

A lasting legacy



THE HUMANE SOCIETY
OF THE UNITED STATES

Debbie and
Buddy

Working toward a kinder world

DEBBIE RADFORD GREW UP in a real-life enchanted forest, amid the lush woods, lakes and wildlife of New York state. The natural world sparked her love of animals at an early age. She watched tadpoles mature into frogs and birds frequent her bird feeder. Her family kept a menagerie of animal companions, including dogs, turtles, hamsters, mice, tropical fish and George the iguana, who grew to be 5 feet long. As an adult, Debbie learned to scuba dive and built a saltwater tank for her invertebrate companions.

The animal love of Debbie's life is Buffy, a Persian cat, whom she rescued four years ago. At first, Buffy was extremely shy and anxious and lacked a full coat of fur. Over time, Buffy has blossomed, growing less timid—and more strikingly beautiful!— thanks to Debbie's patience and abundant love.

As an animal advocate and philanthropist, Debbie is deeply touched by animal suffering. "Animals are innocent beings who can't speak for themselves, and most have emotions and feelings just like we do. We are the ones who must care for them, to help them to navigate our ever-changing world. It breaks my heart to hear that people are treating animals in a cruel way.

I hope my contributions help in that regard."

Debbie considers herself very fortunate in her life and her careers; she currently works as a real estate broker and investor. She believes wholeheartedly in giving back and has donated to the Humane Society of the United States her entire working life. Debbie chose the HSUS because its mission includes the alleviation of animal suffering. She therefore decided to place a portion of her real estate portfolio in a charitable remainder trust.

She's happy not only to help the HSUS rescue, care for and protect animals, but also to support the dedicated volunteers who help make our work possible.

CREATING YOUR OWN HUMANE LEGACY is easy and doesn't require you to make a gift now. Connect with a member of our Planned Giving team to learn more by contacting them below, visiting

Legacy.humanesociety.org/request or scanning the QR code (right) with your device's camera.



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Your generosity helped so many animals in 2022:

In a major advance in our long fight against the abuse of captive big cats, the **BIG CAT PUBLIC SAFETY ACT BECAME LAW**, a bill we have championed for years because it prohibits keeping big cats as pets and also bans contact between big cats and the public.

A TOTAL OF 18 PUPPY MILLS in our Horrible Hundred reports (our annual list of problem puppy mills in the U.S.) closed in 2022.

WE JOINED ORAL ARGUMENTS to the U.S. Supreme Court in defense of California’s Proposition 12, which has withstood multiple challenges in lower courts. The court agreed to hear the case, brought by the National Pork Producers Council and the American Farm Bureau Federation, in March. A decision is expected in 2023.



WE COMPLETED OUR HISTORIC REMOVAL of

3,776 beagles from a facility that bred dogs to be sold to laboratories for animal experimentation. With our network of shelter partners, we placed the dogs into loving homes. The HSUS led the operation to remove the beagles from Envigo’s facility in Virginia, at the request of the U.S. Department of Justice, which alleged shocking violations of the Animal Welfare Act at the breeding facility.



In 2022, our Law Enforcement Training Center presented **24 WORKSHOPS**, training 871 officers, prosecutors and animal care professionals.

PETS FOR LIFE provided 1,981,800 pounds of food and 400 pallets of supplies to 32 states.

OUR RURAL AREA VETERINARY SERVICES PROGRAM provided veterinary care including vaccines, spay/neuter surgeries and emergency care for 3,730 animals. Our field clinics provided firsthand experience to 104 veterinary professionals and students, who contributed 8,582 hours of volunteer time.

Our Animal Rescue Team helped rescue **MORE THAN 300 DOGS** from an alleged dogfighting operation in South Carolina. We worked closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and South Carolina law enforcement on the case, believed to be the largest dogfighting bust in the state’s history.

New buzz about charitable gift annuities

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) rates have gone up again, making payout rates for new CGAs higher than they have been in over a decade. If you are looking for a fixed, reliable income regardless of the economy’s ups and downs, we encourage you to contact us to learn more. Charitable Gift Annuities provide:

- A lifetime stream of fixed payments to you.
- A charitable deduction for a portion of your gift.
- A gift that ultimately helps the HSUS to provide for animals in need.

In addition, the new federal spending bill signed into law in December 2022 contains an exciting provision that allows donors to use retirement assets to create a CGA. This new “Legacy IRA” provision permits a transfer from a traditional IRA to a Charitable Gift Annuity. Donors must be 70 ½ or older to take advantage of the “Legacy IRA.” Transferring IRA assets directly to charity for a CGA will count as a Qualified Charitable Distribution.

Qualified Charitable Distributions offer great tax advantages for CGAs and for other charitable gifts too. Taxpayers who are required to take minimum distributions (RMDs) from their IRAs can count Qualified Charitable Distributions toward their RMDs, thereby avoiding the usual income tax hit on their RMD dollars.

Rates effective 1/1/2023; subject to change. Please note that the HSUS does not offer gift annuities for residents of Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii or North Dakota. This information is not intended as legal or tax advice; please consult an attorney or tax adviser.

LEARN MORE: To receive a customized illustration to review with your financial adviser, visit legacy.humanesociety.org/cga or contact your regional planned giving representative, listed on the other side. We’d be happy to talk and send you information.

Age	Rate
64	5.3%
69	5.8%
74	6.4%
79	7.4%
84	8.5%
89	9.5%