

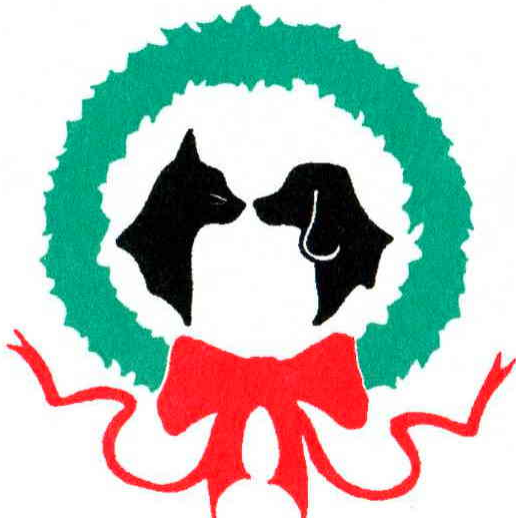
ISAR



International Society for Animal Rights
Law and Education Serving Animals

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Dear Friend of ISAR,

As I reflect on the recent holiday season, I'm reminded of all the animals ISAR has been able to help this past year and for many previous years. I'm also reminded of our many friends and supporters who have made our work possible.

Thanks to your generous financial support in 2008, and ISAR's firm commitment and unwavering stand on behalf of animals, we have increased our campaigns and programs to combat pet overpopulation.

For example, our recent publication of ISAR's revolutionary Model Mandatory Spay/Neuter Monograph, "The Policy, Law and Morality of Mandatory Spay/Neuter," has proven to be an effective resource for animal advocates who seek to maximize their chance of getting legislation introduced and enacted. The monograph, which took nearly eight months to research and

write, was authored by Henry Mark Holzer, Professor Emeritus, Brooklyn Law School and Chairman of International Society for Animal Rights.

The Introduction to the statute explains the context in which the monograph has been written, which is that mandatory spay/neuter "laws must be grounded not in hope, sentiment, or a benevolent opinion of mankind, but rather in the world as we find it - a real world where companion animals are too often thought of as virtually inanimate objects, mere property to be used and abused by humans."

Earlier in 2008 ISAR produced the monograph "Harming Companion Animals: Liabilities and Damages" in response to advice sought from ISAR by custodians of companion animals about harm done to them by veterinarians through misdiagnosis, prescribing the wrong medicine, operating unnecessarily or not when they should, and committing every other kind of malpractice imaginable.

Frequently, we receive heartbreaking reports of even intentional acts of cruelty perpetrated against companion animals: dogs shot by neighbors, cats stoned by teenagers, horses maimed by sadists.

Since its publication, our monograph has received widespread attention and has been used as a resource by animal custodians and lawyers throughout the United States. The monograph has also been used by a lawyer who taught a summer "Animal Law and Rights" course at a New England law school.

Both of the above monographs have been prepared by ISAR for free distribution and are available on ISAR's website <http://www.isaronline.org>.

International Homeless Animals' Day™, an ISAR conceived and sponsored event, was commemorated for the seventeenth consecutive year on August 16, 2008 with observances in 26 states and 9 foreign countries. ISAR launched this unprecedented national crusade in 1992 to enlighten society, our elected officials, and the media to the tragedy of pet overpopulation and the urgent need for spay/neuter in an effort to reduce the massive killing of millions of pets each year.

ISAR continues to promote spaying and neutering through our outdoor advertising campaign.

Outdoor advertising on billboards has consistently proven to be a relatively inexpensive yet powerfully effective means of communicating advertising and public service messages to large numbers of motorists. ISAR has broadened the scope of our spay/neuter billboard program in 2008 and has taken it to a higher level. At a modest, tax-deductible cost individuals, corporations, and others who share ISAR's commitment to reduction of companion animal

overpopulation through spay/neuter, can help ISAR make our humane education message seen along the highways and by-ways of America. Please visit our website <http://www.isaronline.org> and view our updated billboard designs and find out how you or someone you know can sponsor a billboard.

The programs outlined above are only a few of the many projects ISAR has devoted time and resources to throughout 2008.

Through ISAR's comprehensive programs and our targeted resources we provide elected officials, attorneys, law schools, animal advocates and the media with the education, knowledge and tools to effect positive changes on behalf of animals.

There is a growing awareness in the United States that animals do have certain rights, and that it is arrogant and wrong for humans to abuse them. In the coming year it is a top priority of ISAR's to assist in strengthening and enlarging current laws and in drafting state and federal animal protection legislation.

ISAR's successes to help companion animals throughout the world have been made possible through the generous gifts of our supporters. We hope that you realize, as we do, that animal protection seeds are sprouting all over the world-and that they need to be nurtured. With your financial assistance, ISAR will continue to work hard to do just that.

I thank all our supporters for their past gifts, for their ongoing generosity, and I ask all those who would make the world a better place for animals to once again make a Holiday gift to ISAR-no matter how modest.

Together we can and will make a difference in the lives of neglected and abused animals in the United States and around the globe.

Best wishes to you and your loved ones for a happy and healthy New Year.

Sincerely,
Susan Dapsis, President

Among the many blessings of the Internet is the phenomenon called the "Weblog"--- or "Blog" for short.

Originally mostly a vehicle for the expression of the author's personal views on any subject that interested him, Blogs have evolved into a means for organizations such as ISAR to communicate with its supporters and others who may be interested in the Blogger's activities.

Essays include such topics as "[Half a Loaf](#)", "[ISAR's International Homeless Animals' Day™ 2008](#)", "[ISAR's Model Mandatory Spay/Neuter Statute Garnering Attention](#)", "[UBS and Other Generous Matching Donations](#)", "[Important New Publication: Stanford Journal of Animal Law and Policy](#)", "[Annotated Text of ISAR's Model Mandatory Spay/Neuter Statute](#)", "[Websites Providing Information About Animal Law](#)", "[Overview of ISAR's Revolutionary Model Mandatory Spay/Neuter Statute](#)", "[The Case Against Zoos](#)", "[ISAR's Revolutionary Model Mandatory Spay/Neuter Statute](#)", "[Vive Brigitte Bardot](#)", "[ISAR's 'Harming Companion Animals' Monograph To Be Used In Law School 'Animal Law And Rights Course'](#)", "[ISAR and Animal Rights in Europe](#)", "[Harming Companion Animals: Liability and Damages](#)", "[Redemption: The Myth of Pet Overpopulation in America by Nathan J. Winograd](#)", "[Get Political for Animals and Win the Laws They Need by Julie E. Lewin](#)", "[Suing on Behalf of Animals: New Case](#)", "[Capitol Hill's Animal Friends](#)", "[ISAR as Friend-of-the-Court](#)", "[Harming Companion Animals](#)", "[Celebrities and Animal Abuse](#)", "[ISAR's Brand New Website](#)", "[Animal Rights Books for Sale](#)", "[Descartes is Dead](#)", "[ISAR in Action](#)", "[Mother Jones Meets an ISAR Billboard](#)", "[Token Mandatory Spay/Neuter in Palm Beach, Florida](#)", "[Another Municipal Adoption of ISAR's Model Mandatory Spay/Neuter Statute](#)", "[Heart Bleeding for Vick, But Not His Victims](#)", "[What made Michael Vick?](#)"

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