

HSVMA-RAVS -- PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association Rural Area Veterinary Services program (HSVMA-RAVS), established in 1995, is a non-profit veterinary service-learning program. Our programs combine high quality direct care veterinary field clinics with clinical training for future veterinary professionals to improve the health and welfare of animals in impoverished rural communities throughout the world.

Each year, RAVS brings high quality preventative health care and spay/neuter services to more approximately 8,000 animals in remote communities throughout the United States and around the world. In 2015, the program provided over 1.5 million dollars in critical veterinary services, all at no cost to the communities or families we serve.

Our U.S. based teams work primarily on Native American reservations throughout the western United States. In these remote communities burdened by long-standing economic depression and geographic isolation, access to veterinary care is often limited or non-existent. With no local veterinary or animal care services, families in these communities struggle to provide even the most basic care for their companion animals. Animal health concerns rarely seen in more urban and affluent communities are shockingly common in the locations in which we work. Infectious diseases such as parvovirus and canine distemper cause suffering and death for many young animals. Heavy parasite loads and parasite-borne infections like ehrlichiosis and heartworm disease are exceedingly common in all of the communities we serve.

Services provided by the HSVMA-RAVS teams address the most critical animal health and welfare issues in each community and allow those in desperate need to provide essential care for the companion animals who are part of their families and communities. In most cases, our clinics have made the difference between high quality veterinary care and no care at all. Often the difference is life and death.

Internationally, RAVS teams provide veterinary services to equids in remote communities in Nicaragua, Guatemala and Peru where working equids are integral to daily life for work and transportation. Our veterinary teams provide essential care for thousands of horses, burros and mules each year and train dozens of local veterinarians and caretakers in basic health and husbandry. These intensive training programs raise the skill level of local veterinarians and create sustainable improvements in animal care that will continue to grow long after we have gone.

In the past 20 years, HSVMA-RAVS has worked on more than 40 reservations throughout the United States. International expeditions have included teams working all over the world including Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, the Pacific islands of Kosrae, Pohnpei, Palau, and Guam, the Dominican Republic, Bimini, Mexico, Romania, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Bolivia, Peru, Chile, El Salvador and Paraguay.

HSVMA-RAVS field programs are volunteer-dependent. Clinics are staffed by experienced veterinary field staff and a large corps of volunteer professionals. These volunteers pay all of their own travel expenses to participate - often taking their limited vacation or holidays to donate their time and expertise. The experience is far from a vacation. Volunteers work long hours in often less than ideal conditions. Lodging usually consists of a sleeping bag on a gym floor and luxuries like running water are not always available. It can be extremely challenging work, but the reward of helping so many animals and people in need cannot be measured and draws dedicated return volunteers year after year.

In addition to providing direct care to animals in desperate need, our volunteer and veterinary student teaching programs serve as a bridge between the veterinary profession and animal protection efforts. For some, their experience with the HSVMA-RAVS program results in a dramatic shift in their approach to medicine and helps to shape a career focused on animal welfare, community service, and education. It is our hope that HSVMA-RAVS alumni will acquire and maintain a deep sense of responsibility to provide exceptional care in a conscious and compassionate manner for the animals of families in all economic strata. As our student alumni graduate and move in to practice, this experience will serve to raise the quality of life and extension of compassionate veterinary care to animals in communities everywhere.

HSVMA-RAVS PROGRAM OVERVIEW 2015

January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

GENERAL TRIP STATS				
		U.S.	INTL	TOTAL
# Trips		19	3	22
# Rezcocs		10	3	13
# Communities		20	n/a	n/a

ANIMALS TREATED BY PROGRAM AREA				
		U.S.	INTL	TOTAL
Treatments Administered		35,997	8,113	44,110
Animals Treated – Surgery		1,736	638	2,374
Animals Treated – Med/Well		4,239	1,288	5,527
Total – Animals Treated		5,975	1,926	7,901

VALUE OF SERVICES -- ALL PROGRAM AREAS		
	Small Animal	Equine/Other
Surgery	\$328,015	\$121,825
Medicine/Wellness	\$788,499	\$326,810
Total - Value	\$1,565,149	

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEERS BY TYPE				Field Hours Contributed
	US/Canadian	Foreign	TOTAL	
Veterinary Student	234	8	242	27,174
Tech Student	1	0	1	84
Technician / Assist	36	0	36	3,122
Veterinarian	53	10	63	5,418
Other	35	0	35	3,150
Total - Volunteers	359	18	377	38,948

VOLUNTEER/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES			
	US/Canadian	Foreign	TOTAL
Veterinary Student	334	8	342
Tech Student	1	0	1
Technician / Assist	53	0	53
Veterinarian	81	10	91
Other	46	0	46
Total - Opportunities	515	18	533

VETERINARY SCHOOLS REPRESENTED BY STUDENT VOLUNTEERS							
Cornell	30	NCSU	2	UFL	1	VMR	1
CSU	14	ORE	3	UGA	6	WEST	6
KSU	8	OSU	4	UIUC	7	Wisc	23
LMU	1	PUR	6	UMN	4	WSU	19
Miss	2	TUFTS	5	UPenn	13	OTHER*	27
MSU	10	UCD	23	UTK	5	INTL**	8
MWU	8	*Other: Canada (3 schools), UK, Caribbean **Intl: Student participants in RAVS International training courses					



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CLINIC SCHEDULE

2016 EXPECTED U.S. CLINIC APPLICATION SCHEDULE

November 25, 2015: Clinic Schedule for 2016 posted
 November 30, 2015: Applications accepted for previous RAVS student volunteers ONLY
 December 3, 2015: Applications accepted for new veterinary student volunteers
 December 15, 2015: Deadline for student applications.

Professional/Non-Student volunteers welcome to apply at any time!

----- IMPORTANT INFORMATION -----

Before applying, be sure to read the entire **Volunteer Information** section of this site and review the Trip Details page for each trip you are applying for.

For registration information and application see the **Volunteer Application** page.

Trip Dates: The posted start date for all trips is the day that volunteers must be on site. The end date is the day that volunteers can leave for home. Volunteers are expected to participate for the entire duration of the trip.

Trips listed as "FULL" cannot accommodate any additional veterinary student applicants. If you are a student, **do not** select these trips or your application will be disregarded.

The FULL designation pertains to veterinary students only. Professional volunteers are encouraged to apply for all trips-even those listed as FULL. Applications for veterinarians, technicians and other experienced non-student volunteers are accepted at any time. Updated notes will be posted in the Trip Details section when a clinic is fully staffed for professional volunteers as well.

If selecting more than one trip, you MUST indicate on your application (on the trip selection page) if you are available for all of the selected trips or just one.

U.S. Trips

Date	Location	Species	Status
03/06/16 - 03/12/16	-- San Carlos, AZ -- View Details	small animal	OPEN
03/13/16 - 03/20/16	-- White Mountain, AZ -- View Details	small animal	OPEN
05/08/16 - 05/13/16 05/14/16 - 05/20/16	-- Quinault, WA -- View Details -- Colville, WA -- View Details	small animal	FULL
06/05/16 - 06/11/16 06/12/16 - 06/18/16	-- Lower Brule, SD -- View Details -- Pine Ridge, SD -- View Details	small animal	FULL
07/10/16 - 07/16/16 07/17/16 - 07/23/16	-- Turtle Mountain, ND -- View Details -- Cheyenne River, SD -- View Details	small animal	WAITLIST
08/07/16 - 08/13/16	-- Spirit Lake, ND -- View Details	small animal	FULL
08/14/16 - 08/21/16	-- Standing Rock, ND -- View Details	small animal	FULL

Number of trips: 10

International

Date	Location	Species	Status
06/29/16 - 07/08/16	-- Guatemala-Peten -- View Details	equine	WAITLIST
08/05/16 - 08/21/16	-- Peru -- View Details	equine	WAITLIST

Number of trips: 2

Other Opportunities

Date	Location	Species	Status
Variable	-- Cape Wildlife Center -- Barnstable, MA View Details	wildlife	Contact CWC
Variable	-- South Florida Wildlife Center -- Fort Lauderdale, FL View Details	wildlife	Contact SFWC

----- ADDITIONAL NOTES -----

Volunteer Selection: Assignments are NOT made on a first-come basis. All volunteers will be subject to a selection process based on year in school, prior experience and organizational need. Selection will be designed to provide a balance of experience and skill levels. New volunteers are encouraged to apply! Note that mid-summer clinics (June/July) have a much higher application rate. If you are available to participate in a spring or late-summer clinic, these trips generally allow a greater chance of acceptance.

Consecutive Trips: To provide the greatest opportunity for learning and skill development, many trips are set up so that student rosters are scheduled as 2 consecutive weeks and students will be required to participate in both weeks in these cases.

Professional volunteers are welcome to apply for only one week of a 2 week consecutive combination, but are encouraged to apply for both weeks if possible to provide greater continuity in the team.

For 2016 the following clinics are considered consecutive trip combinations. Students are required to participate in both weeks. :

- Quinalt and Colville, WA (see note re: travel on Trip Details pages)
- Lower Brule and Pine Ridge, SD
- Turtle Mountain, ND and Cheyenne River, SD

HSVMA Student Membership: All student applicants will automatically receive a complimentary HSVMA student membership. For information on member benefits and services visit www.hsvma.org



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DEVILS LAKE JOURNAL

By Sue Kraft, Lifestyles Editor

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Humane Society's free vet clinic returns to Spirit Lake Nation next week

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For seven of the past eight years, volunteers from the Rural Area Veterinary Services Program set up camp in Fort Totten and offered free veterinary service for local pets. The volunteers sleep in the Recreation Center and spend two full weeks helping as many pets as they can.

This year, the crew will be returning on July 8 and staying until July 22 to provide vaccinations, de-worming, flea and tick control and other wellness issues for dogs and cats.

Spay/neuter surgery will be offered July 9-12, with all pets undergoing surgery also receiving vaccinations, de-worming and other services. Friday, July 13 has been set aside for animals needing only vaccinations or other non-surgical care.

The Rural Area Veterinary Services Program is provided by the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, an affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States.

Niki Ianni, of The Humane Society, said they will open the doors at 8 a.m. each day and pet owners will be helped on a first come-first served basis until the clinic schedule is full.

"In prior years, families have been lined up early and the clinic has often been full by 9 a.m.," she cautioned.

Ianni said there will be more than 50 volunteers making the trip, including 35 vet students, 15 veterinarians and three support volunteers. In addition to visiting various Indian reservations in North Dakota, South Dakota and Washington state, the HSVMA-RAVS program has been offered in countries such as El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and Peru. In 2011, the program provided \$1.5 million in free veterinary services to more than 8,600 animals in 42 communities around the world, most where no other animal services exist.

The next stop on the tour will be Fort Berthold, ND, followed by Standing Rock, ND and Quinault, WA. They have already visited Cheyenne River and Pine Ridge, SD.

Ianni said the local clinic will be held for members of the Spirit Lake Tribe, but those who cannot otherwise provide these services for their pets can also take advantage of the program.

"The tribes do a great deal to service the group by providing the volunteers with meals, etc.," she said. "So, these clinics are ultimately designed for them."

The main objective, she noted, is to promote pet health throughout the area.

"Having dogs and cats spayed or neutered not only prevents unwanted litters, but helps animals live longer, happier lives," she said. "Providing vaccinations, de-worming, flea and tick control and other wellness care for dogs and cats helps to protect both animal and human health in the community."



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Lake Region residents have a special opportunity to get their pets some medical attention at an event to be held on the Spirit Lake reservation next week.

JULY 11, 2013

North Dakota Indian Reservations Offered Free Basic Veterinary Care

Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association's Rural Area Veterinary Services launches summer 2013 field clinic campaign

The Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association-Rural Area Veterinary Services program has begun its 2013 summer campaign of direct-care veterinary field clinics on Indian reservations in North Dakota. From July 8-12 and Aug. 4-10, HSVMA-RAVS is serving the people of the Spirit Lake and Standing Rock Indian Reservations.

The clinics provide basic health care services for dogs and cats including; spay/neuter surgery, vaccination programs, parasite treatment and control programs, various soft tissue surgeries and urgent care issues. In addition to the free veterinary care, the program provides valuable training and experience for hundreds of future veterinary professionals that go far beyond anything they could learn in a classroom alone.

Windi Wojdak, RVT, director of HSVMA-RAVS, said: "Our clinics mean the difference between high-quality veterinary care and no care at all. Everywhere we visit, residents and community leaders express deep appreciation for the care and attention their animals have received."

Now in its 19th year, HSVMA-RAVS is a non-profit veterinary outreach program combining community service and veterinary education to bring free veterinary services to rural communities where poverty and geographic isolation make regular veterinary care inaccessible. HSVMA is an affiliate of The Humane Society of the United States.

In 2012, the program's six staff members and 400 volunteers provided \$1.3 million in free veterinary services to 7000 animals in 40 communities where no other animal services exist, on Native American reservations throughout the United States, and remote villages in Latin America and Africa.

The success of the program depends on the generosity of volunteers and donors who support this important work. To find out more about [volunteering time](#) or making a [tax-deductible donation](#) to the HSVMA-RAVS program, please visit hsvma.org/ravs.

HSVMA-RAVS will also be serving communities in South Dakota, Arizona and Washington, and its international component will be making trips to Guatemala, Mexico and Peru.

For a complete schedule of RAVS clinics, please visit the website [here](#).

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HSVMA-RAVS -- NORTH DAKOTA 2005-2014

Total Number of Individual Animals Treated

	Canine	Feline	Equine	Other	Total
Surgery	2,355	1,360	672	2	4,389
Vax / Medicine Only	5,392	1,817	679	2	7,890
Totals Animals Treated	7,747	3,177	1,351	4	12,279

Total Value of Services

\$2,468,472

Small Animal Medicine: \$ 1,281,599

Small Animal Surgery: \$ 701,400

Equine Medicine: \$ 228,855

Equine Surgery: \$ 256,125

Other Species Medicine and Surgery: \$ 493

ND Clinics 2005-2014

Turtle Mountain

June 20 – 26, 2005

June 22 – 29, 2009

July 6 – 12, 2014

Spirit Lake

June 20 – 26, 2005

June 22 – 29, 2009

June 6 – 12, 2010

July 10 – 16, 2011

July 8 – 14, 2012

July 7 – 13, 2013

May 18 – 24, 2014

Fort Berthold

June 26 – July 7, 2003

June 5 – 12, 2006

July 16 – 23, 2007

June 23 – 29, 2008

June 29 – July 1, 2008

July 4 – 13, 2009

July 13 – 19, 2009

June 13 – 20, 2010

July 4 – 11, 2010

May 29 – June 10, 2011

July 17 – 24, 2011

July 15 – 22, 2012

Standing Rock

July 4 – 10, 2005

June 12 – 18, 2006

July 9 – 15, 2007

June 15 – 22, 2008

July 5 – 12, 2009

July 4 – 12, 2010

July 12 – 19, 2010

June 11 – 17, 2011

August 6 – 14, 2011

August 3 – 11, 2013

August 2 – 10, 2014

Report for Spirit Lake

Total Number of Individual Animals Treated

	Canine	Feline	Equine	Other	Totals
Surgery	690	344	0	0	1034
Vax / Medicine Only	1042	297	4	1	1344
Totals	1732	641	4	1	2378

Total Number of Treatments

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Physical Exam	2374	4	1
Rabies	1947	0	0
DHPP	1582	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
FVRCP	584	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Tetanus Antitoxin	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX
Tetanus Toxoid	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX
Pyrantel	2577	XXXXXXX	9
Ivermectin	44	0	0
Praziquantel	3	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Flea/Tick Tx	2118	XXXXXXX	0
Rx (non parasitics)	387	0	0
HW Test	82	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Tick Dz Snap Test	39	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Parvo Test	14	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
PCV/TP	74	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
iStat	25	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Skin Scraping	32	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Other Labs	140	0	0

Dog Castration	279	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Dog Spay	383	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Cat Castration	153	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Cat Spay	183	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Other Species Spay	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Other Species Castration	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Other Tx - I	338	0	0
Other Tx - II	20	0	0
Other Tx - III	4	0	0
Hospital - I	135	0	0
Hospital - II	20	0	0
Hospital - III	5	0	0
Other Sx - I	21	0	0
Other Sx - II	18	0	0
Other Sx - III	5	0	0

Equine Castration	XXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXX
Equine Dentistry	XXXXXXX	1	XXXXXXX
Equine Hoof Care	XXXXXXX	1	XXXXXXX
Totals	13586	6	10
Total Treatments	13602		

Value of Services

Small Animal Medicine: \$ 311,969
 Small Animal Surgery: \$ 199,990
 Equine Medicine (inc dent & hoof): \$ 480
 Equine Surgery: \$ 0
 Other Species Medicine and Surgery: \$ 153
Total: \$ 512,592

Report for Standing Rock

Total Number of Individual Animals Treated

	Canine	Feline	Equine	Other	Totals
Surgery	911	732	368	2	2013
Vax / Medicine Only	3103	1121	202	0	4426
Totals	4014	1853	570	2	6439

Total Number of Treatments

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Physical Exam	5801	560	2
Rabies	4894	345	0
DHPP	3826	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
FVRCP	1674	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Tetanus Antitoxin	XXXXXXX	334	XXXXXXX
Tetanus Toxoid	XXXXXXX	482	XXXXXXX
Pyrantel	5731	XXXXXXX	0
Ivermectin	157	320	0
Praziquantel	33	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Flea/Tick Tx	4024	XXXXXXX	0
Rx (non parasitics)	583	6	0
HW Test	59	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Tick Dz Snap Test	20	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Parvo Test	13	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
PCV/TP	58	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
iStat	38	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Skin Scraping	17	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Other Labs	127	0	0

Dog Castration	414	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Dog Spay	473	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Cat Castration	336	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Cat Spay	362	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Other Species Spay	0	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
Other Species Castration	2	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Other Tx - I	377	30	0
Other Tx - II	29	3	0
Other Tx - III	6	2	0
Hospital - I	103	0	0
Hospital - II	15	0	0
Hospital - III	11	0	0
Other Sx - I	26	10	0
Other Sx - II	15	6	0
Other Sx - III	9	4	0

Equine Castration	XXXXXXX	353	XXXXXXX
Equine Dentistry	XXXXXXX	51	XXXXXXX
Equine Hoof Care	XXXXXXX	88	XXXXXXX
Totals	29231	2594	4
Total Treatments	31829		

Value of Services

Small Animal Medicine: \$ 672,855
 Small Animal Surgery: \$ 297,715
 Equine Medicine (inc dent & hoof): \$ 89,140
 Equine Surgery: \$ 139,975
 Other Species Medicine and Surgery: \$ 340

Total: \$ 1,200,025

Report for Turtle Mountain

Total Number of Individual Animals Treated

	Canine	Feline	Equine	Other	Totals
Surgery	303	105	4	0	412
Vax / Medicine Only	330	78	0	0	408
Totals	633	183	4	0	820

Total Number of Treatments

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Physical Exam	820	4	0
Rabies	643	0	0
DHPP	559	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
FVRCP	138	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Tetanus Antitoxin	XXXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXXX
Tetanus Toxoid	XXXXXXXX	4	XXXXXXXX
Pyrantel	928	XXXXXXXX	0
Ivermectin	4	0	0
Praziquantel	1	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Flea/Tick Tx	714	XXXXXXXX	0
Rx (non parasitics)	146	0	0
HW Test	1	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Tick Dz Snap Test	8	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Parvo Test	9	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
PCV/TP	21	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
iStat	3	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Skin Scraping	8	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Other Labs	38	0	0

Dog Castration	116	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Dog Spay	180	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Cat Castration	40	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Cat Spay	63	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Other Species Spay	0	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Other Species Castration	0	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Other Tx - I	211	0	0
Other Tx - II	7	0	0
Other Tx - III	1	0	0
Hospital - I	19	0	0
Hospital - II	1	0	0
Hospital - III	3	0	0
Other Sx - I	8	0	0
Other Sx - II	3	0	0
Other Sx - III	3	0	0

Equine Castration	XXXXXXXX	3	XXXXXXXX
Equine Dentistry	XXXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXXX
Equine Hoof Care	XXXXXXXX	0	XXXXXXXX
Totals	4696	11	0
Total Treatments	4707		

Value of Services

Small Animal Medicine: \$ 107,081
 Small Animal Surgery: \$ 81,985
 Equine Medicine (inc dent & hoof): \$ 300
 Equine Surgery: \$ 1,125
 Other Species Medicine and Surgery: \$ 0
Total: \$ 190,491

Report for Fort Berthold

Total Number of Individual Animals Treated

	Canine	Feline	Equine	Other	Totals
Surgery	745	358	300	0	1403
Vax / Medicine Only	1609	480	473	1	2563
Totals	2354	838	773	1	3966

Total Number of Treatments

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Physical Exam	3167	773	0
Rabies	2535	467	0
DHPP	2144	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
FVRCP	762	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Tetanus Antitoxin	XXXXXXXX	233	XXXXXXXX
Tetanus Toxoid	XXXXXXXX	566	XXXXXXXX
Pyrantel	2873	XXXXXXXX	0
Ivermectin	42	450	0
Praziquantel	28	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Flea/Tick Tx	2045	XXXXXXXX	0
Rx (non parasitics)	395	16	0
HW Test	42	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Tick Dz Snap Test	24	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Parvo Test	8	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
PCV/TP	68	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
iStat	29	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Skin Scraping	5	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Other Labs	112	0	0

Dog Castration	345	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Dog Spay	361	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Cat Castration	143	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Cat Spay	188	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Other Species Spay	0	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX
Other Species Castration	0	XXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXX

	Small Animal	Equine	Other
Other Tx - I	212	19	0
Other Tx - II	8	3	0
Other Tx - III	9	3	0
Hospital - I	47	0	0
Hospital - II	13	0	0
Hospital - III	8	0	0
Other Sx - I	43	8	0
Other Sx - II	12	1	0
Other Sx - III	7	3	0

Equine Castration	XXXXXXXX	295	XXXXXXXX
Equine Dentistry	XXXXXXXX	242	XXXXXXXX
Equine Hoof Care	XXXXXXXX	87	XXXXXXXX
Totals	15675	3166	0
Total Treatments	18841		

Value of Services

Small Animal Medicine: \$ 363,197
 Small Animal Surgery: \$ 210,175
 Equine Medicine (inc dent & hoof): \$ 138,935
 Equine Surgery: \$ 115,025
 Other Species Medicine and Surgery: \$ 0
Total: \$ 827,332

What Is Pets for Life?

The HSUS's program builds humane communities by helping animals and the people who love them



A Pets for Life client and her pooch at a community event in Atlanta. Andres Salazar.

By comprehensively addressing the lack of accessible, affordable pet care in under-served communities, [Pets for Life](#) keeps pets in the homes they already have, improving their quality of life and elevating the human-animal bond.

Pets in poverty

Here's a snapshot of the United States in the 21st century: One in six Americans lives in poverty, one in five Americans speaks a language other than English at home and 6 out of 10 U.S. households include at least one pet. As our cultural landscape changes, so must our approaches to addressing animal welfare in all of our communities.

[Read "Kind Streets," the Pets for Life story! »](#)

There are tens of millions of people living in poverty with their pets—and our research shows that 87 percent of pets in these communities haven't been spayed or neutered. To respond effectively to this, we must reach out to people who have the least access to animal wellness information and services. Pets for Life is creating transformational change for dogs and cats by going into these communities and staying there for the long haul, closing the service gap that exists for pets in under-served neighborhoods.

Helping people and pets

Building trustful relationships with people and establishing an ongoing presence in the community is critical to making a real impact. Experience has shown us that when we extend our compassion to human beings as well as animals, we can create long-term and meaningful social change.

Pets for Life embraces the human component of the human-animal equation by approaching people in a respectful way and recognizing that people's love for their pets transcends socioeconomic circumstances and cultural differences.



Working within communities

Pets for Life conducts in-depth community assessments, provides ongoing neighborhood outreach and offers free services such as [dog training](#), spay/neuter surgeries, vaccinations, pet supplies and general wellness care. We strive for partnerships with animal welfare organizations and other important community leaders and service providers, including faith-based entities, social service programs, health care agencies and local businesses. We also [develop tools for and offer training and mentorship](#) to other animal welfare organizations.

We've combined the valuable lessons our program staff have learned over time with extensive [data collection](#) and innovative strategies for reaching new audiences. We are meeting people where they are instead of waiting for them to come to us—building relationships and giving people and pets life-changing resources.

Want to learn more or help out?

[Read "Kind Streets," the Pets for Life story »](#)

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North Dakota Animal Cruelty Laws

N.D. Century Code Chapter 36-21

(36-21.2-01) Animal Neglect

Penalty: Class A misdemeanor

Failure to provide dogs and cats with:

1. Appropriate food and water
2. Shelter from the elements
3. Necessary medical attention
4. An area that is well ventilated, clean, and free of conditions likely to cause injury or death.

Failure to provide all animals with:

1. Appropriate food and water
2. Appropriate protection from adverse weather conditions
3. Appropriate medical attention in the event of an injury or illness

(36-21.2-02) Animal Abuse

Penalty: Class A misdemeanor for 1st or 2nd offense.
Class C Felony for 3rd or subsequent offense within 10 years.

Any act that results in physical injury to an animal or that causes the death of an animal. This does not include any act that falls under the definition of animal cruelty.

(36-21.2-03) Animal Cruelty

Penalty: Class C Felony

Breaking an animal's bones, causing the prolonged impairment of an animal's health, mutilating an animal, or physically torturing an animal.

(36-21.2-04) Animal Abandonment

Penalty: Class A misdemeanor

Willfully giving up the custody or control of an animal, with no intention of reclaiming the animal, and without placing the animal into the custody or control of another person able and willing to care for the animal. Abandonment includes: The desertion of an animal and failure to retrieve an animal within 48 hours after the conclusion of a service contract.

(36-21.1-07) Animal Fighting

Penalty: Class C Felony to engage or be employed. Class A misdemeanor to be present at, or witness the activities.

No person may engage in or be employed at cockfighting, dogfighting, pitting one animal against another, or any other similar cruelty. A person may not receive money for the admission of any person to any place used, or about to be used, for any such purpose. A person may not use, train, or possess a dog or other animal for the purpose of maltreating any domestic animal.

(36-21.2-12) Unattended Dogs & Cats in Vehicle

Penalty: Infraction. More severe if prior convictions

An individual may not leave an animal unattended in a motor vehicle without ensuring that the animal's health and safety is not endangered. Law enforcement may use reasonable means to enter a motor vehicle and remove an animal left in violation of this law.

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You have the power to help combat animal cruelty in North Dakota.

For complete information about our anti-cruelty laws, visit legis.nd.gov/general-information/north-dakota-century-code. Read on for tips on how you can help identify and stop animal cruelty.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Spot the signs

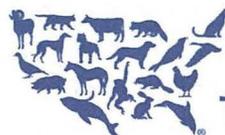
- Hoarding (e.g. someone who keeps far more animals than they can care for)
- Lack of veterinary care (e.g. untreated wounds, emaciation, scabs and hair loss)
- Abandonment (e.g. a constant barking dog or howling cat; empty homes)
- Inadequate shelter
- Chained dogs

Take action

- Make the call. Dialing 911 is the quickest way to get a response in an emergency situation.
- Be prepared. Look online for your local animal welfare agency and save the number on your cell phone.
- Have a backup plan.
 - If you're traveling or live in a community without an animal welfare agency, call the local police department to report suspected animal abuse.
 - If your area lacks animal welfare resources, you can also email or call The HSUS and ask to speak with one of our experts.

Know what to expect with law enforcement

- An officer may look into the complaint to see whether animal cruelty laws have been violated.
- In cases of neglect, the officer may speak with the owner, issue a citation and give the owner a chance to correct the violation.
- In North Dakota, a law enforcement officer can ask the court for an order for the seizure of any animal believed to have been neglected, abused or treated cruelly. In some cases, authorities can seize an animal without giving notice to the animal's owner or guardian.
- After seizing the animal, the officer will care for the animal directly or by working with someone else.



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PUPPY MILLS

Puppy mills are breeding factories that churn out puppies in terrible conditions. To report a puppy mill, call **877-MILL-TIP**.

CRUELTY REWARDS

The HSUS will pay a \$2,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of an animal abuser. Call **1-877-TIP-HSUS** or email crueltyresponse@humanesociety.org

DOGFIGHTING

The HSUS will pay up to \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a dogfighter. Call **1-877-TIP-HSUS** for more details.



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Your Family and Your Pet



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Let's Stay TOGETHER

Sharing your life with a pet has countless benefits, not the least of which is all that unconditional love you get just for being you. But things change—perhaps a baby is on the way and your family is about to expand or someone develops an allergy—and you may think you need to give up your pet. That usually isn't the case. Here are some tips to help you stay safe through your pregnancy, prepare your pet for life with a baby, and manage your allergies to pets.





Pregnancy and Your Cat

You Can Keep Your Cat

If you're pregnant, you've probably heard of toxoplasmosis, a disease that can result in serious birth defects. The parasite that causes the disease can be found in the feces of cats who eat infected mice, birds, raw meat, or contaminated soil. You may have been told that you must give up your cat.

The truth is that toxoplasmosis is rare in the U.S., and the highest risk of human infection comes not from cat feces but from eating raw or undercooked meat and unwashed fruits and vegetables. All it takes is a little common sense and basic hygiene to reduce your risk of exposure.

Tips for Avoiding Toxoplasmosis

- Don't handle or eat uncooked or undercooked meat; don't feed your cat raw or undercooked meat.
- Have someone else scoop the cat's litter box; if you clean it, wear rubber gloves and wash your hands afterward.
- Wear gloves when working in soil and wash your hands thoroughly afterward. Wash all fruits and vegetables before eating them.
- Keep your cat safe indoors to prevent exposure to infected animals.

LEARN MORE AT humanesociety.org/toxoplasmosis.

About The HSUS

The HSUS is the nation's largest and most powerful animal protection organization—backed by 11 million Americans, or one in every 28. Established in 1954, The HSUS seeks a humane and sustainable world for all animals, including people. We are America's mainstream force against cruelty, exploitation, and neglect, and also the nation's most trusted voice extolling the human-animal bond.

For more information about
The HSUS's Companion Animal programs,
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Your Baby & Your Pet



You might be thrown for a loop if a baby appeared unannounced on your doorstep. Pets may feel the same way—they thrive on routine, and any changes can lead to stress and bad behavior. Fortunately, there are steps you can take to prepare your pet for a baby's arrival.

Before Your Baby Arrives

- Enroll your dog in a reward-based training class and practice with her daily.
- Acclimate your pet to baby-related smells and sounds by applying baby powder or oil to your skin and playing a CD of baby noises (available at preparingfido.com). Make this a pleasant experience by offering toys and treats for good behavior.



- If you have friends or relatives with babies, ask if they would bring their children over for short visits. Supervise these interactions carefully and offer lots of praise and treats for good behavior so your pet forms a pleasant association with babies.
- Check with your local animal shelter for information and workshops on pets and babies.

Homecoming

- Before coming home from the hospital, send a blanket or something with the baby's scent on it for your pet to sniff.
- When you return home, have someone else hold the baby in another room while you greet your pet; keep the greeting low key.
- Calmly invite your pet to sit with you near the baby, offering treats and praise for good behavior to make it a positive experience. If your pet is reluctant to approach, don't force her. She'll investigate when she's ready.

Try to maintain your pet's routine as much as possible and spend time with her one-on-one. If your pet shows signs of stress, such as changes in behavior and appetite, talk to your veterinarian or an animal behavior specialist.

LEARN MORE AT humanesociety.org/newbaby.

Allergies are one of the more common reasons pets are surrendered to shelters. And allergies shouldn't be taken lightly, especially if they're bad enough to be life-threatening. But there are many things you can do in your home to alleviate your symptoms and keep your pet with you.

People who are allergic to pets are often sensitive to other allergens as well, like dust, dust mites, pollen, cleaning chemicals, and cigarette smoke. It's important to be tested by an allergist to find out exactly what is causing your symptoms. If you have multiple allergies, you need to reduce the overall allergen level in your house by addressing all the causes, not just the pet allergy.

Understanding Pet Allergies

It isn't fur that causes allergies, it's a protein contained in the animal's saliva. The protein is deposited on the pet's fur and skin during grooming and is distributed in the house through shedding. That's why treating your environment is just as important as treating your allergies medically.

An allergist who understands your commitment to keeping your pet will discuss sensible ways to reduce your symptoms and control your environment.

Handling Your Allergy

- Create an allergy-free area—preferably your bedroom—where your pet isn't allowed.



- Wash your pet's bedding regularly.
- After handling your pet, be sure to wash your hands before touching your eyes or face.
- Control dander with anti-allergen pet cleansing products.
- Consider a whole house filter to clean the air, especially if you have multiple allergies.

LEARN MORE AT humanesociety.org/allergies.

Finding Your Pet a Good Home

If your allergies are life-threatening or you can't keep your pet for other reasons, make sure that any new home you find for your pet is loving, responsible, and permanent. For advice on rehoming your pet, visit humanesociety.org/rehoming.

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