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.
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.

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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 70½ 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.

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