

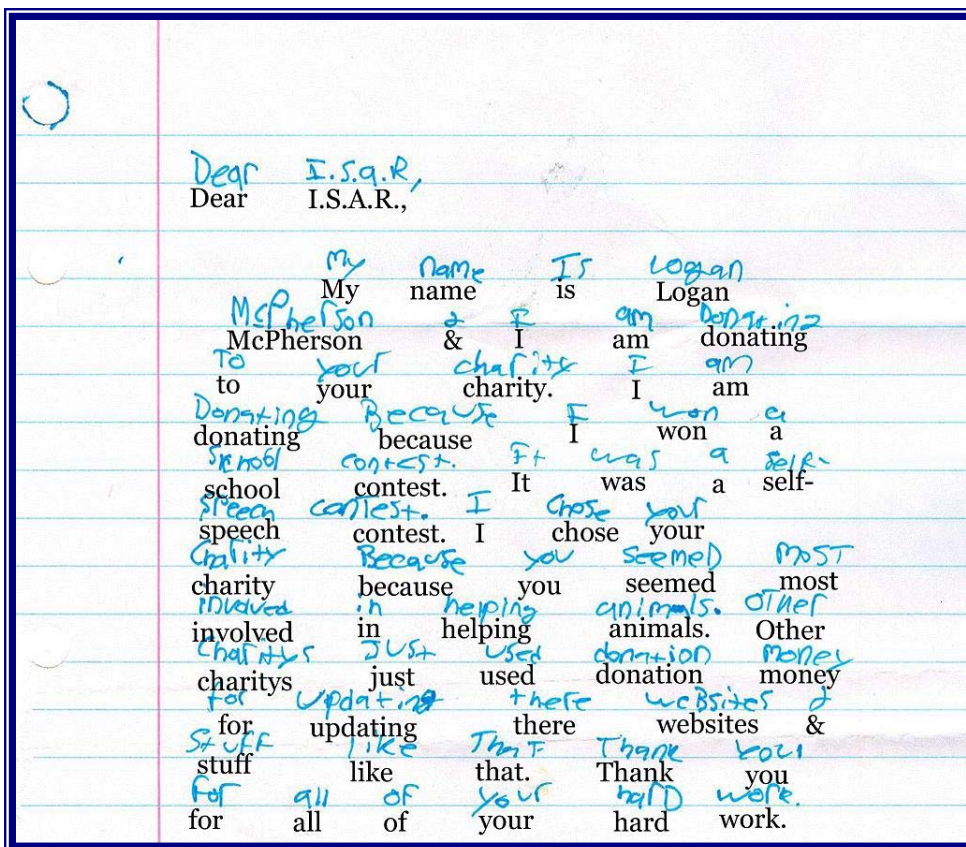


ISAR Winter 2011 Newsletter

Dear Supporters and Friends of ISAR:

Ordinarily, I would begin our first Newsletter of the New Year by highlighting some of our activities in 2010 (and I will, in a moment).

But first: As we were preparing this Newsletter, ISAR received a letter which I want to share with all of you because it proves that an audience we've long targeted with our humane education programs is receptive to them. (Because the handwriting is sometimes difficult to read, underneath each word we've provided a typewritten version.)



Needless to say, all of us here at ISAR were intrigued when we read the young man's letter and wanted to know more. We contacted the Marshall Middle School in Marshall, Michigan, and learned the following from Logan McPherson's teacher, Hope Bailey (because of space considerations, we've omitted some of her comments.)

*** Each year the 7th graders at our school create a presentation designed to persuade their classmates to donate to a charity of his/her choosing. *** The students actually vote for the best speeches from each of our language arts classes; these "finalists" then give their speech in the auditorium in front of their entire team of students, and "celebrity judges"... choose the top ones. Those two speakers split \$85 to send to their charities, and the remaining 11 received \$15 each.

Logan began the process of selecting your charity by first identifying the problem he wanted to address-namely, treatment of animals. He then started online research of the many different charities that address that need. He chose yours because he said the website made it clear that you use your money efficiently and effectively. (Part of this unit also is designed to help the students look critically at charities and determine who best uses the donations sent).

The money that underwrites this contest is donated to our school.... We are very proud of the speeches our students have given, and it's always exciting to hear back from the charities! ***

Hope Bailey
7th grade language arts teacher
Marshall, Michigan

Those individuals and organizations toiling in the animal protection movement know how difficult it is to remain consistently optimistic about whether substantial change is possible in our efforts to ameliorate, and even end, the exploitation of animals generally and, in ISAR's case, companion animals in particular. When our distress becomes too great and our zeal flags, it is well to remember that even a 7th grader understands what we're all trying to do.

And now back to 2010.....

Animal Law Commentary and Interviews

ISAR developed a program in the spring of 2010 called, *Animal Law Commentary and Interviews*, to provide its supporters and the public-at-large with important animal protection information through discussions with experts in the animal rights/welfare fields. ISAR kicked off this latest

program with interviews conducted by ISAR Chairman and Legal Counsel, Professor Henry Mark Holzer. Professor Holzer's interviews with Elizabeth DeCoux of Florida Coastal Law School about her article, "Speaking for the Modern Prometheus: The Significance of Animal Suffering to the Abolition Movement," and Lt. Col. Mark Eichelman about his article, "Ringling Brothers on Trial: Circus Elephants and the Endangered Species Act" are available for download, free of charge, on ISAR's website www.isaronline.org.

ISAR encourages our supporters to contact us with any suggestions you may have for future interviews. As other interviews become available, announcements will be made in ISAR's newsletter, e-newsletter, blog and online communities.

Exigent Circumstances

During the summer, ISAR blogged about the law of exigent circumstances in an essay entitled, [*Search Warrants in Animal Protection Cases*](#). Our blog focused on a criminal case decided by the Court of Appeal of the State of California, Second Appellate District, Division Three, entitled *The People v. Keith Chung*.

ISAR noted that both the federal Bill of Rights and comparable state constitutional provisions require that before a search (or seizure) can be made by government officials, a warrant must be obtained from a judicial officer. It takes "probable cause" that a crime has been, or is being, committed to support the issuance of a warrant.

However, as with most legal doctrines, there are exceptions.

One exception, relevant to the *Chung* case, is for "exigencies."

As the court said in the conclusion of its *Chung* decision, "[e]xigent circumstances properly may be found when an officer reasonably believes immediate warrantless entry into a residence is required to aid a live animal in distress. Where an officer reasonably believes an animal on the property is in immediate need of aid due to injury or mistreatment, the exigent circumstances exception to the warrant requirement of the Fourth Amendment may be invoked to permit warrantless entry to aid the animal."

ISAR anticipates that this issue will arise in other states, which will reach the same conclusion. Serious apparent danger to animals will suffice for a warrantless entry.

Since our blog was posted, the response from our supporters and others new to ISAR's work has been very positive. Some folks have expressed an interest in making our essay available to police and animal control officers.

Accordingly, ISAR's Chairman has "annotated" the court's written opinion by interposing his comments in Courier font into the actual document (see

article, [Keith Chung, Revisited](#), or you may request a hard copy by contacting ISAR directly by mail, phone, or fax).

International Homeless Animals' Day®

On August 21, 2010, ISAR commemorated its 19th annual International Homeless Animals' Day Candlelight Vigils in 38 states and 18 foreign countries. ISAR's International Homeless Animals' Day is accredited to bringing humane organizations and concerned individuals together globally to combat the pet overpopulation monster head on by promoting spay/neuter and adoption campaigns. As a direct result of ISAR's International Homeless Animals' Day observances in 2010, many elected officials were called upon to help lead their communities in pet overpopulation awareness campaigns and the simple spay/neuter solution. ISAR's Proclamations declaring the third Saturday of August as International Homeless Animals' Day were signed by many Governors, Mayors, city council members and other elected officials worldwide.

Each year, ISAR's International Homeless Animals' Day observances result in the placing of companion animals into loving families and the performing of countless spay/neuter surgeries saving millions of animals' lives.

ISAR will once again offer our International Homeless Animals' Day vigil planning packets, at no cost, to help guide participants in selecting a vigil site and reaching target audiences, while providing sample press releases, suggestions for speakers, posters, proclamations, poems, songs, coloring sheets and more! Interested parties may request a free vigil packet from ISAR by mail, phone, fax or email. Packets are scheduled to be mailed by the first week in June, 2011.

ISAR's Spay/Neuter Billboards

Throughout 2010, in Florida, Virginia, and multiple locations in Pennsylvania, ISAR's supporters have utilized our spay/neuter billboard campaign to promote shelter events, International Homeless Animals' Day Candlelight Vigils, and ISAR's spay/neuter message. Outdoor advertising on billboards has consistently proven to be a relatively inexpensive yet powerfully effective means of communicating public service messages to large numbers of motorists. ISAR offers many spay/neuter billboard designs, which are sold year-round, and can be viewed on our website www.isaronline.org.

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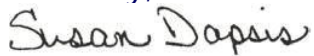
As just one of ISAR's many legal, legislative and educational campaigns in 2011, we'll commemorate the 20th anniversary of International Homeless Animals' Day® on Saturday, August 20, 2011. Candlelight vigil events will be held around the globe promoting adoption and spay/neuter. ISAR will also continue its efforts by fighting against pet overpopulation, puppy mills and their facilitators, pet mutilation (i.e. devocalization, declawing, ear cropping, tail docking), hoarding, pound seizure, tethering, the AKC and other breeders, the use of gas chambers in animal shelters for killing companion

animals, dog fighting and many other offenses committed against dogs, cats, puppies and kittens.

ISAR extends a heartfelt thanks to all of our supporters for making our work on behalf of animals possible. We look forward to working with you in 2011, as well as making many new alliances to bring about beneficial changes for companion animals.

There has never been a better time than now to make a positive difference in the lives of companion animals!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Dapsis".

Susan Dapsis
President

Animal Rights, Camera, Action!



Eyesore or ISAR

As ISAR's supporters know, every week we communicate our message and current activities to thousands of people throughout the world via our e-newsletter, postal newsletter, website, blog, Twitter, and online communities such as Facebook and Myspace.

One of our newest programs is the production of Internet "movies" designed to implement ISAR's job description: "Law, Legislation and Education Benefitting Companion Animals."

Our first "movie," using animated characters and voices already familiar to millions of Internet users around the world-entitled "Eyesore or ISAR"-introduces in less than three minutes our organization to those people who aren't familiar with our efforts on behalf of companion animals.

Please take those few minutes to access "Eyesore or ISAR."

If you like it as much as we do, please forward it to as many people as you can, asking them to do the same.

Here's how:

Please type this link <http://www.xtranormal.com/watch/8260685/> in your web browser.

You'll be directed to the Xtranormal page that hosts our movie, "Eyesore or ISAR."

Once you are on the video page, the share button will enable you to email "Eyesore or ISAR" and post it on your Facebook, Myspace and other online community pages.

You can also copy the URL link (<http://www.xtranormal.com/watch/8260685/>) and paste it in a tweet on Twitter.

If you have a website or blog and would like to embed the video on your homepage, ISAR encourages you to do so by copying and pasting the embed link found on our video page.

Together we can accomplish great feats to help companion animals and one very simple way to do that is by keeping ISAR visible to the public eye.