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Friends of Animals (FoA) is a non-profit, international animal advocacy organization, incorporated in the state of New York since 1957. Friends of Animals advocates for the rights of nonhuman animals, free-living and domestic. Our goal is to free animals from cruelty and institutionalized exploitation around the world.

The organization has evolved from its beginnings as the most comprehensive low-cost spay neuter program in the country. Friends of Animals now places critical habitat, wildlife protection and veganism at the core of animal advocacy.

But FoA goes beyond advocacy with hands on work as well. We operate a San Antonio, Texas, animal sanctuary, Primarily Primates, which cares for 400-plus primates, birds and other animals. The primates are all victims of the exotic pet trade, research and the entertainment industry. And we also have two important projects in Africa. We sponsor the remarkable Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Project in The Gambia in Africa. This incredible project has been in existence for more than three decades and it's Africa's longest running chimp rehabilitation project. More than 100 chimpanzees live freely within their own family groups on three isolated, forested islands in the middle of the River Gambia set within the River Gambia National Park. In 1979 there were orphaned chimps whose parents had been poached, and a sanctuary was needed. This project provided as natural a life for them as possible.

Our second project in Africa funds the protection and recovery of three endangered African antelope species. FoA has been instrumental in establishing and maintaining a recovery program for the Scimitar-horned Oryx and Dama Gazelle in Senegal. FoA has worked with the Direction des Parcs Nationaux (Senegal’s National Park Agency) to restore the Scimitar-horned Oryx and Dama Gazelle to two reserves managed by the agency. Another project in Senegal involves digging wells to reduce competition between humans and chimpanzees over water. In return for leaving the natural water source for chimpanzees, villagers get a well and latrines.

We inform members about animal advocacy issues and our progress in addressing them through our magazine, Action Line, and our website, www.friendsofanimals.org.

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The projects and services provided by Friends of Animals are entirely supported by membership contributions, bequests and grants. Our continued strength depends upon the generosity of our members and donors. We encourage our members to get involved in their own communities as volunteer activists and as representatives of our spay/neuter project. With the loyal support of our members and friends from all walks of life throughout the world, each year we actively meet the needs of more animals on more fronts than any animal advocacy group of our kind.

WHAT WE DO

SPAY/NEUTER PROGRAM

From our beginning in 1957, Friends of Animals (FoA) has assumed a leadership role in advocating low-cost spaying and neutering as the most effective means of preventing the births of domestic dogs and cats and their mass killings in shelters. For five decades we have operated the only coast-to-coast cat and dog neutering initiative in the United States.

Approximately 35,000 animals are sterilized through FoA’s affordable spay-neuter program each year, preventing countless births. Over the long run, FoA has altered more than 2.6 million cats and dogs through its certificate program.

To help avert the perils of pet homelessness and draw attention to the financial commitments of rescuing an animal, in Spring of 2014 we launched a billboard and print ad campaign to link cat and dog adoptions with our affordable spay-neuter program.

Unfortunately, homelessness isn’t solved entirely by publicizing adoptions through animal shelters. We know we have to educate people that spay-neuter is a big part of the solution that protects dogs and cats from harm. Sometimes animals who make it into a home face people ill-equipped or incapable of assuming costs and responsibilities of lifetime care. With the help of more than 600 participating veterinarians nationwide, FoA is the non-profit leader for affordable spay-neuter efforts.
FoA endorses trap, neuter and return TNR as the only method that reduces cat populations while taking an ethical view of feral cats. That's why we supported *Ten Lives, A Feral Cat Odyssey*, a new documentary that reveals the lives of feral cats and the growing numbers of people and organizations working to not only humanely make their lives better, but reduce their numbers through the proven method known as TNR. *Ten Lives* talks about the issues and controversies surrounding feral cats, which makes this film a trailblazer. We know that's the educational effort needed to foster attitudes of responsibility so that abandonment is prevented, and people are discouraged from killing healthy, treatable cats.

**SANCTUARIES AND RESCUE WORK**

In 2007, Friends of Animals took over the management of Primarily Primates, the largest and oldest primate sanctuary in the United States incorporated in 1981. Primarily Primates is situated on 78 acres just north of San Antonio and is home to 400-plus animals. As its name suggests, other than birds, most of the residents at Primarily Primates are chimpanzees and gibbons and smaller primates, such as capuchin monkeys, spider monkeys, macaques and lemurs. The animals who call Primarily

Spring 2014 marked the completion of Oliver’s Playground, aka the Primadome, a unique geodesic grass bottomed dome that includes climbing structures, hammocks, a tire swing, and a cupola where chimpanzees can climb 25 feet to view the tree tops, enriching their lives.

Primates home share a history of exploitation from the exotic pet trade industry, the movie and TV entertainment industry, zoos, and circuses, as well as vivisection (animal research). As a result, many of the animals led limited, dismal lives.

In a November 2008 landmark agreement with the Gambian government, FoA agreed to help fund and support the Chimpanzee Rehabilitation Project, an island sanctuary located in the River Gambia National Park. It is run by Janis Carter and is home to some 99 chimpanzees, who live in relative freedom—without bars or cages—on three of the national park’s five islands.

The last survivors of the endangered scimitar-horned oryx, a once plentiful species in Africa, were killed by hunters in 1987. But on Feb. 22, 1999, FoA facilitated the return of the scimitar-horned oryx to Senegal, marking
the start of an historical project. Eight antelopes traveled from Israel and arrived in Senegal, taking up residence in their ancestral home. Today, 246 oryaxes thrive within two expansive, fenced, fully-protected reserves of almost 5,000 acres, Guembeul Faunal Reserve and Ferlo National Park, re-establishing a presence in their African homeland.

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**PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS**

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Stark images of minks’ necks being broken stunned the audience of 60 Minutes and galvanized support for the anti-fur movement.

FoA has a long history of activism regarding animals in entertainment—organizing protests against the circus, rodeo, bullfighting, and the use of primates and other animals as actors in Hollywood.

FoA has been on the front lines, advocating for a ban on the use of horse-drawn carriages in cities throughout the U.S. We are working closely with legislators in NYC to get a bill passed that will free the horses and place them in sanctuaries.

We oppose hunting and animal-killing contests. When faced with the question of right and wrong, many hunting apologists resort to manipulated statistics and far-fetched theories and pseudo-science to justify killing. FoA publishes research that refutes the arguments such as “controlling overpopulation.” We educate people and challenge specific hunts. We have successfully thwarted a number of hunting proposals, including bow-hunting for deer on Sundays in Connecticut. For the last two years, we have protested the gruesome “Squirrel Slam” killing contest in Holley, N.Y., and have advocated for legislation to make these killing contests illegal in the state of New York.

Predators need not be controlled, but some government agencies do. The budget for the U.S. Department of Animal Agriculture’s Wildlife Services is a whopping $106.3 million for 2014. The government kills millions of animals annually, at the behest of special interest groups like ranchers, who portray the animals as pests. These agencies are dependent on licensed hunters for part of their budgets so they don’t take into consideration the majority of the country’s population who are non-hunters.

FoA has successfully worked with many communities in the Northeast to convince them to cancel mass kill plans for Canada geese perceived as problems and educated them to co-exist with proven non-violent strategies detailed in our Canada Goose Habitat Modification Manual. And we are defending mute swans in New York, where the Department of Conservation is trying to wipe the species out.

Friends of animals’ wildlife law program (FoA’s WLP) fills a niche between animal and environmental activism. Animal activists often fail to utilize the array of local, state, federal and international environmental laws as a means to protect the rights of animals to live free from human interference. The mission of the WLP is to use the law to ensure the right of all
wildlife to live in an ecosystem free from human manipulation, exploitation or abuse.

We are currently working, in court or before federal wildlife agencies, to protect species like prairie dogs, wolves, bison, wild horses and birds of prey (particularly owls). On Dec. 23, 2013, FoA’s WLP filed a lawsuit against the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for violating the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and Nat’l Environmental Protection Act in response to the shooting of snowy owls at JFK airport.

In June of 2014, Friends of Animals and the Cloud Foundation filed a petition with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to list North American wild horses on public lands as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) since the Wild Free-Roaming Horse and Burro Act (WHBA), which was passed in 1971, has failed to protect our wild horses. In this photo, FoA leads a protest at the Rock Springs holding facility in Wyoming.

We have taken on the difficult work of protecting marine species. For years, the government has allowed the exploitation of the oceans to satisfy the voracious human appetite for seafood. FoA’s WLP has successfully helped sturgeon, sharks, groupers and other marine species get protection under the Endangered Species Act.

FoA’s WLP is combating animal trafficking, the third most lucrative criminal trade in the world. The U.S. is one of biggest offenders. Exotic species, often endangered in their home ranges, are imported here to satisfy our gruesome desire for unique pets, meats and trophies. African antelope, wild birds, tortoises, and other species are benefitting from our work.

FoA’s WLP is dedicated to exposing the mistreatment of wildlife by humans, and to helping local governments and communities learn how to eliminate perceived conflicts with wildlife. We are seeking to expose a massive wildanimal killing machine housed within the U.S. Department of Agriculture (known as Wildlife Services) while helping local governments develop tools to implement non-lethal, non-invasive practices to proactively address human-wild animal encounters.
We at Friends of Animals oppose the use of animals for human consumption. Campaigns to make the public believe that the grisly business of turning fish, birds and mammals into food can be done in a “humane” fashion send the wrong message. Whether nonhuman animals are reared intensively or “free-range,” their lives are completely controlled, and profit is what matters most to those who own them. Ostensible improvements pushed by some welfare-oriented animal advocacy groups do not alleviate animals’ suffering; they are geared to assuage our own consciences so that people continue to eat animals, thinking that somebody else has addressed the morality issue.

Every day, we at Friends of Animals meet people who are thinking of going vegan. Maybe you are thinking about it too. And you might wonder why people become vegans, why we consider the commitment so important and what the decision means in everyday terms. So we created a Vegan Starter Guide, which explores some of the many reasons people decide to live vegan, and offers recipes and resources.

Friends of Animals has also published two vegan cookbooks: The Best of Vegan Cooking and Dining with Friends. Dining With Friends equips readers with an impressive repertoire of delicious recipes and many of the book’s recipes can be on the table in less than an hour. The Best of Vegan Cooking provides cooking for every occasion, from easy, everyday meals to festive, elegant dining. It is a cornucopia for all seasons—soups…salads…pastas…vegetables and side dishes…breads and muffins…desserts…with special sections on delicious ice creams and sorbets and classic risottos.

FoA publishes Vegan Restaurant Guides for San Francisco, southern California and New York City.

Friends of Animals is the proud sponsor of vegan and vegetarian conferences and events, such as the San Francisco Vegetarian Festival, and the all-vegan cooking show Vegan Mash-Up, which aired on Public Television stations.
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