A universal love of animals

BONNIE MCEWAN AND HER HUSBAND, Peter Papay, grew up on opposite sides of the globe—she in Iowa, he in Hungary. Despite their unique backgrounds, they share a common love of animals that developed at an early age. As a boy, Peter nursed a slingshot-injured bird to health, and young Bonnie allotted a portion of her allowance to animal groups.

While serving in the United States Air Force, Bonnie and Peter noticed that animals often bridged divides of geography and culture. “An animal can provide a bond between two strangers, no matter where in the world they might be,” observes Bonnie, “from Austria to California, or Iceland to Scotland. Asking ‘May I pet your dog?’ leads to further conversation.” In fact, Peter’s German shepherd, Bundy, served as the couple’s own furry icebreaker.

Dogs, cats and birds—especially those in peril—occupy a special place in Bonnie’s and Peter’s hearts. The couple currently supports the Humane Society of the United States’ Animal Rescue Team and recently included provisions for the team in their wills. “The HSUS is a beacon of hope during disasters,” says Peter. “We feel good knowing that our legacy will continue making this world a better place for the animals—and the people who love them.”

LEARN MORE: To create your own legacy for animals, contact the HSUS Planned Giving team, smaughan@humanesociety.org or 1-800-808-7858, or visit humanesociety.org/legacy.

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THE HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES works diligently to pass hundreds of animal protection laws each year. Without proper enforcement, however, such laws can’t help animals who desperately need them.

Enter the HSUS Law Enforcement Training Center.

In 2017, the HSUS provided no-cost training to more than 7,000 law enforcement officers nationwide, equipping them to understand, identify, document and prosecute animal crimes such as fighting and abuse.

Days after attending a HSUS training in Kansas, a police sergeant in Wichita uncovered a dogfighting operation. “I doubt he would have noticed the dogfighting paraphernalia in the backyard if it wasn’t for the training,” says Lieutenant Brian Sigman of the Wichita Police Department.

“Because of knowledge gained at the presentation, I was able to identify signs of cockfighting while investigating a run-down house,” observed another attendee. “I guess I’m just trying to say ‘thank you’

For your work.... My wife and I also now donate monthly to the HSUS.”

The HSUS helps canine partners, too. With support from a generous donor, we provided bulletproof dog vests and car-temperature alarms to more than 40 Kansas law enforcement agencies in 2018. Just hours after receiving his vest, police dog Rommel of the Coffeyville Police Department safely entered—and exited—an armed standoff.

Through these partnerships and others, the HSUS helps law enforcement protect and serve all members of the community.

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CREATING A MORE HUMANE WORLD just became more rewarding: Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) rates increased on July 1, 2018. CGAs offer a way to create a legacy for animals now and receive payments for life, in exchange for a gift of at least $10,000 in cash or appreciated securities to the Humane Society of the United States. The rate of the payments is determined by age. Part of the donation is tax-deductible, and part of the payments could be tax-free.

Rates are set by the American Council on Gift Annuities and are subject to change. Please note that the HSUS does not offer gift annuities for residents of Alabama, Arkansas, Hawaii or North Dakota.

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