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Best wishes for a peaceful and healthy  
holiday season...



...and a wonderful New Year!

Dear Friends,

Twice annually, in January and July, we pause to reflect on ISAR's work during the past six months. To view our July 2009 report, which focused on topics including Puppy Mills/Pet Shops Model Law, *United States v. Stevens*, ISAR's Billboard Campaign, ISAR's Supporters' Survey, and Michael Vick Petition Drive, click [Here](#).

Our next six-month report will be made in mid-January, 2010, but since we're now making our annual Holiday Appeal here's a preview.

Because of your generous financial support this year, ISAR has increased our campaigns and programs, and significantly upgraded our technical capabilities.

**ISAR's New Landing Page.** ISAR's website hosts an abundant array of topics ranging from ISAR's Model Statutes, *amicus curiae* briefs, petitions, blog and e-newsletter announcements, previous newsletters, volunteering information and more! ISAR has now created a new homepage or "landing page," on our website as a place for topics such as Action Alerts and Latest News, Search Our Site, Latest Podcasts, and Latest E-Newsletters to make it simple for our supporters to locate our latest campaign and program developments. To view ISAR's continually changing landing page visit [www.isaronline.org](http://www.isaronline.org).

**ISAR's Model Statute Regulating Dog Breeding, Facilitation and Sales.** ISAR has prepared a comprehensive Monograph containing ISAR's Model Statute Regulating Dog Breeding, Facilitation and Sales. In effect, our Monograph is a "brief" in support of our Model Statute. ISAR's approach to the dog breeding problem is revolutionary because our goal is to end virtually all breeding of dogs in the United States and to prohibit the importation of canines bred elsewhere. *End* the breeding, not perpetuate it.

***United States v. Stevens.*** Supporters of ISAR know that we filed an *amicus curiae* brief ([www.isaronline.citymax.com/f/brief.pdf](http://www.isaronline.citymax.com/f/brief.pdf)) in the United States Supreme Court in the First Amendment/Animal Rights case of *United States v. Stevens* on behalf of the government. ISAR argued that the statute criminalizing creation, possession or sale of material depicting animal cruelty is constitutional, and the depictions are not protected by the First Amendment.

**Analysis of the *Stevens* case.** Utilizing the facilities of Skype (a computer software application that allows users to hold voice conferencing over the Internet) ISAR presented an analysis by ISAR Chairman, Professor Henry Mark Holzer, of the possible outcome of the *Stevens* case. Professor Holzer's analysis was entitled, *Unpublished*

*Insights into United States v. Stevens.* One week later, ISAR conducted another Skype presentation, welcoming back Professor Holzer and interested individuals to participate in a follow-up presentation entitled, *ISAR's Analysis of the Supreme Court Oral Argument in United States v. Stevens.* According to Prof. Holzer, "The overriding question is whether or not there are five votes in the U.S. Supreme Court to take a virtually untested Federal Statute which contains three violation provisions, *create, possess and sell*, and erase it from the books without the statute being analyzed generally let alone as to its impact on this particular defendant."

**International Homeless Animals' Day®.** For the 18th consecutive year, ISAR has facilitated animal rights/welfare organizations in 24 states and 6 foreign countries in making their International Homeless Animals' Day events a success on August 15, 2009. For the 8th consecutive year, ISAR once again, was pleased to offer our Online Candlelight Vigil. Individuals from around the globe, including countries such as Canada, Australia, Estonia, Czech Republic, Iceland and the United States visited our website, [www.isaronline.org](http://www.isaronline.org), and lit virtual candles in memory of those directly affected by the global tragedy -- pet overpopulation.

**For Vick and the Eagles, Profit Trumped Principle.** In August 2009, ISAR promised to keep after criminal dog abuser Michael Vick by continuing to remind the football-going public about the horrendous crimes he committed in abusing pit bulls and other dogs, and about the sell-out by the Philadelphia Eagles. As close to the Eagles' Football Stadium that we could get, ISAR posted two anti-Vick billboards located in Berks and Montgomery Counties.

The activities outlined above are only a few of the many ISAR has devoted time and resources to throughout 2009.

ISAR's successes in helping companion animals throughout the world have been made possible through the generous gifts of our supporters. We're very proud of our 2009 accomplishments. If you are too, we hope you'll continue your support of ISAR -- no matter how modest.

ISAR promises to keep on fighting the battles we've started -- and, we assure you, we'll embark on new ones as well.

Best wishes for a peaceful and healthy holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Dapsis". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Susan" and the last name "Dapsis" clearly legible.

Susan Dapsis, President