

### **JORJA WILLIAMS HAS ALWAYS HAD DOGS IN**

HER LIFE. As an adult, she has remained dedicated to animal welfare, and she says that her volunteer work has changed her life. In addition to creating enrichment items for dogs and cats to reduce their stress and help them acclimate to the shelter environment, Jorja began fostering several years ago. Focusing on "fospice" dogs—her term for fostering dogs with special needs or terminal medical conditions—she has now adopted six special-needs dogs, some of whom have come from hoarding situations or cruelty and neglect, and she said she finds it extremely rewarding to see them all adjust to being around humans, gradually learning to trust and accept love.

"It's all about doing what I can to help dogs and cats have the chance to find a forever home where they are loved and protected."

There are many aspects of the Humane Society of the United States mission that resonate with Jorja, but above all, she wants to see an end to animal cruelty in every form.

Jorja began supporting the HSUS almost 30 years ago, giving what she could to financially support "those animal welfare organizations that were boots on the ground, making things happen. Emotions and good intentions are not enough. Financial support is critical to achieve the initiatives and make genuine strides. And my last chance to help is to provide a percentage of my estate to the HSUS to continue their important work."

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The Humane Society of the United States 1255 23<sup>rd</sup> St. NW, Suite 450 Washington, DC 20037 Tax ID: 53-0225390 – The last line of the novel *Black Beauty*, and the foundation of the mission and promise we offer each of the lifelong residents at Black Beauty Ranch

#### **FOUNDED IN 1979 BY CLEVELAND AMORY,**

the Humane Society of the United States' Black Beauty Ranch is one of the nation's largest and most species-diverse sanctuaries. Over 600 animals representing 41 different species live out their days in the rolling pastures and custom-built habitats of our 1,400-acre property located in Murchison, Texas. All have permanent, safe, lifelong homes at the ranch, but their journeys didn't start that way.

Most were rescued from the kind of cruelty—factory farms, canned hunting ranches, the exotic pet trade, roadside zoos, abuse and neglect—that the HSUS is working to end.







**ELSA** (above), a tiger found roaming the streets near San Antonio, Texas, during a freezing winter storm, was a victim of the exotic pet trade.

**NANETTE AND GABBY** (far left) are mother-and-daughter macaques who came from a biomedical research laboratory. Now they can live out their lives together.

**FRAGGLEROCK** (left) is a goat rescued by the HSUS from a cruelty case in Maryland.

# Save Ralph

In April, 2021, Humane Society International released the animated short film *Save Ralph*, featuring a multinational cast including Taika Waititi, Ricky Gervais, Zac Efron, Olivia Munn, Pom Klementieff and Tricia Helfer. The film won awards at the Cannes Film Festival, British Animation Awards and the Ottowa International Animation Festival. Since its premiere,

Save Ralph has raised global awareness of the cruelty of cosmetics animal testing and motivated millions of people around the world to sign HSI's petition to ban this unnecessary practice. In 2021, Mexico became the first North American country to ban cosmetics testing on animals. Canada banned the practice in 2023. Visit hsi.org/saveralphmovie to watch the film.

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89	9.5%

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