amount, \$5.4 million reflects an adjustment to recognize long-term retirement liabilities per new accounting regulations. (3) Another \$25.8 million dropped off the balance sheet as an "adjustment to reflect changes in reporting entity and transfers" (stmt 4, p21). We're unclear on what that is.

Hands-On Animal Care and Better Documentation

The good news revealed by this 990 is that some of HSUS's money is actually going to help animals, which is a nice shift. After HSUS declared it had raised over \$30 million for relief for homeless animals following Hurricane Katrina, the Louisiana Attorney General took note. HSUS was forced to actually spend some of its money on hands-on animal care in Louisiana and Mississippi. You can see it in some of its 2007 outgoing grants. The bad news? It's still a tiny fraction of what HSUS declares was raised on that disaster.

Another step forward is that after at least a decade of HSUS using Share Group, Inc. as its telemarketing firm, HSUS is finally listing Share among its top 5 contractors receiving over \$50,000 (p10). Share, HSUS reports, received \$1.7 million in fees in 2007.

The Los Angeles Times, among others, has commented on the fact that each time HSUS uses Share, this telemarketer keeps 97% of the funds. (4) If that ratio applied to the funds Share helped raise relating to Katrina alone, Share's take would be over \$29 million on that one campaign.

Members Go Poof!

HSUS regularly claims it has 10 million members and constituents, but HSUS's 2007 tax filings show membership that is nowhere near the millions (stmt 9, p62):

"Membership services handles tens of thousands of public and member/donor communications annually."

This volume is far too low for any group with 10 million members, reflecting the activity generated by just a few hundred thousand members.

Page 62 confirms this:

"Publications produces hundreds of items each year, including a quarterly [sic] magazine sent every other month to 420,000 members."

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HSUS has 420,000 members, just 4.2% of what is commonly reported or 0.14% of the US population.

And, while HSUS's income may have risen from \$21 million in 1991 to \$100 million in 2007, its voting membership has actually declined.

In 1991, HSUS President/CEO John Hoyt gleefully stated,

"I am happy to report that during this past year our voting membership has increased from 397,385 to 458,378 persons." (5)

So, even with all those mergers and takeovers, HSUS has actually lost 38,378 members since 1991.

This could be part of a long-term plan to change HSUS voting members to simply a customer base for consumption of vegan propaganda, similar to how PeTA has structured itself. Number of actual PeTA members? Three.

No members, no accountability.

Same Old, Same Old

One thing that hasn't changed since 1991 is that a large percentage of HSUS members and customers are people who mistakenly believe they're supporting their local humane shelter when they mail HSUS a check.

And many HSUS members and customers are people engaged in animal ag and wildlife pursuits who reluctantly join HSUS simply to monitor what the loyal opposition is up to.

420,000 members is hardly a mandate to impose a vegan lifestyle on the world's omnivores.

And if any of those actual voting members has ever received an invite to an annual membership meeting, as required by HSUS's own bylaws and state and federal law, we'd like to hear from you. We have yet to find one.

Notes:

(1) http://www.hsus.org/about_us/annual_reports_financial/annual_reports_financial_statements.html

(2) See FCUSA recommendations to the IRS, Oct. 4, 2005, at <http://www.furcommission.com/resource/Resources/FCUSAtoIRS.pdf>

(3) See "Implementing FAS 158 for year-end financial reporting," by J.P. Morgan, Jan 18, 2007. http://www.jpmorgan.com/cm/cs?pagename=JPM_redesign/JPM_Content_C/Generic_Detail_Page_Template&cid=1159307591298&c=JPM_Content_C

(4) See "HSUS calling? Hang up." Center for Consumer Freedom commentary, July 7, 2008. http://www.consumerfreedom.com/news_detail.cfm/headline/3675

(5) "Report of the President 1991," p3. Presented by John A. Hoyt, HSUS annual membership meeting, Oct. 12, 1991.

See also:

FCUSA press kit special feature: Regulating the conflict industry. <http://www.furcommission.com/resource/pressConflict.htm>

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Another excellent article can be found at:

California Responsible Pet Owners' Coalition

Do you know the goal of The Humane Society of the United States?

<http://www.carpoc.org/education.html>

Dog Federation of Wisconsin Membership Renewal for 2009

Please note that **club members must now name 2 delegates** that have regular email access. These delegates will be responsible for ensuring that your club members are notified when a legislative matter arises that needs an immediate response.

Individual Voting Membership \$25.00		Individual Non-Voting Membership \$15.00	
Club or Organization Memberships:			
25 and fewer members 2 votes \$40.00	26-50 members 2 votes \$50.00	51-99 members 2 votes \$75.00	100 or more members 2 votes \$100.00

Type I – DELEGATE MEMBER. Open to all Kennel Clubs, Specialty Clubs, Obedience Clubs, Humane Societies and independent dog fancier organizations, which support the objectives of the Federation. Delegates of the above organizations shall be ascertained on each January 1st.

Type II – INDIVIDUAL MEMBER. Open to all individuals who support the objectives of the Federation.

Types I and II memberships will be voting memberships.

Type III – ASSOCIATE MEMBER. Non-voting membership open to all individuals who support the objectives of the Federation

Type IV – BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP MEMBER. Open to all professional or commercial organizations who wish to support the Federation objectives. This is a non-voting membership. There are two sponsorship fee schedules. For \$100.00 per year your business will be listed as a supporter of DFOW on the official DFOW website. For \$250.00 per year there will be a link on the official DFOW website to your company. The Business Sponsorship is subject to DFOW board approval.

Organization Member Information	Individual (or Delegate #1) Information
Organization Name - Contact Person	Name
Address	Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email
Number of Club Members	*Talents you could offer to DFOW:
Delegate 2 Name:	Alternate Delegate Name:
Address	Address
City State Zip	City State Zip
Telephone	Telephone
Email	Email
*Talents you could offer to DFOW:	*Talents you could offer to DFOW:

*Talents include writing ability, insurance or legal knowledge, lobbyist experience, research capabilities, fund raising experience, or any other talent that would be beneficial in helping DFOW preserve your right to own animals.

Please send this form, along with membership renewal check made out to DFOW by January 1, 2009 to **Wendy Biewer, DFOW Treasurer, W825 Froelich Road, Sullivan, WI 53178**



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We own dogs and we vote!

DFOW 2009 Legislation Day in Madison
Wednesday May 13, 2009

Location: Best Western Inn on the Park Hotel, 22 S Carroll St., Madison, WI 608-257-8811
 (across from the capitol) — room will be announced when directions are sent
Valet Parking at the hotel—\$1.00 per hour (don't risk parking tickets), please car pool.

Day's Schedule:

9:30 AM	Registration, coffee and rolls.
10:00 AM	Welcome and introductions—Ms. Joy Brand Review schedule and logistics for the day Distribute legislative issue packets
10:30 AM	Special guests State Representative Don Friske (R-Merrill), State Representative Mark Radcliffe (D-Black River Falls), and former assembly candidate Randy Melchert.
*Luncheon Speaker	Ms. Kim Brown Pokorny, Executive Director Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association
1:30 PM	Depart for State Capitol—distribute 132 informational packets
1:35 PM	Photo session—State Capitol Rotunda
1:45-3:00 PM	Visit Legislative Offices
3:00 PM	Depart Capitol and return to the Hotel
3:15-3:45 PM	Wrap up session
3:45 PM	Thank you and adjourn

**Lunch will be provided by DFOW, but we will be asking for donations to help subsidize the cost.*

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• Please email Madison @ dfow . org (remove the spaces) if you are willing to devote a day to helping us
 • create a good working relationship with our elected officials. We need the reservation form below filled out in
 • detail. If you prefer, you may mail the registration form to the DFOW street address shown above.

• Names of people attending (so that we can make up name tags) : _____

• If you are representing a club, please list the name of the club and the area of WI that you are from:

• Contact Information for person submitting the reservation: Name: _____
 Email: _____ Telephone: _____

• It is important that we have a large contingent attend. After you have reserved your spot we will email you
 • information regarding directions and parking facilities. Please send reservations in by April 30, 2009.

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